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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF  
  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST  
  
KARI JO KITTELL, RN,

Respondent

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ORDER DENYING STAY

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On July 21, 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 a period of not less than two years, 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 of once per month, and that she participate in a program of random witnessed monitoring for controlled substances and alcohol in her blood or urine on a frequency of not less than twice per month.

By letter dated October 27, 1999, respondent requested that the stay of the suspension of her license be renewed for a period of three months. The board considered that request on January 6, 2000. The board also considered information that Ms. Kittell had submitted to only two urine screens between the date of the board's Order and November 23, 1999. The board therefore denied the stay by its Order dated January 18, 2000.

On May 19, 2000, the board considered Ms. Kittell's request that the stay of the suspension of her license be reinstated. Based upon that request, and other information of record, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the request of Kari Kittell for a further stay of the suspension of her license is denied. Ms. Kittell may petition for a further stay of the suspension in three months upon providing satisfactory evidence that she has fully complied with the board's July 21, 1999 Final Decision and Order during that three month period.

DISCUSSION

While Ms. Kittell's therapist in her most recent report states "self-report and UA's indicate abstinence," the report is otherwise troubling. Comments include, "Still having some difficulty with trusting client's reports;" "Still has difficulty seeing recovery as a life-long process." "Is there a way to monitor AA attendance?" Responding to the question "Do you feel this client is able to competently practice his/her profession," the therapist states, "Do not recommend working as an RN at present due to inconsistencies mentioned above." The board feels constrained to follow that recommendation.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2000.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
  
BOARD OF NURSING

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Ann Brewer, RN

Chair