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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

JOHN GREGORY HOFFMANN, M.D.,

Respondent

ORDER DENYING REINSTATEMENT

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 denied Dr. Hoffmann's request for a further three month stay of the suspension.

On January 20, 1999, the board considered Dr. Hoffmann's request that the stay of the suspension of his license be reinstated. Based upon that request, and upon evidence of his current compliance with the terms and conditions imposed by the board's Order, the board reinstated the stay by its Order dated January 27, 1999.

On March 25, 1999, June 23, 1999, September 23, 1999, December 15, 1999, and March 23, 2000, the board granted Dr. Hoffmann's requests for further stays of the suspension of his license.

On June 22, 2000, the board accepted Dr. Hoffmann's voluntary surrender of his license. By the terms of the Stipulation, respondent agreed that should he desire to renew his registration to practice, the board in its discretion could require respondent to establish that he is not impaired, and could limit his license in a manner consistent with limitations routinely imposed on credential holders who have a history of AODA, to ensure that respondent does not relapse and to protect the public.

On December 19, 2001, the board granted Dr. Hoffmann's request for reinstatement of a limited license to practice medicine and surgery.

On March 20, 2002, the board considered Dr. Hoffmann's request for a further three month extension of the limited license. Dr. Hoffmann's letter of February 22, 2002, requesting the extension was unclear in terms of whether Dr. Hoffmann was also requesting approval of a mentor or his proposed work setting. Accordingly, the board decided to extend the license for a period of one month, and to consider clarifying information on these issues at its April 2002, meeting.

On April 24, 2002, the board granted Dr. Hoffmann's request for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine and surgery, contingent upon his renewing his registration. The board also approved Dr. Hoffmann's requests that Dr. Marc Durette be approved as his practice mentor, and that Dr. Harriet Walker be approved as his therapist.

On July 24, 2002, the board considered Dr. Hoffmann's letter of July 4, 2002. In his letter, Dr. Hoffmann described his unsuccessful efforts to reestablish his medical practice, and notified the board that financial difficulties had made it impossible for him to comply with the board's Order except to abstain from alcohol and attend 12 step meetings. Based upon information provided by Dr. Hoffmann, the board ordered that further renewal of the license was denied.

By letter dated May 10, 2003, Dr. Hoffman requested the reinstatement of his limited license, and he appeared before the board on June 18, 2003, in support of his request. Based upon all information of record, it is ordered as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that reinstatement of the license of J. Gregory Hoffmann, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin is denied. As set forth in the board's Order Suspending the License dated August 1, 2002, Dr. Hoffmann may renew his application for reinstatement of his limited license at such time as he is able to demonstrate that he has complied with the board's Order for the previous three months.

Dated this 23rd day of June, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Alfred L. Franger, M.D.

Secretary