

**BEFORE THE OREGON
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

In the Matter of) **STIPULATED ORDER FOR**
) **REPRIMAND**
Betty Alline Spaulding, LPN)
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License No. 075008451LPN) **Reference No. 13-00030**

Betty Alline Spaulding, hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in the State of Oregon. Licensee initially received her LPN license in Oregon on December 1, 1975.

On June 29, 2012, a case was opened when it was discovered that Licensee had failed to self-report as asked by Adult Protective Services (APS) on May 10, 2012. The incident involved the alleged neglect of sixteen residents and one hundred and thirty-five medication errors in the long term care facility where LPN is the Health and Wellness Director.

On May 10, 2012, Licensee was interviewed by APS. According to the APS report, Licensee failed to report the medication errors to the facility administrator that occurred during February 2012. These errors were discovered after an audit was conducted by the facility's Registered Nurse, and then reported to Licensee. Licensee's signed job description delineates that Licensee's responsibilities include checking to ensure residents have "an effective, safe, and accurate pharmacy service by monitoring medication storage, distribution, documentation and delivery systems."

Licensee chooses to cooperate with the Board, and agrees to a Stipulation for Reprimand. Licensee has completed three National Council of State Boards of Nursing courses to increase her knowledge including Medication Errors, Professional Accountability and Legal Liability, and Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

As a Licensed Practical Nurse, Licensee is obligated to provide safe and accurate care to all patients. By Licensee's behavior, Licensee is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to violations of ORS 678.111 (l) (f); and OAR 851-045-0070 (1) (b) (c) (d) (g) (h) and (3) (i) which provides the following:

ORS 678.111 Cause for denial, revocation or suspension of license or probation, reprimand or censure of licensee. In the manner prescribed in ORS chapter 183 for a contested case:

(1) Issuance of the license to practice nursing, whether by examination or by indorsement, of any person may be refused or the license may be revoked or suspended or the licensee may be placed on probation for a period specified by the Oregon State Board of Nursing and subject to such condition as the board may impose or may be issued a limited license or may be reprimanded or censured by the board, for any of the following causes:

(f) Conduct derogatory to the standards of nursing.

OAR 851-045-0070 Conduct derogatory to the standards of nursing defined Nurses, regardless of role, whose behavior fails to conform to the legal standard and accepted standards of the nursing profession, or who may adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, may be found guilty of conduct derogatory to the standard of nursing. Such conduct shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) Conduct related to the client's safety and integrity:
 - (b) Failing to take action to preserve or promote the client's safety based on nursing assessment and judgment.
 - (c) Failing to develop, implement and/or follow through with the plan of care.
 - (d) Failing to modify, or failing to attempt to modify the plan of care as needed based on nursing assessment and judgment, either directly or through proper channels.
 - (g) Failing to supervise persons to whom nursing tasks have been assigned.
 - (h) Failing to teach and supervise unlicensed persons to whom nursing tasks have been delegated.
- (3) Conduct related to communication:
 - (i) Failing to communicate information regarding the client's status to other individuals who need to know; for example, family, and facility administrator.

Licensee wishes to cooperate and agrees to this stipulation for reprimand.

IT IS SO AGREED:

Betty Spaulding, LPN

Date

ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED:

BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE STATE OF OREGON

Kay Carnegie, RN, MS
Board President

Date