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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 | : | |
| | : | LS0406092SOC |
| PATRICIA J. SKIBINSKI, C.S.W., | : | |
| RESPONDENT. | : | |

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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

Patricia J. Skibinski, C.S.W.
1013 N. Glenview Avenue
Milwaukee WI 53213

Social Worker Section
Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling
& 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. Patricia J. Skibinski, C.S.W., Respondent, date of birth October 15, 1949, is certified by the Social Worker Section as a social worker in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to certificate number 3261, which was first granted March 11, 1994.
2. Respondent's last address reported to the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 1013 N. Glenview Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53213.
3. Respondent was granted certification pursuant to the grandparenting provisions of 1991 Wisconsin Act 160, § 21(2)(a)1 and, for this reason, did not take the examination otherwise required for certification.
4. During the events of this matter, Respondent was employed as a social worker by Community Care for the Elderly (CCE)-St. Michael's Partnership in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
5. On November 24, 2003, Respondent and a CCE nurse practitioner were to make a joint home visit to Ms. A

who had been temporarily placed at Prospect Place, a CCE group home. The purpose of the visit was to have Ms. A review and sign several forms prior to her admission to the Prospect Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF) on November 25, 2003. Because the nurse practitioner was unable to attend the meeting, only Respondent met with Ms. A and one of Ms. A's family members.

6. During the meeting, Respondent completed a Health Care Decisions Order Form with Ms. A. The Health Care Decisions Order Form is considered by CCE to be a physician's order and therefore must be completed only by a physician or nurse practitioner. The purpose of the form is to document the client's health care wishes including an order to "Resuscitate" (CPR) or "Do Not Resuscitate" (DNR), and other medical interventions.

7. Respondent:

made a change from the 2002 form regarding Ms. A's wishes on hospitalization.

represented that the form was discussed with Ms. A and two of her relatives when only one was present.

printed the nurse practitioner's name in the box designated for the nurse practitioner's signature and dated it, which implied that the nurse practitioner completed the form and was present for the discussion with Ms. A.

did not discuss the form with the nurse practitioner, who was not aware that the form had been completed with her name.

placed the form she completed on Ms. A's chart and did not notify anyone of the changes in the form.

8. As a result of the above conduct, Respondent was suspended without pay for two weeks, and subsequently submitted her resignation from her employment at CCE.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

3. Respondent, by engaging in the conduct set out above, reported misleading information in practice in violation of Wis. Adm. Code § MPSW 20.02(7), and is subject to discipline pursuant to § 457.26(2)(f), Stats.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Respondent, Patricia J. Skibinski, C.S.W., is REPRIMANDED for the conduct set out above.

2. Respondent shall, within 90 days of the date of this Order, pay to the Department of Regulation and Licensing costs of this proceeding in the amount of \$400.00 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 9th day of June, 2004.

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