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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

TAMMY L. JOVAAG, RN,

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING STAY AND MODIFYING CONDITIONS

On March 3, 2000, 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. Respondent was permitted to petition for a three month stay of the suspension at any time, and for successive three-month stays of the suspension thereafter, 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 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 once each week.

On September 1, 2000, the board considered Ms. Jovaag's petition for a stay of the suspension of her license. The board granted the request by its Order dated September 8, 2000.

On January 5, 2001, the board considered Ms. Jovaag's letter of November 30, 2000, by which she requests a further extension of the stay of suspension of her license, and her further request that the board discontinue the requirement for weekly therapy sessions. While Ms. Jovaag indicates in her letter that the latter request is recommended by her therapist, the therapist's report in fact recommends continuing the current limitations for a further period of three months. Accordingly, the board denied the request for termination of therapy.

By letter dated February 27, 2001, Ms. Jovaag requested a further stay, and also again requested that the requirement for therapy be dropped. The board considered the requests at its meeting of April 6, 2001, and decreased the number of required therapy sessions to two per month.

On July 9, 2001, the board granted Ms. Jovaag's requests for an additional three month stay, and that the requirement that she attend therapy be terminated.

On December 6, 2001, the board granted Ms. Jovaag's requests for an additional three month stay, and that the number of required urine screens be reduced from one per week to two or three per month.

The board granted further three month stays in February, May and August, 2002.

On December 5, 2002, the board considered Ms. Jovaag's request for a further three month stay of the suspension, and her further request for a reduction in the number of urine screens. Based upon Ms. Jovaag's requests, and upon other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the request for a further three month stay of the suspension of the license of Tammy I. Jovaag is granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the board's March 3, 2000, Final Decision and Order is hereby modified to reduce the number of required urine screens to one per month.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2002.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, RN

Chair