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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	:	
	:	LS0403035SOC
ANNE V. EHRMENTRAUT, 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:

Anne V. Ehrmentraut, C.S.W.  
549 Riford Road  
Neenah, WI 54956

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  
Division of Enforcement  
PO Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

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 adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Anne V. Ehrmentraut, C.S.W., Respondent, date of birth April 24, 1954, was certified by the Social Worker Section as a social worker in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to certificate number 5087, which was first granted June 30, 1995.
2. Respondent received a bachelor's degree from Nazareth College in Rochester, New York in 1976.
3. Respondent received her certification under the grandparenting provisions of Wis. Adm. Code § SFC 3.03 and the non-statutory provisions of section 21 of 1991 Wisconsin Act 160, and therefore, was not required to take and pass the examinations currently required for certification as a social worker.
4. Credentials from the Social Worker Section expire on June 30 of odd numbered years unless they are renewed. Respondent submitted an application for renewal of her certificate shortly before it was to expire on June 30, 1997. The application was received by the Department of Regulation and Licensing (Department) on June 18, 1997.
5. Pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code § RL 9.04(2), the Department determined that Respondent had a delinquent tax account with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (Revenue) and notified Revenue that Respondent had applied for renewal.
6. Pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code § RL 9.04(3), on June 26, 1997, Revenue sent Respondent a notice that her renewal application would be denied by the Department unless Revenue notified the Department that Respondent had paid the tax delinquency. The notice told Respondent how to pay the delinquency.

7. Respondent's husband has executed an affidavit for the Division of Enforcement (Division) stating that at that time, he was trying to prevent Respondent from knowing the extent of their financial difficulties and for that reason, after he read the notice from Revenue, he destroyed it and did not tell Respondent about it or its contents.

8. On August 7, 1997, Revenue sent the Department a certificate that Respondent had been "finally determined to be liable for delinquent taxes."

9. On September 17, 1997, the Department sent Respondent a Notice of Denial advising her that her renewal application had been denied pursuant to § 440.08(4)(b)1, Stats., which requires the Department to deny applications for renewal when the Department has received a certificate from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue that a credential holder is liable for delinquent taxes. The Notice of Denial was sent by certified mail to the address which remains Respondent's current address and was signed for by Daniel Ehrmentraut on September 22, 1997.

10. Respondent's husband has executed an affidavit for the Division stating that at that time, he was trying to prevent Respondent from knowing the extent of their financial difficulties and for that reason, after he read the notice from the Department, he destroyed it and did not tell Respondent about it or its contents.

11. Because Respondent's certificate was not current, Respondent was not sent renewal notices prior to June 30, 1999 and June 30, 2001, the subsequent dates on which social worker certificates expired.

12. Pursuant to § 457.04(1), Stats., no person shall use the title "social worker" unless the person is currently certified as a social worker by the Social Worker Section.

13. From the time Respondent's certificate expired in 1997 to September 2000, Respondent did not use the title "social worker." In September 2000, Respondent was employed as a social worker by the Vallhaven Health Center (Vallhaven) in Neenah, Wisconsin and began using the title social worker, although she was not certified as a social worker.

14. At the time Respondent began her employment at Vallhaven, Respondent was required to provide proof that she was a certified social worker. Respondent showed Vallhaven her wall certificate, which does not contain an expiration date, which Vallhaven accepted as evidence of current certification.

15. On March 5, 2002, Vallhaven was conducting a review of the status of all employees' credentials and learned that Respondent was not certified. Vallhaven notified Respondent that she must renew her certificate before she could return to work.

16. On March 5, 2002, Respondent or her husband contacted Revenue and made arrangements to pay the tax delinquency in installments. Revenue released the hold that day.

17. On March 6, 2002, Respondent called the Department to begin the renewal process and her certificate was renewed that day.

### 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 using the title "social worker" for approximately 16 months while not certified as a social worker violated § 457.04(1), Stats., and is subject to discipline pursuant to § 457.26(2)(h), Stats.

### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Respondent, Anne V. Ehrmentraut, C.S.W., is hereby REPRIMANDED for the conduct set out above.
2. Respondent shall, within 30 days of the date of this Order, take and pass the examination consisting of the Wisconsin statutes and rules (Jurisprudence Examination), now required to obtain an original credential from the Section.
3. Respondent shall, within 60 days of the date of this Order, pay the costs of this proceeding in the amount of \$ 480.00 to the Department of Regulation and Licensing, pursuant to § 440.22(2), Stats.
4. Proof of taking and passing the Jurisprudence Examination and payment of costs shall be mailed, faxed or delivered to:

Department Monitor  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
Division of Enforcement  
1400 East Washington Ave.  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935  
Fax: (608) 266-2264  
Telephone: (608) 267-3817

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2004.

George Kamps, L.C.S.W.  
Chairperson  
Social Worker Section