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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

LINDA J. WISTRUM, RN,  
Respondent

ORDER GRANTING  
STAY OF SUSPENSION

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On January 7, 2001, 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. The Order provided that respondent could request that the suspension of her license be stayed for a period of three months upon submission of evidence both that respondent could safely practice as a professional nurse and that she had maintained sobriety for the previous three months. The Order also provided that respondent could thereafter request additional three month stays of the suspension, which would be granted upon submission of evidence of her compliance with the terms and conditions of the license. Included among these were that respondent participate in an approved drug and alcohol treatment program, that she participate in therapy at least once per week, and that she attend AA or NA on at least a weekly basis. Respondent was also required to participate in a drug screening program consisting of at least two screens per month.

On December 6, 2001, the board considered Ms. Wistrom's petition for an initial stay of the suspension of her license. Based upon that petition, 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 Linda J. Wistrom, RN, is hereby stayed for a period of three months. Respondent may apply for further three month stays of the suspension, which shall be granted upon satisfactory demonstration of having fully complied with the board's Order during the preceding three month period.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the number of required therapy sessions is hereby reduced to one per month.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2001.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BOARD OF NURSING

Linda Sanner, RN  
Vice Chair