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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST
RHONDA L. STERN, R.N.,

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING FULL LICENSURE

On July 11, 1997, the Board of Nursing issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's order, respondent's license to practice as a registered nurse was suspended for a period of not less than two years, with provision for successive three-month stays of the suspension conditioned upon compliance with certain conditions and limitations on the license. Among these were that respondent participate in a recognized program for the treatment of chemical dependency, that she participate in therapy a minimum of once each week, that she submit to weekly random urine screens for the presence of alcohol and controlled substances, and that she provide for quarterly written reports from her employer, her therapist and the monitoring program. The Order also provides that respondent refrain from access to or administration of controlled substances until such time as access and administration is approved by the board.

By letter considered by the board on March 6, 1998, Ms. Stern requested that the board remove the provision in its order by which she is required to refrain from access to or administration of controlled substances until such time as access and administration is approved by the board. The board denied that request by its Order dated March 17, 1998.

On November 6, 1998, the board considered a Ms. Stern's request for another three month stay of the suspension of her license, and her further request to permit her access to controlled substances in her workplace. The board granted the requests by its Order dated November 18, 1998.

On May 14, 1999, the board considered Ms. Stern's request that the suspension of her license be stayed for an additional three months, and that the number of required urine screens be reduced. Those requests were granted by the board's Order dated May 26, 1999.

On September 17, 1999, the board considered Ms. Stern's request that the suspension of her license be either stayed for a further period of three months or that the suspension be terminated. The board granted a further three month stay of the suspension.

On January 6, 2000, the board considered Ms. Stern's request either that the stay of suspension be extended or that the suspension be lifted entirely. The board also considered evidence that Ms. Stern was not entirely compliant with the limitations on her license based upon unilateral decisions made by her therapist. Accordingly, the board granted Ms. Stern's request for a further three month stay of the suspension, but denied the request for full licensure.

On May 19, 2000, the board again considered a request by Ms. Stern that her full license be restored. Based upon that request, and all other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that all limitations on the license of Rhonda Stern, R.N., to practice as a professional nurse are terminated, and Ms. Stern is hereby reinstated to full licensure.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2000.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

by _____

Ann Brewer, R.N.

Chair