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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE SOCIAL WORKER SECTION
EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY:

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST:

JEFFREY P. VANDEN HEUVEL,
RESPONDENT

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
LS0009141SOC

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stats. §227.53 are:

Jeffrey P. Vanden Heuvel
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Social Worker Section
Examining Board of Social Workers,
Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors
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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision in this matter, subject to the approval of the Social Worker Section. The Section has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Section in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jeffrey P. Vanden Heuvel, Respondent, date of birth December 25, 1962, was certified as a social worker in the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to certificate number 3137, which was first granted on February 14, 1994.
2. Respondent was granted certification pursuant to the grand-parenting provisions of 1991 Act 160, §21(2)(a)2, based upon his having been employed as a social worker at some time between May 1, 1992 and April 30, 1993. Respondent received a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in June, 1985.
3. Respondent's certificate to practice social work in Wisconsin expired on June 30, 1999, when it was due for renewal
4. Respondent's last address reported to the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 4081 State Road 91,

Oshkosh, WI 54904.

5. Beginning September 25, 1985, Respondent was employed as a social worker by the Winnebago County Department of Social Services (WCDSS). Respondent was placed on administrative leave from that position on July 23, 1997 and remained on leave until he resigned, effective March 9, 1999

6. Respondent's position at WCDSS was as a provider worker for children in foster care. Respondent's job duties, as described in his position description, included:

- o Assuming primary responsibility for crisis resolution with children and providers.
- o Actively communicating pertinent case data to case managers and other involved persons with case plans, such as schools or biological parents.

8. Respondent was a provider worker assigned to adolescent males placed in a foster home operated by Terry Mueller in 1995-1997. Respondent visited the home on average 3 times a month. It was discovered that Mr. Mueller had taken pictures of some of the boys while they were nude. An investigation was conducted by law enforcement authorities and Mr. Mueller was ultimately convicted of sexually abusing boys placed in his care.

9. During the investigation of the allegations against Terry Mueller, law enforcement authorities became aware of allegations that prior to the investigation Respondent had been made aware of information, which allegedly should have made Respondent suspicious of Mr. Mueller's conduct and which allegedly should have resulted in further investigation or reporting by Respondent. Respondent did not do further investigation of any information and did not report any information to anyone.

10. Law enforcement authorities then conducted an investigation of the allegations concerning Respondent in an attempt to determine if the allegations were true and, if they were true, whether they constituted a violation of § 48.981(2), Stats., for failing to report abuse or neglect of a child.

11. Because the Winnebago County District Attorneys Office had a conflict of interest the Racine County District Attorneys Office served as special prosecutor in evaluating the results of the investigation.

12. On February 18, 1999, Respondent and the Racine County District Attorneys Office entered into an agreement that the investigation would be closed and Respondent:

- a. Would resign from WCDSS.
- b. Would allow his social worker certification to expire June 30, 1999.
- c. Would not seek to renew his social worker certification.

13. Respondent contends that he did not violate § 48.981, Stats, but for personal reasons does not wish to practice as a social worker.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Social Worker Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to §457.26(2), Stats.

2. The Social Worker Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors has authority to enter into this stipulated resolution pursuant to §227.44(5), Stats.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Jeffrey P. Vanden Heuvel shall never seek to renew his social worker certification or apply for any credential from the Social Worker Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors.

The rights of a party aggrieved by this Decision to petition the Board for rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth on the attached "Notice of Appeal Information".

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 14th day of September, 2000.

Cornelia Gordon-Hempe

Chairperson

Social Worker Section