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IN THE MATTER OF :
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : ORDER DENYING STAY
:
BARBARA J. BENOIT, R.N., : LS0206063NUR
RESPONDENT. :

On June 6, 2002, the Board of Nursing entered its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's Order, Ms. Benoit's license was suspended for an indefinite period, and she was permitted to apply after 60 days to the Board for a stay of suspension for a period of three months, conditioned upon compliance with certain conditions and limitations. Respondent was required to enroll and continue successful participation in all components of a drug and alcohol treatment program at a treatment facility acceptable to the Board. The rehabilitation program is required to include and respondent is required to participate in individual and/or group therapy sessions for the first year of the stayed suspension upon a schedule as recommended by the supervising physician or therapist, but not less than once weekly. Respondent is required to attend Narcotics Anonymous and/or Alcoholic Anonymous meetings or an equivalent program for recovering professionals, upon a frequency as recommended by the supervising physician or therapist, but not less than one meeting per week. Also as a part of the program, M. Benoit was required to enroll and begin participation in a drug and alcohol monitoring program testing urine specimens at a frequency of not less than 52 times per year. Finally, Ms. Benoit is required to refrain from access to or the administration of controlled substances in her work setting until such time as access or administration is approved by the Board, and is prohibited from working as a home health nurse.

On September 5, 2002, and December 5, 2002, the board granted Ms. Benoit's petitions for three month stays of the suspension of her license.

On March 7, 2003, the board considered that Ms. Benoit was due for a further three month stay of the suspension of her license. The board also considered, however, that no request for a further stay was received from Ms. Benoit, and that not all reports had been received. Based upon all information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the stay of suspension of the license of Barbara Benoit, RN, to practice as a professional nurse in Wisconsin is hereby terminated, and the license is hereby suspended.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, RN
Chair