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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE SOCIAL WORKER SECTION
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING
AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF :
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
LAWRENCE E. WOODWARD II, L.C.S.W. : LS0803053SOC
RESPONDENT. :

Division of Enforcement Case # 06 SOC 063

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

Lawrence E. Woodward II, L.C.S.W.
T6972 Little Cain Road
Wausau, WI 54403

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Social Work Section
Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling
and Social Work Examining Board
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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 Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board. The Section has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Lawrence E. Woodward II, L.C.S.W., (DOB 08/25/1945) is duly licensed as a Social Worker in the State of Wisconsin (license #123-1269). This license was first granted on September 27, 1993.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board is T6972 Little Cain Road, Wausau, Wisconsin, 54403.

3. Respondent began treating patient T.F. on November 5, 1997, when he was asked by her current therapist to participate in a joint session involving her and her prospective husband. He then agreed to work with the couple, but says that he focused his attention on the prospective husband.

4. Respondent next saw patient T.F. on April 9, 1998, in a joint session with her prospective husband and his mother, who was encouraging the couple to seek guidance from Respondent.

5. Respondent next saw patient T.F., individually, on March 22, 2000 and for two individual sessions thereafter.

6. Respondent had a telephone contact with patient T.F. at some point regarding issues regarding her parents' divorce.

7. Respondent began treating patient T.F. again on February 22, 2006, and for some time thereafter. These sessions included individual, marital and family therapy. At that time, Respondent had already been seeing T.F.'s mother-in-law for nearly a year on a weekly basis regarding multiple extended family issues, including her distress about her son's marriage with T.F.

8. On or about June 27, 2006, during an individual session with Respondent, T.F. stated that she was planning to consult a divorce attorney. Respondent then revealed this confidential information to T.F.'s mother-in-law without T.F.'s consent.

9. Respondent states that he was under the impression that T.F.'s mother-in-law already knew T.F. was planning to consult a divorce attorney.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. The conduct described in paragraphs 8 above constitutes a violation of Wisconsin Administrative Code § MPSW 20.02(10) and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(f) and (h).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Lawrence E. Woodward II, L.C.S.W, is REPRIMANDED.
2. Respondent's license is LIMITED as follows:

Within six months of the date of this Order, Respondent shall provide proof of satisfactory completion of six hours of pre-approved continuing education in confidentiality and ethics for social workers. Respondent is responsible for finding appropriate courses and submitting the course information to the Section for approval prior to taking the courses and in sufficient time to obtain Section approval within the six month time frame, taking into account the Section's meeting schedule. Respondent is responsible for all costs associated with these courses. These courses may not be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements of Wis. Stat. 457.22 or Wis. Admin. Code Ch. MPSW 8.

3. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

Department Monitor

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4. In the event Respondent fails to pay costs as ordered, or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education, the Respondent's license (#123-1269) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

5. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board

By: Mary Jo Walsh
A Member of the Section

3/5/08
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING
AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF :
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 :
LAWRENCE E. WOODWARD II, L.C.S.W. : STIPULATION
RESPONDENT. : LS# _____

Division of Enforcement Case # 06 SOC 063

Lawrence E. Woodward II, L.C.S.W., personally and by his attorney Robert Reinertson; and Jeanette Lytle, attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, stipulate:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation of Respondent's licensure by the Division of Enforcement (case # 06 SOC 063). Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation he voluntarily and knowingly waives his rights, including: the right to a hearing on the allegations against him, at which time the state has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to call witnesses on his behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena; the right to testify himself; the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision; the right to petition for rehearing; and all other applicable rights afforded to him under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and any other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent has obtained the advice of legal counsel prior to signing this stipulation.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board. The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Section's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Section, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall be returned to the Division of Enforcement for further proceedings. In the event that this Stipulation is not accepted by the Section, the parties agree not to contend that the Section has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Enforcement and any member of the Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Section in open or closed session, without the presence of the Respondent or his attorney, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Section may have in connection with the Section's deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such Section advisor may vote on whether the Section should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Section adopt this Stipulation, the Section's final decision and order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Enforcement joins Respondent in recommending the Section adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

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Date

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