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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

HEIDI L. RIVER, R.N.

ORDER GRANTING STAY

Respondent

By its Order dated July 21, 1999, the Board of Nursing accepted the voluntary surrender of Ms. River's license to practice as a professional nurse in Wisconsin, following her failure to fully comply with the conditions of her participation in the Impaired Professionals Procedure.

By letter dated December 18, 2000, Ms. River requested reinstatement of her license, and she appeared before the board on March 1, 2001, in support of her request. The board and Ms. River thereafter entered into a Stipulation, by which the Board of Nursing agreed to grant and Ms. River agreed to accept, a limited license to practice nursing in the State of Wisconsin. The term of the license was for three months, with provision for successive three month extensions of the license conditioned upon acceptable demonstration of compliance with certain terms and conditions during the prior three month period. Respondent is required to maintain successful participation in all components of a program for the treatment of chemical dependency at a treatment facility acceptable to the board, to obtain therapy at least four times per month, and to attend Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous or another self-help group acceptable to the board at least one time per week. Respondent is also required to participate in a program of random witnessed monitoring for controlled substances and alcohol in her urine, blood and/or hair on a frequency of four screens per month.

On October 4, 2001, the board considered Ms. River's request for a further three month extension of her license. The board also considered her therapist's recommendation that the number of therapy sessions be reduced to three per month, and that one of respondent's four monthly drug screens be a breathalyzer test.

Based upon all information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the license of Heidi Lynn River to practice as a professional nurse in Wisconsin is hereby extended for a further period of three months.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the number of required therapy sessions is hereby reduced to three per month.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the recommendation that one of Ms. River's four monthly urine screens be by breathalyzer is hereby denied.

Dated this 11th day of October, 2001.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

Ann Brewer, R.N.

Chair