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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

ELIZABETH E. HESS, RN,

Respondent

ORDER DENYING THE STAY

On July 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, 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 than once each week.

By letter dated October 30, 2000, respondent requested that the suspension of her license be stayed for an additional period of three months. The board considered that request at its meeting of January 5, 2001. The board also considered evidence that respondent had not fully complied with all terms and conditions of her limited license. Accordingly, the board denied the stay.

On September 6, 2001, the board granted Ms. Hess' request for a three month stay of the suspension of her license.

On December 6, 2001, the board considered Ms. Hess' request for a further three month stay of the suspension of her license. Based upon insufficient evidence of her having complied with all terms and conditions on her limited license during the preceding three month period all information of record herein, the board denied the stay.

On March 1, 2002, the board considered Ms. Hess' further request for a stay of the suspension of her license. Again, the board was confronted with evidence that Ms. Hess' urine screens are not compliant with the board's Order. Accordingly, the board again denied the stay.

On March 7, 2003, the board considered Ms. Hess' petition for reinstatement of the stay. The board also considered information that Ms. Hess had positive urine screens in November, 2002. Accordingly, it is ordered as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the petition of Elizabeth E. Hess, RN, for reinstatement of the stay of suspension of her license is denied.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, RN,
Chair