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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

SUSAN M. McLEAN, RN,

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING STAY AND DENYING REQUEST

On January 29, 1999, 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, 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 respondent participate in a recognized program for the treatment of chemical dependency, that she participate in psychotherapy a minimum once each week, 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 once each week, and that she participate in AA/NA meetings at least once each week.

By letter dated August 31, 1999, respondent requested that her limited license be renewed and requested as well that the frequency of required therapy, urine screens and AA/NA sessions each be reduced to twice a month. By its Order dated September 23, 1999, the board granted the request for an extension of the stay, but denied the request for reduction in the number of required urine screens AA/NA sessions be reduced.

By letter dated November 29, 1999, Ms. McLean requested a further three month stay, and again requested that required urine screens be reduced. She also requested that the number of required therapy sessions be reduced to two per month. The requests were supported by her probation officer and her therapist, respectively, and the board reduced both the number of required therapy sessions and urine screens to twice per month.

On May 19, 2000, the board considered Ms. McLean's requests for a further three month stay of the suspension, and her further request that the requirement that she attend therapy be dropped.

Based upon respondent's request, and upon all other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Susan M. McLean is stayed for a further period of three months.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. McLean's petition for termination of the requirement that she submit to therapy is denied.

DISCUSSION

While the board is impressed by Ms. McLean's progress in her recovery, the board nonetheless deems it premature to entirely eliminate the important rehabilitative safeguard of required therapy sessions.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2000.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

by _____

Ann Brewer, R.N.

Chair