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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

JEAN K. GOTZMAN, RN,

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING STAY

On January 7, 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 not less than five years, 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 respondent participate in a recognized program for the treatment of chemical dependency, that she participate in psychotherapy at least weekly, 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.

On September 1, 2000, the board considered Ms. Gotzman's request that the suspension of her license be stayed for an additional period of three months, and her further request that the number of required therapy sessions be reduced to one every two weeks. The board granted those requests by its Order dated September 8, 2000.

On February 2, 2001, the board granted Ms. Gotzman's request that the suspension of her license be stayed for an additional period of three months, and her further request that the number of required urine screens be reduced to one every two weeks.

On August 6, 2001, the board granted Ms. Gotzman's request for a further three month stay of the suspension.

On November 1, 2001, the board considered Ms. Gotzman's request for a further stay of the suspension of her license, and considered as well evidence that Ms. Gotzman had relapsed to the use of alcohol in September. The board nonetheless granted the stay in November, 2001, and again by its Order dated January 31, 2002.

On March 1, 2002, the board considered that Ms. Gotzman had again relapsed to the use of alcohol in early February, 2002. Under the terms of the board's January 7, 2000, Final Decision and Order, violation of any of the terms of this Order shall be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license; the Board in its discretion may in the alternative deny a stay of suspension of the license or impose additional conditions and limitations or other discipline. Accordingly, the board terminated the stay and suspended the license.

On May 2, 2002, the board granted Ms. Gotzman's request that the stay of suspension be reinstated, and the

stay was renewed by the board's Order dated July 16, 2002.

On November 7, 2002, the board considered Ms. Gotzman's request for a further three month stay. The board also considered information that no therapy report had been received for the last quarter. Accordingly, the board granted a one month stay.

On December 5, 2002, the board again granted Ms. Gotzman's request for a stay, but denied her further request for a reduction in the frequency of therapy sessions and urine screens.

On May 5, 2003, the board considered Ms. Gotzman's request for a further stay, and her further request that the number of require urine screens be reduced to two per month. The board granted the stay, but denied the reduction in the number of required urine screens.

On August 9, 2003, the board granted Ms. Gotzman's request for a further three month stay of the suspension of the license.

On November 7, 2003, the board considered Ms. Gotzman's request for a further stay of the suspension, and renewal of her request that the number of required urine screens be reduced. The board notes that Ms. Gotzman's therapist did not support the request for a reduction in screens, and the board therefore orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of Ms. Gotzman's license is hereby stayed for a period of three months.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Gotzman's request that the number of required urine screens be reduced is denied.

Dated this 11th day of November, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, RN,

Chair