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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

ROBIN A. KING, R.N.,	ORDER GRANTING THREE MONTH
Respondent	STAY AND MODIFYING
	LIMITATIONS

On September 16, 1994, 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 was suspended for an indefinite period of not less than two 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 she participate in therapy a minimum of four times each month, that she submit to random urine screens for the presence of alcohol and controlled substances, and that she provide for quarterly written reports from her employer, her therapist and the monitoring program. The Order also provided that respondent refrain from access to or administration of controlled substances until such time as access and administration was approved by the board.

By letter dated January 1, 1995, respondent petitioned the board for a further three month stay of suspension of her license. In her letter, respondent recounted having administered narcotic controlled substances in her work setting on a number of occasions. Based upon that violation of the board's order, the petition of respondent for renewal of the stay of suspension of her license was denied, and her license was suspended effective January 13, 1995.

By her letter dated April 12, 1995, respondent petitioned for reinstatement of her limited license. The petition was supported by her probation officer, her treating physician and her treatment program supervisor. The board considered the matter on July 7, 1995, and granted the stay by its Order dated July 17, 1995.

The last stay of the suspension of Ms. King's license expired on November 17, 1995. Subsequently, by letter dated December 23, 1995, Ms. King notified the board that she was not seeking renewal of the stay. Accordingly, the board reimposed the suspension by its Order dated January 12, 1996.

By letter dated September 26, 1997, Ms. King petitioned the board to stay the suspension of her license. The board considered the petition at its meeting of January 30, 1998, and granted the stay by its Order dated February 10, 1998.

By letter dated February 22, 1999, Ms. King requested a further stay of the suspension of her license, and requested as well that required therapy sessions be reduced from two to one per month. The board considered the request at its meeting of March 5, 1999, and denied the request by its Order dated March 8, 1999.

By letter dated April 28, Ms. King objected to the wording of the board's discussion of the basis for its decision to deny Ms. King's requests set forth on the March 8, 1999. By its Order Denying Petition dated May 26, 1999, the board declined to modify the wording of its previous order.

On July 7, 2000, the board considered Ms. King's request that she either be granted a stay of the suspension of her license or be reinstated to full licensure. The board granted a stay by its Order dated July 19, 2000.

On January 4, 2001, the board granted a further three month stay of the suspension of Ms. King's license.

On May 3, 2001, the board considered Ms. King's request for a further three month stay of the suspension. The board also considered information that Ms. King is being prescribed methadone for back pain. Based upon that information, the board granted a 45-day stay, and requested documentation of her pain history, the events leading to the prescribing of methadone, what her current physical limitations are, and when she is scheduled for surgery.

On May 9, 2001, the board considered a letter from Dr. Mileskumar Patel, documenting Ms. King's use of methadone exclusively for the alleviation of chronic pain. Based upon that information, the board granted the stay.

On November 1, 2001, the board granted Ms. King's request for a further three month stay of the suspension.

On January 4, 2002, the board considered Ms. King's request for reinstatement to full licensure or, in the alternative, grant of a three month stay and guidance from the board as to further required action which may support a request for full licensure. Ms. King appeared in support of her requests. 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 Robin A. King, R.N., be, and hereby is, stayed for a further period of three months.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the minimum number of required urine screens is hereby reduced to one per month.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the board would consider a description of Ms. King's medication plan, as it relates to use of methadone, to be helpful in evaluating future requests for further reduction in the terms and conditions attached to her license.

Dated this 17th day of January 2002.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

Linda Sanner, R.N.
Chair