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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

THOMAS MICHAEL SCHMIDT II

ORDER GRANTING PETITION

Respondent

On May 19, 2000, the Board of Nursing issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter, by which respondent's license to practice as a registered nurse in Wisconsin was suspended for an indefinite period. Under the terms of the Order, Mr. Schmidt 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 he participate in psychotherapy a minimum of four times each month, 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 per week.

On July 7, 2000, and December 27, 2000, the board granted Mr. Schmidt's requests for further three month stays of the suspension of his license.

On April 6, 2001, the board considered Mr. Schmidt's request for a further three month stay, and his further request that the number of required therapy sessions be reduced. Mr. Schuster's therapist supported the request, recommending that therapy sessions be reduced to one per month. Based upon respondent's request, and upon all other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Thomas M. Schmidt II, R.N., is hereby stayed for a period of three months.

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

Dated this 12th day of April, 2001.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

Ann Brewer, R.N.

Chair