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STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

CYNTHIA D. MEYER, L.P.N.

Respondent

ORDER DENYING PETITION

On September 27, 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 licensed practical 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 an approved treatment program, that she participate in psychotherapy a minimum of once each week, 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 once per week. The Order also imposed a limitation on respondent's practice whereby she is prohibited from practicing in a home health care setting.

On January 6, 2000, the board considered a petition submitted on respondent's behalf by Attorney Wm Pharis Horton. While captioned as a petition for rehearing, the board's September 27, 1999, Order was based upon a Stipulation rather than following a formal hearing, and the board therefore considered the document as a petition for modification of the terms of the limited license. The modifications requested were first, that required therapy sessions be reduced from once per week to twice per month. Second, it is requested that the limitation precluding respondent from practicing in a home health care setting be dropped. Based upon the petition and other information of record herein, the board orders as follows;

<u>ORDER</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that respondent's petition for a modification of the terms of her limited license be, and hereby is, denied.

DISCUSSION

At the time of the board's consideration of this petition, the limitations on her license had been in place just three months. The board considers this far too early to justify any decrease in the required number of therapy sessions, and far too early to conclude that she may safely practice in a home health care setting under only general supervision. Accordingly, the petition must be denied.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2000.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

by_____

Ann Brewer, R.N.

Chair