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STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE THE PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF :
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : **ORDER OF SUMMARY**
: **SUSPENSION OF LICENSE**
STEVEN V. SCHNEIDER, PH.D., : **LS0112171PSY**
RESPONDENT :

Steven V. Schneider, Ph.D.
5912 Sugarbush Lane
Greendale, WI 53129

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Steven V. Schneider, Ph.D, is licensed as a psychologist in Wisconsin, holding license number 1216.
2. On May 22, 2002, the Wisconsin Psychology Examining Board issued a Final Decision and Order in this matter reprimanding Dr. Schneider, terminating the summary suspension of his license, and limiting his license.
3. One of the limitations imposed on Dr. Schneider's license was

9. Respondent shall supply on at least a twice-monthly basis, random monitored urine, blood, breath, or hair specimens as the Supervising Health Care Providers shall direct. The Supervising Health Care Provider (or designee) shall request the specimens from Respondent and these requests shall be random with respect to the hour of the day and the day of the week. [etc.]

11. All requested urine, blood or hair specimens shall be provided by Respondent within five (5) hours of the request for the specimen. [etc.]

After some apparent initial confusion over which monitoring service he was signed up with, Dr. Schneider enrolled in a drug testing program with FirstLab, 1364 Welsh Rd., Suite C-2, North Wales, PA 19454. Upon information and belief, the monitoring service required Dr. Schneider to call a phone number daily to find out whether he was selected to provide a urine sample on that day and, if selected, to provide a urine sample at a designated collection site. In a letter dated January 20, 2003, Dr. Schneider confirmed his participation in this program, including his calling the service every day since at least December 23, 2002.

4. On March 12, 2003, the Board received and reviewed reports from FirstLab that show:

(a) Dr. Schneider did not call the system on the following dates in 2003:

January 6
January 7
January 8
January 9
January 10
January 13
January 14
January 15
January 16
January 17
January 18
January 19 and
January 23.

(b) Dr. Schneider was selected for testing on the following dates in 2003:

January 15
January 23
January 27
January 31
February 19
February 21
February 27
February 28 and
March 5.

(c) Dr. Schneider was selected for testing on January 23 and although he did not call in, he provided a urine sample that tested negative.

(d) The urine screen on January 31, 2003 tested positive for codeine and morphine.

(e) Dr. Schneider was selected for testing on February 19; he called in but did not provide a urine sample.

(f) Dr. Schneider was selected for testing on February 21; he called in but did not provide a urine sample.

(g) Dr. Schneider was selected for testing on February 27; he called in but did not provide a urine sample.

(h) Dr. Schneider was selected for testing on February 28, 2003; he called in and he provided a urine sample that tested negative.

(i) Dr. Schneider was selected for testing on March 5; he called in but did not provide a urine sample.

5. The order of May 22, 2002 contains the following provision:

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that, if the Board determines that there is probable cause to believe that Respondent has violated any term of this Final Decision and Order, the Board may order that the license of Respondent be summarily suspended pending investigation of the alleged violation without further notice or right of hearing to the Respondent.

6. The reports from FirstLab establish probable cause to believe that Dr. Schneider has violated a term of the May 22, 2002 order by failing to call every day; by failing to provide a urine sample when selected on February 19, February 21, February 27, and March 5; and by testing positive for codeine and morphine on January 31, 2003.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

I. The Wisconsin Psychology Examining Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to sec. 445.09, Stats., and pursuant to the Final Decision and Order entered in this case on May 22, 2003.

II. Since probable cause exists to believe that Respondent has violated a term of the Final Decision and Order, the Psychology Examining Board may summarily suspend Dr. Schneider's license pending investigation of the alleged violation.

ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the license of Steven V. Schneider, Ph.D., to practice psychology in the state of Wisconsin is summarily suspended, effective immediately upon Respondent receiving actual notice of this summary suspension order or upon service of this summary suspension order upon Respondent under sec. RL 6.06(3), Wis. Admin. Code, whichever is sooner. This Order continues to be in effect until the effective date of a final order and decision in the pending disciplinary proceeding against Respondent, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

Dated March 13th, 2003.

WISCONSIN PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

Barbara A. Van Horne, Ph.D., M.B.A.

Chair