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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

NANCY J. WALL, RN,

Respondent

ORDER IMPOSING SUSPENSION

On January 30, 1998, the Board of Nursing issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's order, Ms. Wall'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 conditioned upon compliance with certain conditions and limitations on the license. Among these were that Ms. Wall participate in a recognized program for the treatment of chemical dependency, that she participate in psychotherapy a minimum of four times each month, 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 four times per month.

By letter dated March 23, 1998, Ms. Wall notified the board that because of family illness she is unable either to work or to comply with the term of the board's order requiring urine screens. She indicated, however, that she continues to comply with the requirement that she attend therapy and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. The board considered the matter at its meeting of May 8, 1998, and modified the Order to suspend the requirement that she submit to urine screens until she returns to practice.

By letter dated August 26, 1988, Ms. Wall requested a further three month stay of the suspension of her license. While she did not request a reduction in the number of required therapy sessions, her therapist recommended such a reduction. The board considered the matter on September 18, 1998, and renewed the stay without modification by its Order dated September 28, 1998.

On January 29, 1999, the board considered the question of a further three month stay of the suspension of Ms. Wall's license. At that time, the board became aware that Ms. Wall has relapsed to the use of alcohol on a number of occasions, as reported by her therapist.

Based upon Ms. Wall's periodic relapses, and upon all other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the stay of the suspension of the license of Nancy J. Wall, R.N., is hereby terminated, and Ms. Wall's license is hereby suspended.

Dated this 7th day of February, 1999.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

by Timothy D. Burns, CRNA

Chairman