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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION & LICENSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY : ORDER REINSTATING PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : CERTIFICATION

AND IMPOSING

EDWIN O. SCHOENING, : LIMITATIONS

RESPONDENT :

(WCB Case # 2003-23)

TO: Edwin O. Schoening 8807 Gauthier Lane Suring, WI 54174

- 1. Edwin O. Schoening whose last known address is 8807 Gauthier Lane, Suring Wisconsin 54174 had been a Wisconsin Certification Board (WCB) certified alcohol/drug counselor since June 6, 1997.
- 2. On December 16, 2005 the Hearing Committee of the WCB issued a Hearing Committee Decision finding that the respondent had been convicted of criminal offenses the circumstances of which were substantially related to the profession and imposing a disciplinary sanction that included suspension of certification among other provisions.
- 3. The Hearing Committee Decision allowed for reinstatement of certification after a suspension period of 24 months and upon imposition of limitations.
 - 4. The respondent has complied with the preconditions for reinstatement of his certification.
- 5. The respondent has petitioned for termination of the suspension and reinstatement of certification with the limitations as outlined in the Hearing Committee Decision dated December 16, 2005.

Based upon the Department's review;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the suspension of Respondent Edwin O. Schoening's certification to practice alcohol and other drug abuse counseling in the State of Wisconsin is completed;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Department issue certification to respondent as a clinical substance abuse counselor under the provisions of Wis. Stat. 440.88 with the following conditions being submitted to the Department Monitor and subject to the following limitations:

- 1. Respondent's practice shall be under the supervision of a professional mentor for a period of one year. Respondent shall obtain a professional mentor acceptable to the Department Monitor prior to commencing practice. The professional mentor shall be the individual responsible for supervision of respondent's practice of substance abuse counseling. At the discretion of the Department Monitor, supervision may include weekly meetings, review of charts selected by the professional mentor, and any other actions deemed appropriate by the professional mentor to determine that the respondent is practicing in a professional and competent manner. The professional mentor may designate another qualified health care provider acceptable the Department Monitor to exercise the duties and responsibilities of the professional mentor in an absence of more than three weeks. In the event that the professional mentor is unable or unwilling to continue to serve as respondent's professional mentor, the Department Monitor may in his/her sole discretion select a successor professional mentor. The professional mentor shall have no duty or liability to any client or third party, and the mentor's sole duty is to the Department of Regulation and Licensing.
- 2. Respondent shall arrange for his professional mentor to provide written reports to the Department Monitor. These reports shall be filed at least once each month and shall assess respondent's work performance. Respondent's professional mentor shall immediately report to the Department Monitor any conduct or condition of the respondent which may constitute unprofessional conduct, a violation of this Order, or a danger

- to the public or a patient.
- 3. The Department of Regulation and Licensing shall suspend respondent's certification if it finds that, at any time after June 4, 2004, respondent violated this order, committed a violation of the code of conduct, is a danger to the public or patient, or was convicted of any felony or misdemeanor relating to a counselor's ability to practice the substance abuse counseling profession. The Department of Regulation and Licensing delegates the authority to revoke the certification to the Department Monitor.
- 4. Respondent shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in conjunction with the mentoring, supervision and any other expenses associated with compliance with the terms of this Order.
- 5. Department Monitor

Any requests, petitions, reports and other information required by this Order shall be mailed, e-mailed, faxed or delivered to:

Department Monitor
Wisconsin 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) 261-7904

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Upon Respondent providing proof sufficient to the Department Monitor that the one year of limitation has been completed successfully and all of the conditions fulfilled, the Department of Regulation and Licensing shall issue an Order removing this limitation of Respondent's certification.

Dated this 16th day of July, 2007

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION & LICENSING

CELIA M. JACKSON, Secretary