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STATE OF WISCONSIN

EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS,

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

SOCIAL WORKER SECTION

In the Matter of the Application for

Certification as an Independent Clinical Social

Worker of

Catherine Jean Rogich,

Applicant

FINAL DECISION

(Class 1 Proceeding)

PARTIES

The parties in this matter under sec. 227.44, Stats. and ch. RL 1.04, Wis. Admin. Code, and for purposes of review under sec. 227.53, Stats., are:

Catherine Jean Rogich

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Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and

Family Therapists and Professional Counselors

1400 East Washington Ave.

Madison, WI 53703

The Social Worker Section of the Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors having held a hearing on the application for certification as an Independent Clinical Social Worker of Catherine Rogich, and having considered the entire record of the matter, makes the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order.

APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES AND

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

457.08 Social worker certificate and advanced practice certificates.

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(4) INDEPENDENT CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER CERTIFICATE. The social worker section shall grant an independent clinical social worker certificate to any individual who is certified under sub. (1) and does all of the following:

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(c) Submits evidence satisfactory to the social worker section that after receiving a master's or doctorate degree in social work he or she has engaged in the equivalent of at least 2 years of full-time supervised clinical social work practice approved by the social worker section.

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SFC 2.01 Definitions.

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(15) "Two years full time practice of social work" means 1600 hours of face-to-face client contact in not less than 24 months.

SFC 3.07 Application for certification as an independent social worker. In addition to paying the fee under s. 440.05 (1), Stats., an applicant for certification as an independent social worker shall submit the completed, signed application form and :

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(3) An affidavit that the applicant has completed the equivalent of 2 years of full-time practice of social work under the supervision of a supervisor approved by the social worker section after receiving a master's or doctoral degree. Pre-certification supervised practice shall meet the criteria under s. SFC 4.01.

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SFC 4.01 Supervised pre-certification social work practice. (1) Supervision of pre-certification practice of social work under s. 457.08 (3) (c), Stats., shall include the direction of social work practice in face-to-face individual or group sessions of at least one hour duration during each week of supervised practice of social work. Such supervision may be exercised by a person other than an employment supervisor.

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(b) After May 31, 1995, supervision may be exercised by either:

1. A social worker certified at least at the level of the social worker being supervised, if the supervising social worker is qualified to practice without supervision, or
2. A psychologist licensed under ch. 455, Stats., or a psychiatrist licensed under ch. 448, Stats., if the social worker section determines that supervision by a certified social worker is unobtainable or unreasonably restrictive of the delivery of social work services to a particular population, or unduly interferes with training social workers in providing services to a particular population.

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

A. Catherine Jean Rogich initially applied for certification as an Independent Clinical Social Worker on February 29, 2000.

B. The Social Worker Section of the Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors (hereinafter "the section") reviewed the application material supplied by Ms. Rogich, denied her application, and notified Ms. Rogich of its decision on October 27, 2000.

C. On December 11, 2000, Ms. Rogich requested a hearing on the denial. A hearing was scheduled for April 27, 2001, and a Notice of Hearing was mailed to Ms. Rogich on April 12, 2001. Ms. Rogich appeared in person at the hearing.

D. This final decision is based on the evidence presented at the April 27, 2001, hearing as well as all the material provided by Ms. Rogich.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant, Catherine Jean Rogich, applied for certification as an Independent Clinical Social Worker.

2. In her application, Ms. Rogich reported that her period of pre-certification supervised practice in Goodwill Industries in Racine, Wisconsin, from January 1997 to December 1998 was supervised by John Hippe and Cheryl Mathews. John Hippe and Cheryl Mathews are certified advanced practice social workers.

3. In her application, Ms. Rogich reported that her period of pre-certification supervised practice with Transitional Living Services in Racine, Wisconsin, from January 1999 to the present was supervised by John Hippe, Liz Aldred and Steven Ortell. Liz Aldred is a certified advanced practice social worker and Steven Ortell is a psychiatrist.

4. Supervision by an Independent Clinical Social Worker was available to Ms. Rogich in the Racine area, and would not have been unduly restrictive of the delivery of social work services to a particular population, or unduly interfere with training social workers in providing services to a particular population.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- I. The Social Worker Section of the Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to section 15.405 and chapter 457, Stats.
- II. The applicant, Catherine Jean Rogich, has not completed the requirements established by statute and rule for certification as an Independent Clinical Social Worker.
- III. The applicant, Catherine Jean Rogich, has completed the requirements to permit her to take the examination for certification as an Independent Social Worker.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the application for certification as an Independent Clinical Social Worker of applicant Catherine Jean Rogich shall be and hereby is DENIED.

APPEAL INFORMATION

The applicant's right to request rehearing and for judicial review is set forth in the enclosed "Notice of Appeal Information".

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, May 1, 2001.

Kimberly Nania, Director

Bureau of Health Services Professions, designated representative of the
Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage
and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors