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IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

On January 29, 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 suspended for an indefinite period, with provision for respondent's petitioning 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 psychotherapy a minimum of once each week, 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 once each week.

By letter dated February 2, 2000, Ms. Showen requested a further three month stay of the suspension of her license. She also requested that the provision of the Order by which she is required to refrain from access to controlled substances in her employment setting be removed. The board granted the request by its Order dated March 10, 2000.

On February 2, 2001, the board considered Ms. Showen's request that her unlimited license be reinstated or, in the alternative, that she be granted a further three month stay of the suspension of her license. The board granted the three month stay by its Order dated February 6, 2001, thereby denying the request for a full license.

On May 3, 2001, the board considered Ms. Showen's requests for either a further stay of the suspension or for reinstatement to full licensure. In the event that full licensure was not granted, Ms. Showen requested that the number of therapy sessions be reduced from two to one per month. The suspension of the license was stayed for a period of three months, but her request for a reduction in the number of therapy sessions was denied based upon lack of support for the change by her therapist.

On August 2, 2001, the board considered Ms. Showen's renewal of her request for termination of the limitations on her license or, in the alternative, for a three month stay. The board granted a three month stay by its Order dated August 13, 2001.

On November 1, 2001, the board considered Ms. Showen's request for a further three month stay of the suspension. The board also considered information establishing that Ms. Showen has been out of compliance with the board's Order during the preceding three month period. The board therefore denied the stay by its Order dated November 8, 2001.

On March 1, 2002, the board considered Ms. Showen's request for a further three month stay of the suspension. Based upon all information of record herein, it is ordered as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Debra J. Showen, RN, is hereby stayed for a period of three months. Ms. Showen may petition the board for a further three month suspension of the license upon submission of satisfactory evidence that she has fully complied with the board's Final Decision and Order in this matter during the preceding three month period.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, based on recent violations of the board's Order, and pursuant to that Order, the period of suspension of Ms. Showen's license shall be for a further two years commencing on the date hereof

Dated this 11th day of March, 2002.

Linda M. Sanner, RN
Chair