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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

DIANE BONHAM, RN,

ORDER GRANTING STAY

Respondent

On May 19, 2000, 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. Under the terms of the Order, Ms. Bonham was permitted to apply for a stay of the suspension, 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 four times each month, and 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 per week.

By letters dated June 26, 2000, and January 28, 2001, respondent requested that the suspension of her license be stayed, and the board granted the requests at its meetings of July 7, 2000, and January 28, 2001.

By letter dated March 20, 2001, Ms. Bonham requested termination of all the limitations on her license. The board considered the request on April 6, 2001, and orders as follows.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Ms. Bonham's request for reinstatement to full licensure is hereby denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Diane Bonham, R.N., is hereby stayed for a further period of three months.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Bonham has been subject to the limitations on her license for less than one year. While her progress in recovery is reassuring, one year is far too short a period in terms of recovery to warrant a termination of the limitations.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2001.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

Ann Brewer, R.N.,

Chair