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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

PETER A. LEONARD, RN,

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING STAY AND MODIFYING LIMITATIONS

On January 5, 2001, 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 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 once each week.

By letter dated October 29, 2000, respondent requested a stay of the suspension commencing on the date that the board considered and accepted the proposed Stipulation and Final Decision and Order in the matter. The matter was considered on January 5, 2001, and the request was granted on that date.

On October 4, 2001, the board considered Mr. Leonard's request for a further stay of the suspension of his license, and his further requests that the number of required urine screens and the number of required therapy sessions each be reduced to two per month. Based upon the fact that respondent has held his limited license for less than one year, the board granted the stay, but denied the request for reduction in the number of therapy sessions.

On January 3, 2002, the board granted Mr. Leonard's request for a further stay, and for a reduction in the number of urine screens and therapy sessions to two each per month.

On July 11, 2002, the board granted Mr. Leonard's request for a further three month stay of the suspension, and his further request that he be granted access to controlled substances in his nursing employment.

In October, 2002 and December, 2002, Mr. Leonard was granted additional three month stays of the suspension.

On April 4, 2003, the board considered Mr. Leonard's request for a further stay, and his further requests that the requirement for therapy be terminated and that the number of required urine screens be reduced to one per month. These requests were supported by his therapist. Based upon all information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Peter A. Leonard, RN, to practice as a professional nurse in Wisconsin is hereby stayed for a period of three months. Mr. Leonard may petition for further stays of the suspension, which shall be granted upon demonstration of full compliance with the limitations on his license during the preceding three month period.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the number of required therapy sessions is hereby reduced to one session every other month.

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

Dated this 9th day of April, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, RN,

Chair