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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF	:	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
	:	
SARAH K. DOWNS,	:	LS0605013HAD
RESPONDENT.	:	

Division of Enforcement Case #04 HAD 010

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

Sarah K. Downs
4417 Regent Street
Duluth, MN 55804

Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
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Hearing and Speech 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 Hearing and Speech Examining Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Sarah K. Downs, (DOB 12/08/1977) is duly licensed as an audiologist in the state of Wisconsin (license #156-457). This license was granted on 06/18/2004.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Hearing and Speech Examining Board is 4417 Regent Street, Duluth, MN 55804.
3. On exact dates unknown, but beginning in June 2002 and continuing through June 18, 2004, Respondent practiced as an audiologist in Wisconsin without a valid Wisconsin license.
4. During this time period, Respondent was employed by a Duluth, Minnesota company with a branch office in Wisconsin. The Respondent worked as an audiologist in this branch office approximately 2 days per week. The Respondent did not realize that a Wisconsin license was required to work in the branch office. Upon learning this information, Respondent

ceased practice until she was issued a Wisconsin license to practice as an audiologist.

5. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Hearing and Speech Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 459.34, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
2. The conduct described in paragraph 3, above, constitutes a violation of Wis. Stat. §§ 459.24(1)(b) and 459.34(2)(g).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Sarah K. Downs (license #156-457), is hereby REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

2. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars.
3. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay a forfeiture in the amount of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

All payments 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, Tel. (608) 267-3817, Fax (608) 266-2264.

4. Case number 04 HAD 010, shall be, and hereby is, closed without further proceedings.
5. In the event the Respondent fails to pay the forfeiture or the costs as ordered the Respondent's license SHALL BE SUSPENDED until the Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

This Order shall become effective on the date of its signing.

HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD

By: Alma Peters
Member, Wisconsin Hearing and Speech Examining Board

5/1/06
Date