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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 :
: LS0209173SOC
JACQUELYNE KAY DIVALL, C.I.C.S.W., :
RESPONDENT :
FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
The parties to this action for the purposes of § 227.53, Stats., are: Jacquelyne Kay Divall, C.I.C.S.W. 429 E. Louisa Street Darlington, WI 53530
Social Worker Section Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors PO Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

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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. Jacquelyne Kay Divall (a/k/a Jacquelyne Kay Taylor), C.I.C.S.W., Respondent, date of birth February 17, 1965, is certified by the Social Worker Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors as an independent clinical social worker in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to certificate number 3290, which was first granted on February 16, 1995.
- 2. Respondent's last address reported to the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 429 East Louisa Street, Darlington, WI 53530.
- 3. Respondent was granted certification pursuant to the grandparenting provisions of 1991 Wisconsin Act 160, § 21(2)(d), based upon her having obtained a master's degree in a program approved by the Social Worker Section and having engaged in at least two years of full-time supervised/clinical social work practice. For this reason, Respondent did not take the examination otherwise required for certification.
- 4. Respondent's degree is a master of science in education, with a major in counselor education, which she received in 1990 from the University of Wisconsin Platteville.
- 5. During the events of this matter, Respondent was employed as an independent clinical social worker at Lafayette County Human Services (LCHS) in Darlington, Wisconsin. Respondent was the Behavioral Health Sciences Manager at LCHS.
- 6. From January 23, 2001 to April 3, 2001, Respondent provided five outpatient psychotherapy sessions to Mr. A, addressing issues related to Mr. A's divorce. LCHS closed Mr. A's case on May 1, 2001 after a follow-up call to Mr. A verified his decision to discontinue therapy sessions.
- 7. On May 18, 2001, Respondent and Mr. A happened to attend the same social event. Respondent and Mr. A spoke briefly and exchanged pleasantries. After the party, Respondent and a friend went to a local pub, where Respondent again encountered Mr. A and they spoke to each other.
- 8. Respondent and Mr. A had continued contacts and during June 2001, Respondent and Mr. A began a personal relationship.
- 9. In January 2002, the LCHS Administrator (Administrator) met with Respondent and informed her that her actions with Mr. A were in violation of the ethical guidelines for social workers. Respondent chose to submit her letter of resignation on that date, effective immediately.
- 10. Sometime following June 2001, Respondent and Mr. A began farming together, which they continue to do to this date.

independent clinical 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 \S 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.
3. Respondent, by failing to avoid a dual relationship or relationship that may impair Respondent's objectivity or create a conflict of interest, has committed unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Cod § SFC 20.02(13), and is subject to discipline pursuant to § 457.26(2)(f), Stats.
<u>ORDER</u>
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the SURRENDER by
Jacquelyne Kay Divall, Respondent, of her certificate to practice as an independent clinical social worker in the state of Wisconsin is hereby ACCEPTED, effective immediately.
The rights of a party aggrieved by this Decision to petition the Section for rehearing and to petition for judicial review is set forth on the attached "Notice of Appeal Information."
Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this17th day of September, 2002.
Douglas Knight

Chairperson

Social Worker Section