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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

JACK M. GABOR, RN,
Respondent

ORDER DENYING PETITION

On March 3, 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, 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 he participate in psychotherapy a minimum of once each week, that he attend AA or NA meetings each week, and that he participate in program of random witnessed monitoring for controlled substances and alcohol in his blood or urine on a frequency of not less than once each week.

By letter dated March 9, 2001, respondent requested that the terms of his limited license be modified to reduce the number of required therapy sessions to once every three weeks, and to permit him to make up the missing therapy sessions with extra alcoholic anonymous meetings.

On May 3, 2001, the board considered Mr. Gabor's request, and considered as well information that Mr. Gabor has failed to submit evidence of his full compliance with the terms and conditions imposed by the board's Order. Accordingly, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Mr. Gabor's request for a stay of the suspension of his license is denied. Mr. Gabor may petition for a stay of the suspension upon satisfactory demonstration of having fully complied with the terms and conditions on his license during the preceding three month period.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Gabor's petition for reduction in the number of required therapy sessions is denied.

DISCUSSION

It is the board's opinion that comprehensive drug rehabilitation program should include participation in a 12-step program such as AA or NA, and should include as well individual therapy by a qualified therapist. Each of these components is valuable, but one cannot appropriately be substituted for the other. Accordingly, Mr. Gabor's request must be denied.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2001.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

Ann Brewer, RN
Chair