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## STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING

IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

:

WENDY A. LINDSTROM, : LS0810222RSA

RESPONDENT.

#### Division of Enforcement Case # 06 RSA 046

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

Wendy A. Lindstrom N5770 Langes Road Irma, WI 54442

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

Department of Regulation & Licensing 1400 East Washington Avenue P.O. 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 of this matter, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Department of Regulation and Licensing. The Secretary has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Secretary adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Wendy A. Lindstrom (DOB 02/12/1952) is duly licensed as a clinical substance abuse counselor in the State of Wisconsin (license #132-1613). This license was granted on April 16, 1993.
- 2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is N5770 Langes Road, Irma, Wisconsin 54442.
- 3. In or about November 2006, Respondent was an employee of Family Resource Center, Lac Du Flambeau, Wisconsin. At all times relevant to this action, Respondent was assigned to work at Koinonia Residential Treatment Center in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, as part of a Native American AODA program.
- 4. At times in or about November 2006, Respondent made racially discriminatory statements to clients at Koinonia Residential Treatment Center. Respondent denies any intentional discrimination and states that she later apologized to the group for her comments.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88(6), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. The conduct described in paragraph 4, above, constitutes a violation of Wis. Admin. Code § RL 164.01(2)(j) and Counselor Code of Conduct Rule 2.5, and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88.

#### **ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that the stipulation of the parties is approved.

#### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

- 1. Wendy A. Lindstrom (license #132-1613) is REPRIMANDED.
- 2. Wendy A. Lindstrom, shall, within six (6) months from the date of this Final Decision and Order, submit acceptable documentation of successful completion of at least six (6) hours of continuing education pre-approved by the Secretary or her designee in the area of diversity sensitivity. Acceptable documentation shall include certification from the sponsoring organization as well as a statement signed by Respondent verifying that she attended the course(s) in its (their) entirety.
- 3. Wendy A. Lindstrom shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). 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
Tele. (608) 267-3817
Fax (608) 266-2264

- 4. 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 Secretary in her discretion may in the alternative impose additional condition and limitation 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, or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education, the Respondent's license (#132-1613) SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice of hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.
- 5. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Department of Regulation and Licensing

By: Celia Jackson, Secretary
Or designee

10/22/08

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IN THE MATTER OF	:	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	STIPULATION
	:	
WENDY A. LINDSTROM,	:	LS#
RESPONDENT		

#### Division of Enforcement Case # 06 RSA 042

Wendy A. Lindstrom, personally on her own behalf; 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 Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor credential by the Division of Enforcement (case # 06 RSA 046). Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by stipulation.
- 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 Secretary of the Department of Regulation and Licensing. 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 Secretary's order, if adopted in the form as attached.
- 5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Secretary, 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 Secretary, the parties agree not to contend that the Secretary 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 may appear before the Secretary, without the presence of the Respondent or his attorney, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the Secretary may have in connection with the Secretary's deliberations on the Stipulation.
- 7. Respondent is informed that should the Secretary adopt this Stipulation, the Secretary'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 Secretary adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

Wendy A. Lindstrom, Respondent N5770 Langes Road Irma, WI 54442	Date
Jeanette Lytle, Attorney	Date
Division of Enforcement	
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