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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

SCOTT H. CONANT, M.D.

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING STAY AND MODIFYING LIMITATIONS

On December 15, 1999, the Medical Examining Board issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's order, respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin was suspended for a period of not less than five years, 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 he participate in individual and/or group therapy a minimum of once each week, that he submit to random urine screens for the presence of alcohol and controlled substances, and that he provide for quarterly written reports from his supervising physician or therapist and the monitoring program.

On April 19, 2000, the board granted Dr. Conant's request for a further three month stay of the suspension of his license.

On July 19, 2000, the board considered Dr. Conant's request for a further three month stay of the suspension. The board also considered information concerning the action of the Pharmacy Examining Board to disqualify Paula Depner, CADCII, as an acceptable supervising health care provider based upon Ms. Depner's failure to notify that board of a number of positive screens by a licensee subject to a pharmacy board order. Finally, the board considered that Dr. Conant had at the time of the meeting failed to procure a professional mentor, as required by the board's Order, even though it appears that he has begun to practice under his limited license.

Based upon the foregoing information, the board ordered that the suspension of the license be stayed for an additional period of one month. Prior to the board's August meeting, Dr. Conant was ordered to find and submit for approval a supervising health care provider other than Ms. Depner, and to also submit for approval the name of his professional mentor.

On August 24, 2000, the board considered evidence of Dr. Conant's compliance with the previous Order. Accordingly, the board granted a three month stay by its Order dated September 7, 2000.

On December 20, 2000, the board considered Dr. Conant's request for a further three month stay of the suspension of his license, and his further requests that required therapy sessions be reduced, that the number of urine screens be reduced, and that he be permitted to perform his urine drops at the clinic where he is employed. The board granted the requests by its Order dated December 21, 2000.

On March 22, 2001, June 20, 2001, September 20, 2001, December 19, 2001, March 20, 2002 June 19, 2002, and September 25, 2002, the board granted Dr. Conant's requests for further three month stays of the suspension of his license.

On December 18, 2002, the board granted Dr. Conant's request for a further three month stay of the suspension, and granted as well his further requests that the number of required urine screens be reduced to two per month, that the number of required therapy sessions be reduced to one per month, and that he be permitted to apply for and hold a DEA registration so long as he does not utilize it to prescribe or dispense controlled substances.

On March 19, 2003, the board considered Dr. Conant's request for a further stay of the suspension. The board also considered information that not all required reports were received, and the board therefore denied the stay.

On April 23, 2003, the board again considered Dr. Conant's request for a further stay; and also considered extenuating circumstances in connection with the previous failure to have submitted the employment report. The board granted the stay retroactive to March 19, 2003.

On June 18, 2003, and September 24, 2003, the board granted Dr. Conant's requests for further stays of the suspension.

On December 17, 2003, the board considered Dr. Conant's request for a further stay of the suspension of his license, and his further request for a reduction in the number of required screens. Dr. Conant appeared before the board in support of his request. Based upon all information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Scott H. Conant, M.D., is hereby stayed for a further period of three months.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the number of required urine screens is hereby reduced to one per month.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Alfred L. Franger, M.D.,
Secretary