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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

NICHOLAS F. GEIMER, M.D.,

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION

Respondent

On January 29, 1999, the Medical Examining Board issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's order, respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin was suspended for a period of not less than five years, 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 four times per month.

By letter dated March 8, 1999, respondent requested a further three month stay of the suspension of his license, and the board granted the request by its Order dated June 2, 1999.

On February 24, 2000, the board considered evidence that Dr. Geimer had failed to request a further stay of the suspension of his license since the last previous stay was granted on June 2, 1999. Moreover, the board was notified that upon receipt of the result of drug testing carried out in the intervening period, it was found that respondent had failed to submit to weekly drug screens as required by the board's Order, and that a screen conducted on February 11, 2000, was positive for opiates. Dr. Geimer appeared before the board on February 24, along with Attorney Franklyn Gimbel, in support of his petition for a further stay of the suspension of his license, and the board considered the matter on that date. The board granted the stay by its Order dated March 3, 2000. The board's Order also withdrew its approval of Cedar Creek Counseling Center as Dr. Geimer's treatment provider.

On May 17, 2000, August 24, 2000, December 21, 2000, and March 22, 2001, the board granted Dr. Geimer's requests for further three month stays of the suspension.

On April, 2001, the board considered Dr. Geimer's request for a further stay of the suspension of his license. The board also considered evidence of the use of controlled analgesics by Dr. Geimer which, while apparently taken pursuant to prescriptions, nonetheless raised questions relating to the quantity and timing of the prescriptions. The board therefore extended the stay for a period of one month, and invited Dr. Geimer to appear before the board at its meeting of May 16, 2001, to address these issues.

Dr. Geimer appeared before the board on May 16, 2001, and requested that the stay be extended for a further three month period. Base upon all information of record, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the stay of the suspension of Dr. Geimer's license is extended for a period of three months. Dr. Geimer may request further three month stays of the suspension, which shall be granted conditioned upon satisfactory evidence of full compliance with the terms and conditions on his license during the preceding three month period.

Dated this 24th day of May, 2001.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Sidney E. Johnson, M.D.

Secretary