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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
: ORDER SUSPENDING
: THE LICENSE
JANICE M. WEPFER, RN, :
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. Wepfer's license was limited to require that within ninety days from the date of the order, she submit acceptable documentation of successful completion of the University of Wisconsin School of Nursing continuing education program entitled "Legal Issues for Nurses in Today's Health Care Environment. Within six months from the effective date of this Order, Ms. Wepfer was to submit documentation of successful completion of at least four hours of continuing nursing education approved by the Board in the subject area of the use of restraints, and at least four hours of continuing nursing education in the area of dealing with aggressive or combative patients or in other areas approved by the Board. Finally, within six months from the date of the order, Ms. Wepfer was to submit documentation acceptable to the Board of successful return demonstration of a full and working knowledge of patient rights, as set forth in sec. 51.61, Wis. Stats.

Ms. Wepfer completed the first of the requirements set forth above, but failed to complete the other three. By letter dated January 5, 2003, Ms. Wepfer notified the board that she had retired from her current nursing position, and would be interested only in working with parish nursing. She indicates in her letter that it is therefore her intent not to complete the other requirements of the Order.

The board considered the matter at its meeting of February 7, 2003. It is the board's understanding that parish nursing would fall within the definition of the practice of professional nursing so as to require that she maintain her license. Accordingly, the board felt that Ms. Wepfer may wish to reconsider her decision not to complete the requirements of the Order, and decided to permit her that alternative. Accordingly, the board extended the deadline for completing the educational program to June 30, 2003.

On August 8, 2003, the board considered evidence that Ms. Wepfer had failed to complete the educational program by June 30, 2003, and had indicated in a letter dated March 11, 2003, that she didn't feel she was able to do so in the allotted time. Based on the foregoing, it is ordered as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to paragraph 7 of the board's Final Decision and Order in this matter, the license of Janice M. Wepfer, RN, to practice as a professional nurse in Wisconsin be, and hereby is, suspended. Ms. Wepfer may apply for reinstatement at such time as she completes the requirements of the Order.

Dated this 14th day of August, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, RN
Chair