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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

PETER LITZAU, 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 an indefinite period. Respondent was permitted to petition for a three month stay of the suspension after six months, 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 he 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.

Mr. Litzau appeared before the board at its meeting of September 1, 2000, to request a stay of the suspension of his license, and the board considered the matter on that date, and granted the stay by its Order dated September 8, 2000. Further stays were granted by the board's Order dated January 12, 2001, April 6, 2001, and July 19, 2001.

On October 4, 2001, the board considered Mr. Litzau's request for a further stay, and also considered evidence that Mr. Litzau's screens are not being carried out on a completely random basis. Nonetheless, the board granted the stay.

On January 3, 2002, the board granted a further three month stay of the suspension.

On April 4, 2002, the board granted Mr. Litzau's request for a further three month stay of the suspension, and his further request that the number of required urine screens and therapy sessions each be reduced to two per month.

On July 11, 2002, October 4, 2002, December 16, 2002, and April 4, 2003, the board granted Mr. Litzau's request for further three month stays of the suspension

On August 8, 2003, the board considered Mr. Litzau's request for a further three month stay of the suspension, and his further request that urine screens be reduced to one per quarter. Based upon the board's conclusion that an effective monitoring system requires at least 12 screens per year, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Peter Litzau, RN, is hereby stayed for a further period of three months.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the number of required urine screens is hereby reduced to four per quarter.

Dated this 14th day of August, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, R.N.
Chair