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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

NANCY J. WALL, RN,

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING STAY

On January 30, 1998, the Board of Nursing issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's order, Ms. Wall's license to practice as a registered nurse in Wisconsin was suspended for an indefinite period, 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 Ms. Wall participate in a recognized program for the treatment of chemical dependency, that she participate in psychotherapy a minimum of four times each month, and 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 than four times per month.

By letter dated March 23, 1998, Ms. Wall notified the board that because of family illness she is unable either to work or to comply with the term of the board's order requiring urine screens. She indicated, however, that she continues to comply with the requirement that she attend therapy and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. The board considered the matter at its meeting of May 8, 1998, and modified the Order to suspend the requirement that she submit to urine screens until she returns to practice.

By letter dated August 26, 1988, Ms. Wall requested a further three month stay of the suspension of her license. While she did not request a reduction in the number of required therapy sessions, her therapist recommended such a reduction. The board considered the matter on September 18, 1998, and renewed the stay without modification by its Order dated September 28, 1998.

On January 29, 1999, the board considered the question of a further three month stay of the suspension of Ms. Wall's license. At that time, the board became aware that Ms. Wall has relapsed to the use of alcohol on a number of occasions, as reported by her therapist. By its Order dated February 7, 1999, the board suspended the license.

On July 7, 2000, the board considered Ms. Wall's request for reinstatement of the stay. By its Order dated July 19, 2000, the board granted the stay, and ordered that the board's January 30, 1998, Final Decision and Order be modified to terminate the limitations on Ms. Wall's license, except that Ms. Wall shall attend AA or NA meetings as set forth in paragraph 2 of the board's Final Decision and Order; and except that at such time that Ms. Wall becomes employed as a registered nurse, she shall submit to two random, witnessed urine screens per month under the conditions set forth in paragraphs 8 through 18 of the board's Final decision and Order.

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

In September 6, 2001, the board considered Ms. Wall's request for a further stay of the suspension, and her further request that the term of the stay be for six months rather than three. Based upon the board's conclusion that six months is too long a period between board reviews to ensure compliance, the board granted the stay for a period of three months.

On December 6, 2001, the board granted Ms. Wall's request for further three month stay of the suspension.

On March 1, 2002, and May 20, 2002, the board granted Ms. Wall's requests for further three month stays of the suspension.

On September 5, 2002, the board considered Ms. Wall's request for a six month stay of the suspension. The board iterates that its opinion is that three months is the maximum period between board reviews. Accordingly, it is ordered as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Nancy J. Wall, R.N., is hereby stayed for a further period of three months. Ms. Wall may petition for further stays of the suspension, which shall be granted conditioned upon submission of satisfactory evidence of having complied with the limitations on her license during the preceding three months.

Dated this 11th day of September, 2002.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, RN

Chair