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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

JAMES L. HEDEMANN, R.N.,

ORDER GRANTING PETITION

Respondent

On January 10, 1997, 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 voluntary surrender of his license was accepted based upon stipulated findings that, over a period of two years, he had diverted controlled substances from his employers for his personal use, including Demerol[®], morphine and hydromorphone.

On January 30, 1998, and again on March 6, 1998, the Board of Nursing considered respondent's undated letter requesting reinstatement of his license. The board denied the request by its Order dated March 17, 1998.

On July 7, 2000, the board considered Mr. Hedemann's further request that his license be reinstated. Based upon that request and upon all other information of record herein, the board and Mr. Hedemann entered into a Stipulation, by which the board agreed to issue, and Mr. Hedemann agreed to accept, a limited license to practice as a professional nurse in Wisconsin.

The term of the license was for a period of three months, and respondent was permitted to apply for consecutive three (3) month renewals of the license, which would be granted upon acceptable demonstration of compliance with the certain limitations on the license. Among these were that Respondent continue successful participation in all components of a drug and alcohol treatment program at a treatment facility acceptable to the Board, including that respondent participate in individual therapy sessions for the first year of the limited license upon a schedule as recommended by his supervising physician, but not less than once weekly; that he supply, on at least a weekly basis, random monitored urine, blood or hair specimens; that he be responsible for providing quarterly written reports from his employer and from his treatment providers; and that he refrain from access to or the administration of controlled substances in his work setting until such time as access or administration is approved by the Board.

Mr. Hedemann appeared before the board at its meeting of January 5, 2001, in support of his requests that the license be renewed for a further period of three months, and that the provision prohibiting access to controlled substances be dropped. The board considered the requests on that date, and orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the license of James Hedemann, RN, to practice as a professional nurse in Wisconsin is hereby renewed for a further period of three months.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provision of the board's March 17, 1998, Order, by which Mr. Hedemann is to refrain from access to or administration of controlled substances in his work setting, is hereby dropped, and Mr. Hedemann may have such access.

Dated this 12th day of January, 2001.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

Ann Brewer, RN

Chair