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#### STATE OF WISCONSIN

# BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

DIANNA J. MASBRUCH, R.N.,

ORDER GRANTING STAY

Respondent

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The Board of Nursing issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter on July 7, 2000. By the terms of the board's Order, Ms. Masbruch's license was suspended for an indefinite period, and the suspension was stayed for a period of three months, with provision for consecutive three month stays conditioned upon compliance with certain conditions and limitations on the license. respondent was required to enroll and continue successful participation in all components of a drug and alcohol treatment program at a treatment facility acceptable to the Board; participate in individual and/or group therapy sessions a minimum of once per week; attend Narcotics Anonymous and/or Alcoholic Anonymous meetings or an equivalent program for recovering professionals not less than once per week; and submit to screens for alcohol and controlled substances not less than once per week.

On November 3, 2000, the board considered Ms. Masbruch's request for a further three month stay of the suspension of her license, and her further requests that the frequency of required therapy sessions be reduced, and that the provision of the Order whereby she is to refrain from consumption of alcohol be deleted. Based upon Ms. Masbruch's requests, and upon other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

## **ORDER**

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Dianna J. Masbruch, R.N., is hereby stayed for a further period of three months.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Masbruch's requests for a reduction in the number of required therapy sessions, and her request that the Order be modified to permit her to consume alcohol, are denied.

# **DISCUSSION**

At the time the board considered Ms. Masbruch's requests, she had been subject to the board's Order for less than four months. That is far too short a time to modify the important rehabilitative requirement that she attend therapy at least weekly. Moreover, to permit one who is participating in a drug treatment program to consume alcohol would permit a licensee with a dependency problem to merely substitute one potentially abusable drug for another.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2000.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

**BOARD OF NURSING** 

Ann Brewer, R.N.

Chair