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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF :
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : **FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**
:
CAROL L. BARTZ-BENTZ, O.T., : LS0703203OTB
RESPONDENT. :

Division of Enforcement Case # 04 OTB 2

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

Carol L. Bartz-Bentz
E5561 Hwy 161
Manawa, WI 54949

Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board
P.O. Box 8935
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is Carol L. Bartz-Bentz, O.T. (dob 6-30-58) and was at all times relevant to the facts set forth herein an occupational therapist licensed in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license #26-20, first granted on 4/19/90. Respondent is certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy.

2. Respondent did, on 10/20/03, sign the following statement, in connection with the renewal of her license:

I have or will have completed 18 points as an Occupational Therapist of continuing education within the two calendar years beginning January 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2003, and I have or will have evidence of this which I will furnish to the Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board upon request.

When evidence was requested, Respondent furnished a statement containing a listing of courses which contained inaccuracies as to date, time, or attendance, or were not approved. Respondent was able to document 5.25 points.

3. Respondent has furnished documentation that she accumulated 49 points of continuing education for the 2004-05 biennium.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. The Wisconsin Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.968, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

B. The conduct described in ¶2, above, violated Wis. Adm. Code § OT 3.06. Such conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of the Code and statutes.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the attached Stipulation is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Carol L. Bartz-Bentz, O.T., is REPRIMANDED for her unprofessional conduct in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the license to practice occupational therapy of Respondent is LIMITED in the following respect: Respondent shall, no later than 6/30/07, complete a satisfactory continuing education program in the area of ethics and professional integrity; this program shall be pre-approved by the Board or its designee. Upon documentation of this continuing education, which documentation is satisfactory to the Board's designee, staff may restore the unlimited license of Respondent without further action by the Board. None of the points obtained in satisfaction of this requirement shall be used to meet the continuing education requirement for the 2006-07 biennium.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that respondent shall pay partial COSTS of investigating and prosecuting this matter of \$500 no later than 3/31/07.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.51(3), violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the

alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order, following notice and an opportunity to be heard.

Dated this March 20, 2007.

WISCONSIN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

by: Brian B. Holmquist
a member of the Board