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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

DEBRA J. SHOWEN, RN,

ORDER GRANTING STAY

Respondent

On January 29, 1999, 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 respondent's petitioning 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 once each week, 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 each week.

On November 5, 1999, the board considered respondent's request that the suspension of her license be stayed for a period of three months. The board granted the request by its order dated November 11, 1999.

By letter dated February 2, 2000, Ms. Showen requested a further three month stay of the suspension of her license. She also requested that the provision of the Order by which she is required to refrain from access to controlled substances in her employment setting be removed. The board granted the request by its Order dated March 10, 2000.

On September 1, 2000, the board considered Ms. Showen's request for a further stay of the suspension of her license, and her further request for a reduction in the number of required therapy sessions and urine screens. The board granted the requests by its Order dated September 8, 2000.

On February 2, 2001, the board considered Ms. Showen's request that her unlimited license be reinstated or, in the alternative, that she be granted a further three month stay of the suspension of her license. The board granted the three month stay by its Order dated February 6, 2001, thereby denying the request for a full license.

On May 3, 2001, the board considered Ms. Showen's requests for either a further stay of the suspension or for reinstatement to full licensure. In the event that full licensure was not granted, Ms. Showen requested that the number of therapy sessions be reduced from two to one per month. Based upon all information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Debra Showen to practice as a professional nurse in Wisconsin is hereby stayed for a period of three months. Ms. Showen's request for a reduction in the number of therapy sessions is denied based upon lack of support for the change by her therapist. Ms. Showen may petition for additional three month stays, which will be granted upon satisfactory demonstration of full compliance with all terms and conditions on her license during the preceding three month period.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2001.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

Ann Brewer, RN

Chair