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January 10, 2023

Ruth Baldwin
25 Huntington Pl
Waterbury, VT 05676-1317

CASE: Ruth Baldwin
Docket No.: 2022-271

Dear Ms. Baldwin:

Enclosed please find a copy of the approved *Pre-Charge Voluntary Surrender Stipulation and Consent Order*

For questions about complying with this Order, please contact the Case Manager at 802-828-2875

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:


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Agatha Kessler
Deputy Director

Enc: *Pre-Charge Voluntary Surrender Stipulation and Consent Order*

cc: George Hasselback, Esq., Prosecuting Attorney
Kristin Donnelly, Case Manager

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SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF NURSING**

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IN RE:)
RUTH E. BALDWIN) **Docket No. 2022-271**
License No. 026.0021444)

Pre-Charge Voluntary Surrender Stipulation and Order

The matter captioned above arises from a complaint made to the Office of Professional Regulation. The parties to the case hereby agree to an expedited resolution of the matter as follows:

Stipulated Facts and Violations

1. Ruth E. Baldwin ("Respondent") of Waterbury, Vermont was licensed by the State as a Registered Nurse ("RN") under license number 026.0021444. This license was issued on May 24, 1978 and expires on March 31, 2023.
2. At all times relevant to this matter, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse ("RN") at the Manor located in Morrisville, Vermont ("the Facility").
3. While employed at the Facility, Respondent cared for Patient A.N. ("A.N.").
4. On July 17, 2022, Respondent failed to properly withdraw and administer medication to A.N., resulting in A.N. not receiving her prescribed dose of Clonazepam.
5. On July 18, 2022, Respondent failed to properly withdraw and administer medication to Patient A.N. ("A.N."), resulting in A.N. not receiving her prescribed dose of Clonazepam.
6. These acts constitute grounds for discipline because Respondent committed unprofessional conduct in violation of 3 V.S.A. § 129a(b)(1) (performance of unsafe or unacceptable patient care) and 3 V.S.A. § 129a(b)(2) (failure to conform to the essential standards of acceptable and prevailing practice).

Understandings

7. Respondent admits the facts above are true and the conditions below are necessary to protect the public.
8. Respondent understands that this Pre-Charge Voluntary Surrender Stipulation and Order will be reviewed and the Board of Nursing (the "Board") may accept or reject the Order set forth below. If the Board rejects all or any portion of the Order, then this entire document shall be null and void.

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9. Respondent specifically waives any claim that any disclosures made to the tribunal during its review of this agreement prejudice Respondent's right to a fair and impartial hearing if this agreement is not accepted and proceeds to a merits hearing before the Board.
10. Respondent has read this document fully and agrees it contains the entire agreement between the parties.
11. This Pre-Charge Stipulation and Consent Order is entered into voluntarily by Respondent after the opportunity to consult with legal counsel. Respondent has not been coerced by anyone into signing this Pre-Charge Stipulation and Consent Order.
12. Respondent voluntarily waives the right to a contested hearing and waives any right to appeal this Pre-Charge Stipulation and Consent Order.
13. Respondent is of sound mind and is not under the influence of drugs or alcohol when signing this Pre-Charge Stipulation and Consent Order.
14. Respondent agrees the Order set forth below may be entered, will be a binding Order upon Respondent, and will be made public.
15. Respondent understands that Respondent is responsible for all compliance costs associated with this Pre-Charge Stipulation and Consent Order and any violation of this Order may result in additional disciplinary action.

ORDER

Based upon the above stipulation, it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

- A. The Board of Nursing hereby **ACCEPTS** Respondent's **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER** of her Registered Nurse license.
- B. Any future application for licensure shall be subject to the licensing requirements of that particular profession. If a future application for licensure in the State of Vermont is approved, that license shall be **CONDITIONED** pursuant to whatever terms are found to be reasonable at the time of Respondent's application for licensure, taking into account the stipulated facts above.
- C. This Stipulation and Consent Order is a matter of public record and may be reported to other licensing authorities as provided in 3 V.S.A. §129(a).
- D. This Stipulation and Consent Order will remain part of Respondent's licensing file and may be used for purposes of determining sanctions in any future disciplinary matter.

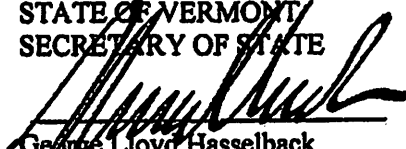
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AGREED TO:

Dated: 12/12/2022

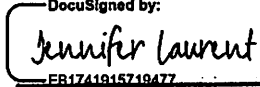
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Dated : 12/1/2022

By : 
RESPONDENT
Ruth E. Baldwin

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

Dated : 1/10/2023

By : 
DocuSigned by:
Jennifer Laurent
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Board Chairperson

Date of Entry : 1/10/2023

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