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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

EDWARD COONEY, M.D.,

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING THE STAY

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 consecutive three month stays of the suspension contingent upon compliance with a number of conditions and limitations on the license. Among other conditions, Dr. Cooney was required to enroll and successfully participate in a drug and alcohol treatment program satisfactory to the board, including participation in individual or group therapy on at least a weekly basis; to participate in AA or NA meetings at least once per week; to submit to drug and alcohol screens on a twice-weekly basis; and to be responsible for submission of quarterly practice and therapy reports. The license was also limited to prohibit him from holding a DEA registration.

On March 23, 2000, June 22, 2000, and September 27, 2000, the board granted Dr. Cooney's requests for further three month stays of the suspension.

Dr. Cooney appeared before the board on December 20, 2000, and requested a further three month stay of the suspension of his license. At that time, he also requested that the requirement that he attend group therapy be dropped, that the number of required urine screens be reduced from two per week to one per week, and that he be permitted to hold a DEA registration for controlled substances other than narcotic medications. The board considered the matter on that date, and granted the requests by its Order dated December 21, 2001.

In March 22, 2001, and June 20, 2001, the board granted Dr. Cooney's requests for further three month stays of the suspension of his license.

On September 21, 2001, the board granted Dr. Cooney's request for a further three month stay of the suspension, and his further request for a decrease in the number of required therapy sessions to two per quarter.

On December 19, 2001, the board granted Dr. Cooney's requests for a further three month stay of the suspension and that the number of required urine screens be reduced to two per month.

On March 20, 2002, the board considered Dr. Cooney's requests for a further three month stay, and that the therapy sessions with Ms. Underhill be eliminated. The board granted those requests by its Order dated March 29, 2002.

On June 19, 2002, and September 25, 2002, the board granted Dr. Cooney's requests for further three month stays of the suspension of his license.

On December 18, 2002, the board granted Dr. Cooney's request for a further three month stay of the suspension, and his further request that the number of required urine screens be reduced to one per month. The board denied his request that the restrictions on his DEA registration be terminated.

In December, 2002, March, 2003, and June 18, 2003, the board granted Dr. Cooney's requests for further stays of the suspension of his license.

On September 24, 2003, the board granted Dr. Cooney's request for a further stay of the suspension, and granted as well his further request that he be permitted to apply for and hold a DEA registration.

On December 17, 2003, the board considered Dr. Cooney's request for a further stay of the suspension. Dr. Cooney 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 Edward Cooney, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery is hereby stayed for a further period of three months.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Alfred L. Franger, M.D.
Secretary