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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

JULIE L. PENEWELL, RN

Respondent

ORDER IMPOSING SUSPENSION

On April 4, 2002, 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 weekly, 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 52 times per year.

On July 11, 2002, the board considered Ms. Penewell's request for a further three month stay of the suspension. The board also considered the fact that Ms. Penewell had a positive screen for propoxyphene in June. Accordingly, the board denied the stay.

On September 5, 2002, the board considered Ms. Penewell's request for reinstatement of the stay. Unfortunately, there is evidence that Ms. Penewell again relapsed to the use of propoxyphene on or about August 13, 2002. Accordingly, the board denied the stay.

On June 6, 2003, the board granted Ms. Penewell's request for reinstatement of the stay.

On August 8, 2003, the board considered evidence that Ms. Penewell had admitted to having relapsed to the use of alcohol on June 4, 2003. Additionally, Ms. Penewell's therapist reports that Ms. Penewell has relapsed to the use of alcohol and cocaine on subsequent occasions. Based upon all information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the stay of suspension of the license of Julie Penewell is terminated, and the license is hereby suspended.

Dated this 14th day of August, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, RN
Chair