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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	LS0303271SOC
NANCY JEANNE KLUGE, C.S.W.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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

Nancy Jeanne Kluge, C.S.W.  
14037 W. Lang Road  
Orfordville, WI 53576

Social Worker Section  
Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling  
and Social Work Examining Board  
PO Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

## 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 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. Nancy Jeanne Kluge, C.S.W., Respondent, date of birth September 5, 1956, is certified by the Social Worker Section as a social worker in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to certificate number 4404, which was first granted January 30, 1995.

2. Respondent's last address reported to the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 14037 W. Lang Road, Orfordville, WI 53576

3. Respondent was originally granted certification pursuant to the grandparenting provisions of 1991 Wisconsin Act 160 § 21(2)(a) (non-statutory provisions). Respondent does not have a bachelor's degree in social work and was not required to take the examination otherwise required for certification.

4. For approximately seven years, ending in mid-2001, Respondent was employed as the Program Supervisor at Tellurian UCAN, Inc. in Monona, Wisconsin.

5. Tellurian UCAN identifies itself as:

"Tellurian UCAN, Inc. is a not-for-profit agency that provides a wide array of human services. Services address problems relating to substance abuse and addictions, mental illness, and homelessness. We serve individuals and their families at all levels of need. Services can be purchased directly by individuals, but fees are also covered by many insurance and HMO plans. Tellurian receives a wide array of funding through Federal, State, and County contracts to support services for those unable to pay. The level of care provided is based upon the unique needs of each individual seeking services, and is sensitive to the cultural backgrounds of its clients and patients."

6. On February 27, 2002, Respondent was charged in Dane County Circuit Court case number 02-CF-602, with one count of violating § 943.20(1)(b)(3)(c), Stats., Theft-Business Setting, greater than \$2,500, a class C felony. The criminal complaint alleged that Respondent, in her role as Program Supervisor, had stolen more than \$28,000 from Tellurian UCAN.

7. On June 5, 2002, Respondent was found guilty of one count of violating § 943.20(1)(b), Stats. On August 19, 2002, Respondent was sentenced on that conviction and two counts of forgery/uttering, which were dismissed as part of the plea agreement, were read in for consideration in sentencing. Respondent was sentenced to:

a) Ten years of probation, which may be reduced to five years, if all restitution is paid.

b) Four months in Dane County Jail, with Huber privileges.

c) Restitution of \$35,838.77, with administrative costs of \$3,583.88.

8. § 943.20(1)(b)(3)(c), Stats., Theft-Business Setting, greater than \$2,500, a class C felony, is a crime the circumstances of which substantially relate to Respondent's practice of social work under her certificate.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to § 457.26(2), Stats.

2. The Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board has authority to enter into this stipulated resolution of this matter pursuant to § 227.44(5), Stats.

3. Respondent, by having violated laws, the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice under her credential, has engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(2) and is subject to discipline pursuant to § 457.26(2)(f), Stats.

4. Respondent, by having been convicted of offenses, the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of social work, is subject to discipline pursuant to § 457.26(2)(b), Stats.

### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Nancy Jeanne Kluge's certificate as a social worker in the state of Wisconsin is hereby **REVOKED**, effective immediately.

The rights of a party aggrieved by this Decision to petition the Section for rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth on the attached "Notice of Appeal Information."

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 27th day of March, 2003.

George J. Kamps, L.C.S.W.

Chairperson

Social Worker Section