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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

DENNIS E. BREMER, R.N.

LS9807094NUR

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING STAY

On July 9, 1998, the Board of Nursing issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter, by which Mr. Bremer's license to practice professional nursing in Wisconsin was indefinitely suspended. By the terms of the Order, Mr. Bremer was permitted to apply to the board for successive three month stays of the suspension upon submission of to the board of an evaluation by an addictionologist indicating that he is successfully participating in a treatment program acceptable to the board and that, in his or her opinion, Mr. Bremer may safely and reliably practice as a nurse.

At its meeting of March 5, 1999, the board considered Mr. Bremer's application for a stay of the suspension of his license, and denied the application by its Order dated March 8, 1999.

On May 19, 2000, the board considered Mr. Bremer's further request for a stay of the suspension of his license. The board granted the request by its Order dated June 6, 2000.

On September 1, 2000, the board considered Mr. Bremer's request for a further stay of the suspension of his license. The board also considered evidence that Mr. Bremer had not submitted to the minimum number of required screens in June, 2000. Accordingly, the board withheld the stay. Subsequently, Mr. Bremer provided to the board the missing drug screen. Based upon this new information, the board on November 14, 2000, ordered that a stay be granted.

By letter dated February 15, 2001, Mr. Bremer requested a further stay of the suspension of his license. The board granted the request on March 1, 2001.

On July 9, 2001, the board considered Mr. Bremer's request for a further stay of the suspension, and his further request that he be considered for early release from the limitations on his license. After discussion, the board decided that it is too early in Mr. Bremer's recovery to terminate all limitations on his license, but that it would be appropriate to terminate the requirement that he refrain from access to controlled substances in the interest of assisting him in finding employment as a nurse.

On September 6, 2001, the board considered Mr. Bremer's request for a further three month stay of the suspension, along with his therapist's recommendation that the number of required therapy sessions be reduced.

The board granted the stay and eliminated the requirement that he refrain from access to controlled substances in his employment setting.

On December 6, 2001, November 21, 2002, and the intervening three month periods, the board granted Mr. Bremer's request for further three month stays of the suspension.

On March 7, 2003, the board granted Mr. Bremer's request for a three month stay of the suspension, notwithstanding Mr. Bremer's admission that he had self-medicated on one occasion with Tylenol #3[®] for a work related injury.

On May 20, 2003, the board granted Mr. Bremer's request for a further three month stay of the suspension.

On September 5, 2003, the board considered Mr. Bremer's petition that he be restored to full licensure. The board also considered three other items of information. First, Mr. Bremer has not worked under his limited license; second, that he consumed unprescribed controlled substances during the previous reporting period; and third, that his AA report is incomplete in not documenting individual meetings attended. Based upon all evidence of record, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Mr. Bremer's petition for termination of all limitations on his license is denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Dennis E. Bremer, R.N. is hereby stayed for a further period of three months.

Dated this 9th day of September, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, R.N.

Chair