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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
THE LICENSE OF

JOHN A. FERRIS, M.D.,
PETITIONER

ORDER DENYING THREE
MONTH STAY
LS0110171MED

JOHN A. FERRIS, M.D.
123 Hospital Drive #206
Watertown, WI 53098

On August 18, 2004, the petitioner made his annual appearance before the Medical Examining Board, as required under the Board order dated June 13, 2003. The petitioner and the Department Monitor responded to inquiries by the Board regarding his status and compliance with orders of the Board, including the May 19, 2004 order which granted a stay of his suspension for a period of two months, but conditioned further stays upon receipt and review of a current psychological and neurological evaluation. Pursuant to the last order granting a stay, the petitioner was given sixty (60) days to submit the required evaluations.

At the time of his annual appearance, the petitioner stated that he was confused about the requirements of the order and was unable to comply with the order. A letter dated August 3, 2004, was submitted to the Board from the petitioner's treating psychiatrist, Dr. Andrew Schroettner, which indicated that the petitioner had contacted him on July 5, 2004, requesting a letter for the Board. Dr. Schroettner advised the petitioner to see his therapist, Paul Bartsch, who was qualified to perform the required tests. Dr. Schroettner received a call again from the petitioner on August 2, 2004, again requesting a letter. Dr. Schroettner contacted the Department for clarification of the order, and informed the petitioner of the Board order requirements, but the petitioner appeared not satisfied with his response.

The petitioner did not obtain the required evaluations until the middle of August. A letter from Terry Young, a licensed psychologist and neuropsychologist, who is not the petitioner's current provider, confirms that the petitioner first contacted him on August 11, 2004. The psychological evaluations were performed on August 12th, 13th and 16th, but the reports would not be completed until August 23, 2004.

The Department records also show that the petitioner missed scheduled drug screens for July 13th, August 3rd and August 12th, 2004.

In addition, the Board considered information from the petitioner's employer which indicated that the petitioner had failed to notify his employer of the original Board order and failed to provide updates to the employer on the status of his limited license.

Based upon all information of record herein, the Board finds and enters the following:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the request for a three month stay of the suspension of the license of John A. Ferris, M.D., (lic.# 33626), is hereby DENIED based upon his failure to comply with the orders of the Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a further request for a stay of suspension shall not be considered until the petitioner has submitted the required psychological and neuropsychological evaluations and proof of compliance with his drug screens and the Board has an opportunity to review the information.

This Order is effective upon the date of receipt, which shall be presumed to occur five (5) days after the date signed below.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Lief W. Erickson, Jr., M.D.
Secretary of the Board

8-23-04
Date