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BEFORE THE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR SECTION
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING
AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : LS0306259CPC
HONOR K. WILLIAMS, L.P.C., :
RESPONDENT. :

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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

Honor K. Williams, L.P.C.

4199 Lookout Trail

McFarland, WI 53558

Professional Counselor Section

Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling
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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 Professional Counselor 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. Honor K. Williams, L.P.C., Respondent, date of birth February 9, 1955, is licensed by the Professional Counselor Section as a professional counselor in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to certificate number 779, which was first granted September 24, 1993. (Prior to a statutory change effective 11/01/02, Respondent's credential was a certificate as a professional counselor.)

2. Respondent was granted certification pursuant to the grandparenting provisions of 1991 Wisconsin Act 160, § 21(2)(f) and, for this reason, did not take the examination otherwise required for certification.

3. Respondent's last address reported to the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 4199 Lookout Trail, McFarland, WI 53558.

4. For several years and until February 2002, Respondent was employed providing professional services to clients at the Jefferson County Human Services Department (JCHSD) in Jefferson, Wisconsin.

5. On August 15, 1994, Mr. A (born in 1962) was convicted of 1st degree sexual assault of a child and sentenced to prison. Mr. A was paroled from prison April 6, 1999 and began to receive professional services from Respondent at JCHSD. The professional services provided to Mr. A by Respondent were related to his sex-offending behavior. Mr. A remained on parole and Respondent's client until August 13, 2001.

6. Respondent began having a sexual relationship with Mr. A, her client, in May 2001. Respondent knew sexual contact with clients and former clients was prohibited by law.

7. Respondent left her position at JCHSD in February 2002. On December 1, 2002, Respondent told a person who was her colleague and friend that Respondent was involved in a sexual relationship with Mr. A, which had begun in May 2001.

8. The friend encouraged Respondent to report herself to the licensing authorities. Respondent did not self report and on January 20, 2003, the friend sent a letter to the licensing authorities reporting Respondent. At the same time, the friend sent a copy of the letter to Respondent.

9. On January 27, 2003, the Department of Regulation and Licensing received a letter from Respondent which was dated January 13, 2003. In its entirety, the letter read:

"Please be advised that, effective immediately, I am relinquishing my certification/licenses of Social Worker and Professional Counselor. I no longer work in that career field. Thank You."

10. Prior to this date, the Section has not accepted the surrender of Respondent's license as a professional counselor.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Professional Counselor 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 Professional Counselor 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's conduct with Mr. A, as set out above, constitutes engaging in sexual contact and sexual conduct with a client during, and within 2 years after termination of, professional services and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to § 457.26(2)(h), Stats., and Wis. Adm. Code § MPSW 20.02(11).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the SURRENDER by Honor K. Williams, L.P.C, Respondent, of her licensure as a professional counselor 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 are set forth on the attached "Notice of Appeal Information."

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 25th day of June, 2003.

LaMarr Franklin

Vice-Chairperson

Professional Counselor Section