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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST
CHERYL L. BRITTON, RN,

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING STAY

On March 5, 1999, 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 registered nurse in Wisconsin was suspended for not less than one year. The Order specified that respondent could petition at any time for a stay of the suspension upon submission of proof that she is participating in an acceptable treatment program, and submission of an evaluation establishing that she may safely and reliably practice as a professional nurse. Also on March 5, 1999, the board considered Ms. Britton's request that the suspension of her license be stayed. The board granted the request by its Order dated March 8, 1999.

On July 9, 1999, the board considered Ms. Britton's request for a further three month stay of the suspension of her license. The board also considered a therapy report submitted by Anita Zibton, CICSW, and a letter submitted by Ms. Zibton to the department monitor. In both her letter and the therapy report, Ms. Zibton expresses confusion as to what her role should be, and her letter asks for written response from the board regarding required treatment and outcome in light of the fact that Ms. Britton has not been diagnosed with an addiction problem. The department monitor has reported to the board that she has notified Ms. Zibton that to the extent the usual form provided by the department is not appropriate to Ms. Britton's diagnosis and treatment, it may be discarded and Ms. Zibton may instead submit a narrative report. This seems to the board to be a reasonable approach, and Ms. Zibton's response to be less than reasonable. Accordingly, the board deemed Ms. Zibton not to be an acceptable therapist, and requested Ms. Britton either to utilize Dr. Van Dyke as her therapist on an exclusive basis, or to submit the name of someone other than Ms. Zibton as her alternate therapist. Also on July 9, 1999, the board ordered that the stay of the suspension of Ms. Britton's license be extended for a further period of three months.

On January 6, 2000, the board considered Ms. Britton's request that the requirements relating to AODO treatment and that she not practice in the area of home care be terminated or, alternatively, that the board specify the therapeutic goals for which she should continue to be seen. Based upon all information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the request of Cheryl L. Britton, R.N., for a three month stay of suspension of her license is granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the requirement that Ms. Britton participate in AODO treatment is terminated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the restriction by which Ms. Britton is prohibited from working in a home health care setting is lifted.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2000.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

by _____

Ann Brewer, RN

Chairman