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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

JENNIFER LYNN CARLSON, LPN,

Respondent

ORDER DENYING STAY OF SUSPENSION

On September 6, 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. The Order provided that the suspension was stayed for a period of three months, and provided for further three month stays upon submission of evidence of her compliance with the terms and conditions on the license. Included among these were that respondent participate in an approved drug and alcohol treatment program, that she participate in therapy at least once per week, and that she attend AA or NA on at least a weekly basis. Respondent was also required to participate in a drug screening program consisting of at least one screen per week.

On January 4, 2001, the board considered Ms. Carlson's request for a further three month stay of the suspension of her license. The board also considered information that Ms. Carlson has failed to comply with the terms and conditions on her license. Accordingly, the board denied the request for a stay, and ordered that Ms. Carlson could renew her petition upon submitting evidence of having fully complied with the board's Order during the preceding three month period.

On April 4, 2003, the board considered Ms. Carlson's request for reinstatement of the stay. The board also considered information from Ms. Carlson's therapist indicating that because Ms. Carlson was adjusting her psychiatric medications without her physician's knowledge, she does not consider Ms. Carlson to be able to competently practice nursing. Based upon that information, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Ms. Carlson's petition for a stay of the suspension of her license is denied. Ms. Carlson may petition for a further stay upon submission of satisfactory evidence that she is able to competently resume practice as a nurse.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, RN
Chair