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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

LAURIE L. KASSEL, RN,
(now Laurie L. Christodoulou, R.N.)

Respondent

ORDER DENYING STAY

On November 5, 1999, 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 four times each month, 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 four times per month.

On May 19, 2000, the board considered Respondent's request for a further three month stay of the suspension, and granted the extension on that date.

On November 3, 2000, the board considered Respondent's further request for stay of the suspension of her license. The board also considered evidence that Respondent had violated the terms of the board's Order by failing to comply with the both minimum number of drug screens and the minimum number of therapy sessions during the preceding three month period. The board therefore denied the stay by its Order dated November 14, 2000. That Order specified that Respondent could petition for a further three month stay of the suspension upon demonstration of full compliance with the board's November 5, 1999, Final decision and Order for a period of three months. By its Order dated January 12, 2001, the board denied Respondent's further request for a stay on the basis that she had not yet demonstrated three months of full compliance.

By letter dated March 12, 2001, Respondent again requested reinstatement of the stay of suspension of her license. The board granted the stay by its Order dated April 12, 2001, and granted additional stays by its Orders dated October 5, 2001, and January 19, 2002, and April 4, 2002, July 11, 2002, October 15, 2002, and January 10, 2003. The board's January 19, 2002, Order also reduced both the number of required urine screens and the number of therapy sessions to two per month.

On April 4, 2003, the board considered Respondent's petition for a further stay of the suspension of her license. The board also considered information that Respondent was arrested for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Based upon all information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

The request for a three month stay of the suspension of the license of Laurie L. Christodoulou, R.N., is denied, and Ms. Christodoulou's license is hereby suspended.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

Linda M. Sanner, RN,
Chair