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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

PAULA J. THOMAS, RN,

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING STAY

On May 14, 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 a registered nurse in Wisconsin was suspended for an indefinite period, with provision for successive three-month stays of the suspension upon submission of a satisfactory evaluation of Ms. Thomas' ability to safely practice, and conditioned upon compliance with certain conditions and limitations on the license. Among these are that respondent participate in a recognized program for the treatment of chemical dependency, that she participate in psychotherapy a minimum of once per week, and that she participate in program of random witnessed monitoring for controlled substances and alcohol in her blood or urine on a frequency of not less than once per week.

Also on May 14, 1999, the board considered respondent's request that the suspension of her license be stayed. Based upon that request, and upon other information of record, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Paula J. Thomas, R.N., to practice as a professional nurse in Wisconsin is hereby stayed for a period of three months. Ms. Thomas may apply for additional three month stays of the suspension, conditioned upon her full compliance with the terms and conditions of the

board's Final Decision and Order in this matter dated May 14, 1999, during the previous three month period.

Dated this 26th day of May, 1999.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

by _____

Timothy D. Burns, CRNA

Chairman