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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

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

JULIE ANN BUKOWSKI, : LS0602012SOC

RESPONDENT. :

Division of Enforcement Case # 05 SOC 052

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Julie Ann Bukowski 1418 Fairmount St. Wausau, WI 54403

Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
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Social Worker Section

Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

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 of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board. The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Julie Ann Bukowski, (DOB 09/23/1949) is certified by the Social Worker Section as a social worker in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to certificate number 2481, which was first granted December 29, 1993.
- 2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board is 1418 Fairmount Street, Wausau, Wisconsin.
- 3. At all relevant times, Respondent was employed as a social worker at Stanley Correctional Institution. Stanley Correctional Institution had a policy against fraternization with inmates. Respondent was aware of this policy.

- 4. In or about 2004, Respondent became friendly with E.M., an inmate on her unit.
- 5. In or about July, 2004, E.M. asked Respondent to bring him some tobacco. She purchased two packs of cigarettes with her own money and delivered them to E.M.
- 6. Sometime later, E.M. asked Respondent to bring him chewing tobacco. She purchased the chewing tobacco with her own money and delivered it to E.M.
- 7. Thereafter, E.M. asked Respondent to rent a post office box in a fictitious name. He told her that he or someone outside the prison would write to her and include cash or a money order. He told her that return addresses and names would usually be false. Respondent complied with E.M.'s request. The letters that came to the post office box were posted from Madison, Racine and Kenosha.
- 8. According to E.M.'s instructions, on several occasions, Respondent picked up cash or money orders, then spoke to E.M. the next day to find out what he wanted. Then she went out after work and spent the money on whatever E.M. told her to buy. The next day she would bring the contraband into the institution. E.M. would come to her office and would conceal the items in his socks or waistband and bring them back to the unit.
- 9. Respondent did not know what became of the items after she delivered them to E.M. Respondent states that she brought only tobacco items into the prison. However on at least one occasion, Respondent delivered an unopened package to E.M. and could not see the contents.
- 10. Respondent pled no contest to Delivering Illegal Articles to an Inmate, a Class I felony, and five counts of Disorderly Conduct, Class B Misdemeanors. The criminal prosecution of the charge for Delivering Illegal Articles to Inmate is being held in abeyance for forty-eight (48) months pending compliance with probation. Upon successful completion of probation, the charge will be dismissed.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. The conduct described in paragraphs 3 10 above constitutes a violation of Wisconsin Administrative Code §§ MPSW 20.02(2), MPSW 20.02(13), MPSW 20.02(22), Wis. Stat. §§ 457.26(2)(b) and 457.26(2)(g).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. The certificate of Julie Bukowski to practice as a social worker in the State of Wisconsin is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR.
 - (a) Respondent shall mail or physically deliver all indicia of certification to the Department Monitor within 14 days of the effective date of this Order.
 - (b) AFTER ONE YEAR from the date of this Order, the suspension may be STAYED in the Board's discretion if the Respondent petitions the board and proves that the following conditions have been met to the Board's satisfaction:
 - a. Respondent has undergone a psychological evaluation by a treater approved in advance by the board and the treater is of the opinion that Respondent is able to safely practice as a social worker. The treater must provide a written opinion along with any petition by the Respondent.

The Board may require that the treater appear before the Board in person for questioning.

- b. Respondent must have completed a course in Ethics for Social Workers to be approved in advance by the board. This course must address dual relationships and fraternization with clients in correctional settings. No course taken in satisfaction of this order may be used to satisfy the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 457.22. Respondent is responsible for all costs associated with this Order including but not limited to the costs of this course.
- 2. Respondent's license is LIMITED as follows:
 - (a) Respondent is prohibited from working in a corrections setting. This includes, without limitation due to enumeration, prisons, jails, halfway houses, Huber centers, and any locked institutions such as mental health facilities.
- 3. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement

Department of Regulation and Licensing
P.O. Box 8935

Madison, WI 53708-8935

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- 3. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to pay costs as ordered, the Respondent's certificate (#2481) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.
 - 4. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board

By: Mary Jo Walsh 2/1/06

A Member of the Section Date

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

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	STIPULATION
JULIE ANN BUKOWSKI,	:	LS#
RESPONDENT.	:	

Division of Enforcement Case # 05 SOC 052

Julie Ann Bukowski, personally and by her attorney Peter C. Rotter; and Jeanette Lytle, attorney for the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, stipulate:

- 1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation of Respondent's licensure by the Division of Enforcement (case # 05 SOC 052). Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by stipulation and without the issuance of a formal complaint.
- 2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation she voluntarily and knowingly waives her rights, including: the right to a hearing on the allegations against her, at which time the state has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to call witnesses on her behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena; the right to testify herself; the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision; the right to petition for rehearing; and all other applicable rights afforded to her under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and any other provisions of state or federal law.
- 3. Respondent has been provided an opportunity to obtain the advice of legal counsel prior to signing this stipulation.
- 4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board. The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.
- 5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall be returned to the Division of Enforcement for further proceedings. In the event that this Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by consideration of this attempted resolution.
- 6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Enforcement and any member of the Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of the Respondent or her attorney, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with the Board's deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such Board advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.
- 7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's final decision and order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Enforcement joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation a attached Final Decision and Order.		
Julie Ann Bukowski 1418 Fairmount St. Wausau, WI 54403	Date	
Peter C. Rotter Attorney for Julie Ann Bukowski 408 Third St. #306 Wausau, WI 54403-5455	Date	
Jeanette Lytle, Attorney Division of Enforcement Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935	Date	