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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST
JASANN RHINEHART, R.N.,

Respondent

ORDER DENYING STAY

On January 6, 1995, the Board of Nursing issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's order, Ms. Rhinehart's license to practice as a registered nurse in Wisconsin was suspended for an indefinite period, with provision for granting a three-month stay of the suspension upon receipt of documentation that Ms. Rhinehart had completed 60 days of continuous sobriety, and that a treatment provider satisfactory to the board supported Ms. Rhinehart's employment in a nursing capacity. The order also provided that the grant of the initial stay and of successive three-month stays thereafter be conditioned upon compliance with certain conditions and limitations on the license. Among these were that Ms. Rhinehart participate in a recognized program for the treatment of chemical dependency, that she participate in psychotherapy a minimum of four times each month, that she attend AA at least once per week, that she participate in a program of random witnessed monitoring for controlled substances and alcohol in her blood or urine at a frequency to be determined by the board, and that she refrain from access to or administration of controlled substances in her work setting.

By its Order dated January 12, 1996, the board found that on October 17, 1995, and again on October 23, 1995, Ms. Rhinehart had positive screens for controlled substances. The board accepted the voluntary surrender of her license on that date.

By letter dated November 24, 1997, Ms. Rhinehart petitioned the board for reinstatement of her license, and she appeared before the board in support of her petition on January 30, 1998. The board and Ms. Rhinehart thereafter entered into a stipulation, by which the board agreed to issue, and Ms. Rhinehart agreed to accept, a limited license to practice as a professional nurse in Wisconsin. By Order dated February 10, 1998, Ms. Rhinehart was granted a three month limited license, with provision for renewal of the license for successive periods of three months, conditioned upon satisfactory compliance with limitations similar to those previously imposed.

At its meeting of July 9, 1998, the board considered Ms. Rhinehart's request for renewal of her limited license. The board also considered her request that she be permitted to have access to Schedule IV controlled substances at such time as she becomes employed as a nurse. The board denied the request by its Order dated July 18, 1998.

On January 29, 1999, the board considered Ms. Rhinehart's request for further stay of the suspension of her license, and her further request to permit her to have access to controlled substances at her place of employment. The board granted the request by its Order dated February 7, 1999.

On July 9, 1999, the board considered Ms. Rhinehart's request for a further three-month stay of the suspension of her license. The board also considered evidence that Ms. Rhinehart had drug screens that were positive for opiates and propoxyphene on April 11, May 7 and May 17, 1999; and that she failed to appear for therapy on June 11, 1999. Based upon cause to believe that Ms. Rhinehart is in violation of the terms and conditions on her license, it is ordered as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the stay of the suspension of the license of JasAnn Rhinehart to practice as a professional nurse in Wisconsin is terminated, and her license is hereby suspended.

Dated this 27th day of July, 1999.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

by _____

Timothy D. Burns, CRNA
Chairman