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

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : LS0403036SOC
CHRISTINA M. HUBERT, T.C.S.W. :
RESPONDENT. :

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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

Christina M. Hubert, T.C.S.W.
316 Long Street
Eau Claire, WI 54703

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 in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Christina M. Hubert, T.C.S.W., Respondent, date of birth July 25, 1975, was granted temporary social worker certificate number 8423 by the Social Worker Section on September 2, 2003. Respondent did not hold any certificate as a social worker prior to the temporary certificate.
2. Pursuant to § 457.04(1), Stats, no person shall use the title “social worker” unless the person is certified as a social worker by the Social Worker Section.
3. Respondent received a bachelor’s degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin-Madison on May 21, 2000.
4. Respondent took and passed the Wisconsin Statutes and Rules (Jurisprudence) examination on August 13, 2003.
5. During the time Respondent was a student, course work in the Social Work Department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison included instruction that one must be certified as a social worker in Wisconsin to legally identify oneself to public as a social worker.
6. On December 16, 2002, Respondent was employed by the Eau Claire County Department of Human Services with the payroll title “Social Worker III.” Her payroll title became “Social Worker IV” on March 28, 2003.
7. From the time of her employment through June 30, 2003, Respondent illegally identified herself as “Social Worker III” and “Social Worker IV” on all documents and letters she signed in her employment. During that time, the

professional business card she used had the words “social worker” printed below her printed name.

8. On June 30, 2003, Respondent was advised by her employment supervisor that it was inappropriate for Respondent to use the title “social worker.” Respondent immediately began using the title “case worker.”

9. Respondent then applied for a temporary social worker certificate which was granted September 2, 2003. Since that time, Respondent has been able to use the title social worker.

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” 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, Christina M. Hubert, T.C.S.W., is hereby REPRIMANDED for the conduct set out above.
2. Respondent shall, within 60 days of the date of this Order, pay the costs of this proceeding in the amount of \$ 275.00 to the Department of Regulation and Licensing, pursuant to § 440.22(2), Stats.
3. Payment shall be mailed 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 3rd day of March, 2004.

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