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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

JOHN JOSEPH ALLEN, RN,

Respondent

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ORDER GRANTING STAY AND MODIFICATION OF ORDER

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On September 1, 2000, the Board of Nursing issued its Final Decision and Order ("*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 he participate in psychotherapy a minimum of once each week, and that he participate in program of random witnessed monitoring for controlled substances and alcohol in his blood or urine on a frequency of not less than once per week.

On January 12, 2001, the board considered evidence that Mr. Allen had relapsed within the preceding three months, and denied a further stay by its Order dated February 6, 2001.

On April 6, 2001, the board granted Mr. Allen's request for reinstatement of the stay based upon his full compliance with the board's Order during the preceding three month period.

On July 9, 2001, the board granted Mr. Allen's request for a further three month stay of the suspension.

On August 2, 2001, the board considered evidence that, following surgery, Mr. Allen was unable to resume being drug free after his postoperative exposure to narcotics. Accordingly, the board considered itself to have no alternative but to suspend the license, and to permit petition for a further stay only upon satisfactory demonstration by Mr. Allen that he has fully complied with the board's Order during the preceding three month period.

On January 4, 2002, the board considered Mr. Allen's petition for reinstatement of the stay of suspension. Based upon irregularities in Mr. Allen's drug screens, both in terms of substances screened for and the manner in which screens are conducted, the board again denied the stay.

On August 8, 2003, the board granted a three month stay of suspension.

On October 10, 2003, the board granted a three month stay of suspension.

On January 15, 2004, the board considered Mr. Allen's request for a further stay, along with his further request to discontinue weekly group therapy sessions, which was supported by his supervising physician.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of John J. Allen is hereby stayed for a period of three months.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Allen's request for discontinuance of weekly group therapy sessions required by the *Order*, is granted.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2004.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BOARD OF NURSING

Jacqueline Johnsrud, RN.,  
Chair