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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 :
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CHRISTINE M. WAINWRIGHT, : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
RESPONDENT. : LS0710312SOC
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[Division of Enforcement Case # 07 SOC 022]

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

Christine M. Wainwright
8535 Sedona Ridge Lane, Apt. G
Indianapolis, IN 46239

Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Social Worker Section
Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional
Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board
Department of Regulation and Licensing
1400 East Washington Avenue
PO Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

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 adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Christine M. Wainwright (formerly known as Christine M. Keenan), Respondent, date of birth February 18, 1978, was certified by the Social Worker Section as a social worker in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to certificate number 7808, which was first granted June 5, 2001.

2. Respondent has not renewed her certification since it expired on June 30, 2005, but could renew it pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08(3)(a) and Wis. Adm. Code § MPSW 1.08(2) by payment of fees and proof of completion of continuing education requirements.

3. Respondent's last address reported to the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 5122 N. Sadlier Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46226. The Division of Enforcement has determined that Respondent's most recent address is 8535 Sedona Ridge Lane, Apt. G, Indianapolis, IN 46239.

4. Respondent was employed as a social worker by the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections and on April 18, 2004, began working at the New Lisbon Correctional Institution (NLCI) in New Lisbon, Wisconsin.

5. At the time Respondent began her employment at NLCI, Carl H. Wainwright was an inmate incarcerated there.
a. Respondent was his unit social worker and provided him with social work services.

b. In October 2004, in anticipation of his release on parole, he applied for the transfer of his parole supervision to the state of Indiana.

c. On October 25, 2004, Respondent verified with his aunt and uncle that he would be employed by and live with them in Indianapolis.

d. On January 21, 2005, Respondent completed the "Notice of Departure" form for his release and departure to Indiana on February 15, 2005 for interstate parole supervision.

6. Respondent resigned her position with the Department of Corrections on May 6, 2005. Sometime after her resignation and prior to March 15, 2006, Respondent moved to Indianapolis and married and resides with Carl H. Wainwright.

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 Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2) and has authority to enter into this stipulated resolution of this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Respondent's conduct, as set out above, constitutes failure to avoid a dual relationship, which is unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Adm. Code § MPSW 20.02(13), and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(f).

3. Respondent's conduct, as set out above, constitutes engaging in sexual contact and sexual conduct with a client within 2 years after termination of professional services, which is unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Adm. Code § MPSW 20.02(11), and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(h).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The SURRENDER by Christine M. Wainwright, Respondent, of her certification as a social worker and her right to renew her certification as a social worker in the State of Wisconsin is hereby ACCEPTED.

2. Respondent shall, within 120 days of the date of this Order, pay the costs of this proceeding in the amount of \$480.00 to the Department of Regulation and Licensing, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.22(2).

3. Payment shall be mailed or delivered to:

Department Monitor
Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935
Fax: (608) 266-2264
Telephone: (608) 267-3817

4. This Order is effective on the date it is signed.

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

By: Mary Jo Walsh
A Member of the Section

10/31/07
Date

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 :
 : STIPULATION
CHRISTINE M WAINWRIGHT, : LS _____ SOC
RESPONDENT. :

[Division of Enforcement Case # 07 SOC 022]

It is hereby stipulated and agreed, by and between Christine M. Wainwright, Respondent; and John R. Zwieg, attorney for the Complainant, Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation of Respondent's certification by the Division of Enforcement (file 07 SOC 022). 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 advice of legal counsel prior to signing this Stipulation

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Section. 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 Section's Order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Section, 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 Section, the parties agree not to contend that the Section has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. Attached to this Stipulation are Respondent's most recent wall and wallet registration certificates. If the Section does not accept this Stipulation, Respondent's certificates shall be returned to the Respondent with a notice of the Section's decision not to accept the Stipulation

7. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Enforcement and any member of the Section ever assigned as a case advisor in this investigation may appear before the Section in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent or her attorney, if any, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Section may have in connection with the Section's deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such case advisor may vote on whether the Section should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

8. Respondent is informed that should the Section adopt this Stipulation, the Section's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

9. The Division of Enforcement joins Respondent in recommending the Section adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

Christine M. Wainwright
Respondent
8535 Sedona Ridge Lane, Apt. G
Indianapolis, IN 46239

Date

John R. Zwieg
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