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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

EDWARD COONEY, M.D.,

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING THE STAY AND

MODIFYING THE LIMITED LICENSE

On December 15, 1999, the Medical Examining Board issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's order, respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin was suspended for a period of not less than five years, with provision for consecutive three month stays of the suspension contingent upon compliance with a number of conditions and limitations on the license. Among other conditions, Dr. Cooney was required to enroll and successfully participate in a drug and alcohol treatment program satisfactory to the board, including participation in individual or group therapy on at least a weekly basis; to participate in AA or NA meetings at least once per week; to submit to drug and alcohol screens on a twice-weekly basis; and to be responsible for submission of quarterly practice and therapy reports. The license was also limited to prohibit him from holding a DEA registration.

On March 23, 2000, June 22, 2000, and September 27, 2000, the board granted Dr. Cooney's requests for further three month stays of the suspension.

Dr. Cooney appeared before the board on December 20, 2000, and requested a further three month stay of the suspension of his license. At that time, he also requested that the requirement that he attend group therapy be dropped, that the number of required urine screens be reduced from two per week to one per week, and that he be permitted to hold a DEA registration for controlled substances other than narcotic medications. The board considered the matter on that date. Based upon Dr. Cooney's requests, and upon other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Edward Cooney, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery is hereby stayed for a further period of three months. Dr. Cooney may petition for further stays of the suspension upon demonstrating his compliance with all terms and conditions of the license during the preceding three month period.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the number of required urine screens is hereby reduced from two per week to one per week.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the requirement that Dr. Cooney attend group therapy is dropped. Dr. Cooney shall instead attend follow-up care with counselor Margaret Underhill at least once every six weeks.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Cooney may apply for and hold a DEA registration limited to non-narcotic scheduled medications.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2000.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Darold A. Treffert, M.D.

Secretary