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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
THE APPLICATION OF

DAVID L. KEPERS, RN,

Respondent

ORDER SUSPENDING LICENSE

On or about September 14, 2001, David L. Keppers, R.N., filed his application for a license to practice as a registered nurse by endorsement from the State of Minnesota. Mr. Keppers' application indicated that he had been disciplined by the Minnesota Board of Nursing, and that he is currently participating in a rehabilitation program pursuant the Minnesota board's Stipulation and Consent Order dated June 6, 2001. That Order found that Mr. Keppers' diagnoses included opioid dependence, cannabis dependence, and alcohol abuse. Mr. Keppers' license was suspended, and the suspension was stayed conditioned upon his participation in Minnesota "Health Professional Services Program."

On January 25, 2002, the Wisconsin Board of Nursing granted a limited license to practice nursing in Wisconsin. Mr. Keppers was required to fully comply with all terms and conditions of the State of Minnesota Board of Nursing's Stipulation and Consent Order dated June 6, 2001, including continued participation in the Health Professional Services Program (HPS program) as required by that Order. All reports, evaluations and other documentation required to be filed with the Minnesota Board of Nursing under the HPS Program were ordered to be filed simultaneously with the Wisconsin Board of Nursing.

The Order provided that violation of any of the terms of the Order shall be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in summary suspension of applicant's license.

On October 3, 2003, the board considered evidence that Mr. Keppers has failed to provide the required reports since April, 2003. Accordingly, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the license of David Keppers, RN, be, and hereby is, suspended, effective immediately.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, RN
Chair