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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : LS0207312PSY
ANDREW W. PAULSON, PH.D., :
RESPONDENT. :

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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

Andrew W. Paulson, Ph.D.
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Wisconsin Psychology Examining Board
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Department of Regulation and Licensing
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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 Psychology Examining 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. Andrew W. Paulson, Ph.D., Respondent, date of birth September 19, 1959, is licensed by the Wisconsin Psychology Examining Board as a psychologist in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 1852, which was first granted July 15, 1994.

2. Respondent's last address reported to the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 14 Ellis Pottle Court, Suite 200, Madison, WI 53711.

3. Each person licensed to practice as a psychologist in the state of Wisconsin, who wishes to remain licensed, must renew that license biennially, by October 1 of each odd numbered year. [§§ 440.08(2)(a)64., and 455.06, Stats.]

4. To be qualified to renew the license for the next biennial registration period, the licensee must have completed at least 40 hours of board-approved continuing education in the previous biennial registration period. [Wis. Adm. Code §§ Psy 4.01 and Psy 4.02]

5. In November 1999, the Board audited Respondent's compliance with the continuing education requirements for the October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1999 biennium.

The audit disclosed that Respondent had committed a minor violation of the Board's continuing education requirements during that period.

Respondent was issued an administrative warning which put Respondent on notice that any subsequent similar violation might result in disciplinary action.

Respondent was informed that he would again be audited following the October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2001 biennium.

6. Respondent renewed his license for the October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2003 biennium by completing and signing a renewal form that was sent to him by the Department of Regulation and Licensing. That renewal form contained the following language, immediately above the line which Respondent was to date and sign:

"I have or will have completed 40 contact hours of board-approved continuing education, including 8 hours in ethics, during the biennium immediately preceding this application (10/1/99-9/30/01), and I have or will have evidence of this which I will furnish to the Psychology Examining Board upon request."

7. On December 28, 2001, Respondent was sent a letter auditing Respondent's compliance with the continuing education requirements for the October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2001 biennium.

8. In response to this audit, Respondent submitted documentation of having completed "*Ethics in Psychology, 2nd Edition*" (17 hours) and "*Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, 2nd Edition*" (27 hours), sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Human Knowledge, an APA-approved sponsor. (Total: 44 hours)

9. Although Respondent provided documentation of having completed more than 40 hours of continuing education, including 17 hours in ethics, the Board may grant no more than 20 hours of credit within any specific continuing education program [Wis. Adm. Code § Psy 4.02(6)]. As a result, it was determined that Respondent could be granted credit for only 37 hours of board-approved continuing education.

10. In response to a request by the Division of Enforcement, Respondent submitted documentation of having obtained an additional 5.5 hours of board-approved continuing education after September 30, 2001, by presenting at and attending "*Through the Eyes of a Child: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Child Advocacy*," sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Extension. Of the additional 5.5 hours, 3 hours have been counted toward fulfilling the continuing education requirements for the 1999-2001 biennium. Respondent shall not count those 3 hours toward the 40 hours he will be required to obtain

during the current biennium.

11. Respondent had completed only 37 of the required 40 hours of board-approved continuing education during the October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2001 biennium and, therefore, was in violation of Wis. Adm. Code § 5.01(28) for having violated the continuing education requirements of § 455.06, Stats.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Psychology Examining Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to § 455.09, Stats.

2. The Wisconsin Psychology Examining Board has authority to enter into this stipulated resolution of this matter pursuant to § 227.44(5), Stats.

3. Respondent, by only obtaining 37 of the required 40 hours of board-approved continuing education during the biennium immediately preceding his application for the renewal of his license for the October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2003 biennium, as required by Wis. Adm. Code § PSY 4.01 and 4.02(1)(a), is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code § PSY 5.01(28) and § 455.09(1)(g), Stats.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Respondent, Andrew W. Paulson, Ph.D., is hereby REPRIMANDED for his conduct.

2. Respondent is prohibited from applying 3 of the 5.5 hours received for "*Through the Eyes of a Child: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Child Advocacy*," toward satisfaction of the continuing education required during the October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2003 registration biennium.

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 31st day of July, 2002.

Barbara A. Van Horne, M.B.A., Ph.D.

Chairperson

Psychology Examining Board