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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

MAURI LYNN FOWLER, LPN,

Respondent

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ORDER DENYING STAY

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On May 14, 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 limited for at least two years to require that she abstain from the use of alcohol and controlled substances, 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 twice each week, that she practice only under the supervision of an RN in a work setting approved by the board, and that she be responsible for submission of quarterly work reports by her employer.

On November 5, 1999, the board considered evidence that respondent had complied with none of the limitations on her license. Accordingly, the board terminated the stay and suspended the license.

On June 1, 2001, the board considered Ms. Fowler's petition for renewal of the stay. The board also considered evidence that the March 15, 2001, urine screen was positive for cocaine metabolites. Accordingly, the board denied the petition for a further stay.

On August 2, 2001, the board considered Ms. Fowler's letter of July 6, 2001, requesting that the board reconsider its previous decision to terminate the stay. While Ms. Fowler maintained in her letter that she was compliant with the board's Order, she failed to address the very issue which caused the board to terminate the stay in June. Accordingly, the board's Order denying the stay was affirmed.

On November 8, 2001, the board affirmed its earlier denial of the stay based upon Ms. Fowler's continued failure to satisfactorily address those issues which led to the board's denial of the stay.

Ms. Fowler met with the board on December 6, 2001, to discuss the various issues raised by the board's recent actions. The board thereafter reinstated the stay by its Order dated December 18, 2001.

On March 1, 2002, and again on March 13, 2002, the board granted Ms. Fowler's request for a further three month stays of the suspension.

On June 6, 2002, the board considered Ms. Fowler's request for a further three month stay of the suspension. The board also considered information that Ms. Fowler had not submitted to the required number of drug and alcohol screens, apparently because the paperwork from the new drug screening program did not reach her. The board therefore granted a 30 day stay, and further ordered that the board would again consider the matter at its July 11, 2002, meeting.

On July 11, 2002, the board again considered Ms. Fowler's request for a stay. Again, the board was confronted with Ms. Fowler's failure to comply with the board's order for blood or urine screens. Accordingly, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the request for a stay of the suspension of the license of Ms. Fowler is denied. Ms. Fowler may petition the board for a further stay upon having fully complied with the board's Order for a period of three months.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2002.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, RN

Chair