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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 PETITION

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.

Based upon the requests, and upon other information of record, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Ms. Stern's request for a further three month stay of the suspension of her license is granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the request of Rhonda L Stern, R.N., that the number of required urine screens be reduced is granted, and the number of required screens is hereby reduced from four per month to two per month.

Dated this 26th day of May, 1999.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

by _____

Timothy D. Burns, CRNA

Chairman