

**BEFORE THE INDIANA
BOARD OF PHARMACY
CAUSE NUMBER: 2013 IBP 0036**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE INDIANA
PHARMACIST LICENSE OF:**

**JAROSLAV BALAZ, R.PH.,
LICENSE NUMBER: 26013971A**



FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

The Indiana State Board of Pharmacy ("Board") held an administrative hearing on February 9, 2015, in Room W064 of the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, concerning Jaroslav Balaz's ("Balaz") request to reinstate his license.

The State of Indiana was represented by Laura Sahm of the Attorney General's Office. Balaz appeared in person and by counsel, Visvaldis Kupsis.

The Board, after considering the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter, voted 4 to 0 to issue the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Balaz, who resides at 15 Cypress Drive, Schererville, Indiana 46375, is a duly registered pharmacist in the State of Indiana holding license number 26013971A.
2. The Indiana Professional Licensing Agency sent, and Balaz received, timely and proper notice of the date, time and location of this hearing pursuant to Ind. Code §4-21.5-3-20.

3. The Board is empowered to hold this administrative hearing pursuant to the authority of Ind. Code §25-1-9-9 and Ind. Code §4-21.5-3.
4. The Board suspended Balaz's license in June 2013 because he had diverted drugs from his employer.
5. The Board subsequently reinstated his license on probation on October 17, 2013 and ordered him to comply with a monitoring agreement with the Pharmacists Recovery Network ("PRN").
6. In April 2014 he tested positive for barbiturates and the PRN terminated his contract.
7. As a result the Board ultimately suspended his license again in June 2013.
8. Balaz requested that his license be reinstated in January 2015.
9. At the hearing on reinstatement, Balaz testified that he has fulfilled all the conditions for reinstatement of his license which included complying with his new recovery monitoring agreement with PRN. Carol Dunham of PRN testified that Balaz has been complying with his three year PRN agreement which he signed in June 2014.
10. The Board concluded that the evidence demonstrates that Balaz may practice pharmacy with reasonable skill and safety to the public, but only under restrictions.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. "The board may reinstate a license which has been suspended under this chapter if, after a hearing, the board is satisfied that the applicant is able to practice with reasonable skill and safety to the public. As a condition of reinstatement, the board may impose disciplinary or corrective measures authorized under this chapter." Ind. Code § 25-1-9-11.

2. Because Balaz has established that he may practice with reasonable skill and safety to the public if he complies with the terms of his probation, he qualifies for reinstatement of his license on probation.

ORDER

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law the Board issues the following Order:

Balaz's license shall be placed on **INDEFINITE PROBATION**. Balaz may not seek withdrawal of the probationary status of his license until after the completion of his PRN agreement.

1. During the Probationary Period, Balaz's pharmacist's license shall be governed by the following **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**:
 - a. Balaz shall keep the Board apprised of his current residence, mailing address, e-mail address and residential telephone number at all times;
 - b. Balaz shall keep the Board apprised of his place of employment, employment telephone number and name of his supervisor at all times.
 - c. Balaz shall keep the Board informed of his occupation title and work schedule, including the number of hours worked per week at all times.
 - d. Balaz shall cause his pharmacy employer to submit supervisory reports to the Board in care of the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency addressing his professional competence, sense of responsibility, work habits, mental attitude and ability to work with others throughout the probationary period. The reports are to be submitted quarterly.

- e. Balaz shall provide a copy of all Board orders, including this one, imposing discipline or limiting practice to any pharmacy employer who shall sign and return a copy of such orders to the Board within ten (10) days of employment or receipt of the Order.
- f. Balaz shall submit self-reflections/reports detailing his current status, his progress in recovery, issues or problems he is experiencing, and the value he has gained by attending counseling or group recovery sessions. These reports are due quarterly.
- g. Balaz shall notify the Board in writing of any discipline incurred in other states during the duration of his probation; including any relevant criminal or licensing charges pending.
- h. Balaz shall submit a copy of any prescription he receives for personal consumption to the Board.
- i. Balaz shall not be a qualifying pharmacist while he is on probation.
- j. Balaz shall make probationary appearances before the Board at the normally scheduled monthly board meetings on a quarterly basis. His first appearance will be on March 9, 2015.
- k. Balaz shall maintain and comply with his monitoring contract with the PRN for the entire period of time he is on probation.
- l. Balaz shall comply with all state and federal laws regulating the practice of pharmacy or operation of a pharmacy.
- m. Balaz shall perform four hours of community service a quarter and document his having done so during his personal appearances.

2. It is further Ordered that:

- a. Any information received by any other regulatory agency that indicates non-compliance with the statutes or regulations regarding the competent practice of pharmacy;
- b. a positive urine drug screen; or
- c. a violation of the Final Order,

may result in the State requesting an emergency suspension of Balaz's license, as well as possible reinstatement of the initial action giving rise to this resolution, an Order to Show Cause as may be issued by the Board, or a new cause of action being filed pursuant to Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(10), any or all of which could lead to additional sanctions, up to and including a revocation of Balaz's license.

SO ORDERED this 19th day of February, 2015.

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

By: Herbert W Rhoad
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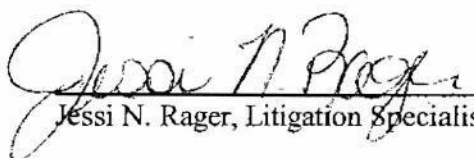
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