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IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST
JOHN GREGORY HOFFMANN, M.D.,
Respondent

ORDER DENYING THE STAY

On October 22, 1997, 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. Hoffmann 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.

At its meeting of March 26, 1998, the board was made aware that respondent's therapist, Dr. Engel, had not seen Dr. Hoffmann since October 17, 1997, and that Dr. Engel had not even been aware that a board Order had been issued. As of the day of the board's meeting, Dr. Hoffmann had still not seen Dr. Engel, though he was scheduled to see him on March 27, 1998. Accordingly, the board ordered that the suspension of the license be stayed for a period of one month and that Dr. Hoffmann appear before the board at its meeting of April 22, 1998, in support of any request for a further stay of the suspension. Dr. Hoffmann appeared on that date, and the board thereafter granted Dr. Hoffmann a three month stay by its Order dated April 30, 1998.

Pursuant to the board's Order, Dr. Hoffmann again appeared before the board at its meeting of September 24, 1998. At that time, he was asked to explain the circumstances of a recent relapse and a resultant DWI citation. The board considered the matter on that date, and ordered that the stay of the suspension of the license of Dr. Hoffmann be extended for an additional period of three months.

On December 16, 1998, the board considered Dr. Hoffmann's request for a further three month stay of the suspension of his license. The board at that time was presented with evidence that Dr. Hoffmann had again violated the terms and conditions of his limited license; including failure to participate in therapy sessions a minimum of once each week, failure to attend Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous meetings at least once per week, and failure to provide for timely reports by his Supervising Health Care Provider. Based upon that evidence, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Dr. Hoffmann's request for a further three month stay of the suspension of his license is denied, and the license is hereby suspended.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1998.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by Wanda Roevers
Board Secretary

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