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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST
JUDITH A. MAY, M.D.,
Respondent

ORDER EXTENDING STAY AND DENYING MODIFICATION

On May 22, 1996, the Medical Examining Board issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's order, respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin was suspended for a period of not less than five years with provision for granting successive three-month stays of the suspension upon submission to the board of a complete psychiatric and psychological evaluation establishing that Dr. May is able to practice medicine with requisite skill and safety to patients and the public.

At its meeting of October 24, 1996, the board considered a request by Dr. May for a stay of the suspension of her license. In support of the request, Dr. May submitted a Neuropsychology Report and Independent Medical Evaluation conducted at Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital by Michael L Kula, Ph.D., and Herbert White, M.D. The board granted the stay by its Order dated November 5, 1996.

By letter dated January 13, 1997, Dr. May petitioned for a further three month stay of the suspension. The board considered the petition at its meeting of February 26, 1997, and extended the stay by its Order dated March 12, 1997. Further stays were granted on May 22, 1997, August 21, 1997, November 19, 1997, and March 12, 1998.

Pursuant to the board's order, Dr. May appeared before the board at its meeting of May 21, 1998. While Dr. May's therapist recommended that the number of required urine screens be reduced to two per month, Dr. May did not make that request, and the board therefore merely renewed the stay.

By letter dated July 13, 1998, Dr. May requested a further three month stay of the suspension of her license, and requested as well that the number of required urine screens and therapy sessions be reduced. The board granted that request by its order dated September 4, 1998.

On November 19, 1998, and February 24, 1999, the board considered Dr. May's requests for further three month stays of the suspension, and granted the stays.

On May 19, 1999, the board considered Dr. May's request for a further stay, and her further request that required urine screens and psychiatric visits each be reduced to one per month. The board granted the requests by its Order dated June 2, 1999.

The board granted Dr. May's request for a further three month stay of the suspension of her license on August 25, 1999, October 20, 1999, and February 24, 2000.

On May 17, 2000, the board considered Dr. May's request for a further three month stay; and her further request that frequency of required urine screens be reduced to one every two months. Based upon all information of record, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Judith A. May, M.D., be, and hereby is, stayed for a further period of three months.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. May's request that the frequency of required urine screens be reduced to one every two months be, and hereby is, denied.

DISCUSSION

While the board has no concerns over the progress of Dr. May's recovery, its historic position has been that reducing the frequency of drug screens to fewer than one per month renders this important rehabilitative safeguard ineffective.

Dated this 17th day of May, 2000

STATE OF WISCONSIN
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD
by
Darold A. Treffert, MD.
Secretary