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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

ANN MARIE SCHUCK, R.N.,

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING STAY

On May 18, 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, 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 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 once per week.

On May 19, 2000, the board considered Ms. Schuck's request for a three month stay of the suspension, and granted the stay by its Order dated June 6, 2000.

On January 5, 2001, the board considered Ms. Schuck's request for a further three month stay of the suspension of her license. The board also considered evidence that Ms. Schuck had relapsed to the use of controlled substances on or about November 4, 2000. The board denied the stay by its Order dated January 12, 2001.

On March 1, 2001, the board considered Ms. Schuck's request that the stay of the suspension of her license be reinstated, and her further request that the provision of the board's Order whereby she is to refrain from access to or administration of controlled substances in her nursing practice be dropped. The board granted the requests by its Order dated March 8, 2001.

On June 1, 2001, the board denied Ms. Schuck's request for a further three month stay of the suspension, based on information that the urine screen collected on May 8, 2001, was positive for propoxyphene.

On November 7, 2002, the board granted Ms. Schuck's request for reinstatement of the stay.

On February 7, 2003, the board considered Ms. Schuck's request for a stay, and her further requests for reduction in the number of required urine screens and therapy sessions. Based upon respondent's requests, and upon the fact that Ms. Schuck had been in compliance only three months since her most recent relapse, the board granted the stay but denied the other requests.

On May 9, 2003, the board considered renewal of Ms. Schuck's request for a reduction in the number of required urine screens. The board denied the request.

On August 8, 2003, the board considered Ms. Schuck's request for a further stay, and reiteration of her request for a reduction in the number of required urine screens. The board's reasoning set forth in its February Order is equally valid in now. Additionally, Ms. Schuck's request is not supported by her therapist, and she is not employed as a nurse. Accordingly, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the request for a stay of the suspension of the license of Ann Marie Schuck, R.N., to practice professional nursing in Wisconsin is hereby granted. Ms. Schuck may petition for further three month stays upon submission of satisfactory evidence that she has fully complied with the board's May 18, 2000, Order during the preceding three month period.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Schuck's request for a reduction in the number of required urine screens is hereby denied.

Dated this 14th day of August, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, R.N.
Chair