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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

ELIZABETH A. VANDERHYDEN, R.N.,

ORDER GRANTING PETITION

Respondent

On September 12, 1996, 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. The Order provided that respondent could petition for a three month stay of the suspension after three months, with further 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 psychotherapy a minimum of four times each month, and that she participate in a program of random, witnessed screening of her blood or urine for alcohol and controlled substances a minimum of four times each month..

By letter received on September 26, 1997, respondent petitioned for a stay of the suspension of her license, and requested as well that the number of required therapy sessions and urine screens each be reduced from four per month to two per month. The board considered the matter at its meeting of November 14, 1997, and granted the request by its Order dated November 29, 1997.

On July 9, 1998, the board considered Ms. VanderHyden's request for a further stay of the suspension of her license, and for a further reduction in the number of required therapy sessions and urine screens. After considering evidence of noncompliance with the board's Order, the board denied the stay by its Order dated July 18, 1998.

At its meeting of November 6, 1998, the board considered Ms. VanderHyden's petition that the stay of suspension be reinstated, and considered as well as evidence that the evidence of noncompliance considered by the board in July, 1998, was in error. The board reinstated the stay by its Order dated November 18, 1998.

On January 29, 1999, the board considered Ms. VanderHyden's request for a further stay of the suspension of her license, and her further request for a reduction in the number of required therapy sessions. Ms. VanderHyden cites in her letter the cost of therapy, and the fact that she has been unable to find employment as a nurse. The board denied the request by its Order dated February 7, 1999.

On July 9, 1999, the board considered Ms. VanderHyden's request that the number of required urine screens and therapy sessions each be reduced to one per month. The board granted the stay, but denied the request for a reduction in the required number of urine screens.

On May 19, 2000, the board considered Ms. VanderHyden's requests for a further three month stay of the suspension of her license, and her further request for a reduction in the number of required therapy sessions. The board reduced the number of required therapy sessions to one per month by its Order dated June 6, 2000.

On November 3, 2000, the board considered Ms. Vanderhyden's request for a further three month stay of the suspension of her license, and her request that therapy sessions now be discontinued. Based upon those requests, and upon other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that respondent's petition for a further stay of the suspension of her license is granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent's request that the requirement that she attend therapy be dropped is granted.

Dated this 14th day of November, 2000.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

Ann Brewer, R.N.

Chair