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

SOCIAL WORK SECTION

In the Matter of the Application for a
License as Clinical Social Worker of

JAMIE A. COOPER ,

Applicant.

FINAL DECISION
AND ORDER
ON APPLICATION
(Class I Proceeding)
ORDER 0000047

PARTIES

The parties in this matter under sec. 227.44, Stats. and ch. RL 1.04, Wis. Admin. Code, and for purposes of review under sec. 227.53, Stats., are:

Jamie A. Cooper
W306S7577 Applewood Lane
Mukwonago, WI 53149

Marriage and Family Therapy,
Professional Counseling, and Social Work
Examining Board , Social Work Section
Department of Regulation and Licensing
1400 East Washington Ave.
Madison, WI 53702

APPLICABLE LAW

457.01, 457.08(4), Wis. Stats., MPSW 2.01(7) and (8), MPSW 3.09(1) and (3), and
MPSW 4.01(6)(e), Wis. Admin. Code.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The applicant, Jamie A. Cooper, submitted an application for a Clinical Social Worker license on January 20, 2009. On May 18, 2009, the applicant submitted the documentation of supervised clinical field placement/social work experience, DRL Form 2672, to satisfy the requirements for

a clinical social worker license. On September 24, 2009, the Wisconsin Social Worker Section issued a decision which denied Ms. Cooper's application for licensure on the basis that she had not provided sufficient evidence of post-master's clinical social work practice, including DSM assessment and treatment of individuals or that she was supervised by an approved supervisor. The applicant filed a request for a Class 1 hearing before the Social Work Section to challenge the denial of her application for licensure. The hearing was held in Madison, Wisconsin, on January 13, 2009.

The Social Work Section of the Examining Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists And Professional Counselors, having held a hearing on the application for licensure of Jamie A. Cooper, and having considered the considered the information of record, makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1) The applicant, Jamie A. Coopers, whose address is W306s7577 Applewood Lane, Mukwonago, Wisconsin, 53149, submitted an application for a clinical social worker license on January 20, 2009.
- 2) The applicant holds a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, which was conferred in 2004.
- 3) Post graduation, the applicant worked with Transitional Living Services, Inc, as a residential clinical supervisor. The residential clinical supervisor is an entry level manager of residential services for persons with mental illnesses, which is primarily responsible for performing various supervisor and administrative duties.
- 4) The applicant's supervisor at Transitional Living Services, Inc, was David Rhode, an Advance Practice Nurse Prescriber, who practices psychiatric nursing. The applicant did not submit Mr. Rhode's name and qualifications to the Social Work Section for approval as a clinical supervisor.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A) The Social Work Section is the legal authority responsible for granting credentials for a social work licensure under ch. 457, Stats. and has subject-matter jurisdiction over an application for a license as a clinical social worker.
- B) The applicant has not submitted evidence satisfactory to the Social Work Section that she has obtained post-master's clinical social work social work experience including DSM assessment and treatment of individuals as required by ch. 457.08(4) and ss. MPSW 2.01(7) and (8), MPSW 3.09(1) and (3), Wis. Admin. Code.
- C) The applicant has not submitted evidence satisfactory to the Social Work Section that she has obtained post-master's clinical social work practice under the supervision of a

supervisor approved by the social worker section as required by ch. 457.08 (4), Stats. and s. MPSW 3.09(3) and MPSW 4.01(6)(e), Wis. Admin. Code.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the application for licensure as a clinical social worker of Jamie A. Cooper shall be, and hereby is DENIED.

OPINION

In a Class 1 licensing hearing, the applicant bears the burden of proof to establish with credible evidence that the applicant has satisfied the requirements for licensure. At the hearing in this matter, the applicant argued that she should be credited with completing the required supervised clinical social practice through the work experience in a residential services program under the supervision of a supervisor who was not pre-approved by the section. The applicant did not demonstrate to the satisfaction of the section that her post graduate work experience included the required level of DSM diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mental and emotional disorders in individuals as required by the laws governing qualifications for licensure. The applicant further admits that she was not working in a clinical professional counseling practice under the supervision of an approved supervisor.

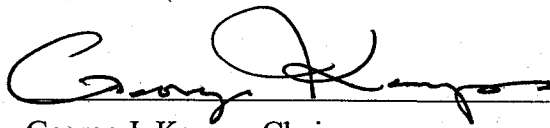
The issue at the hearing was whether the applicant has completed the required clinical work experience necessary to qualify for a credential to practice as licensed clinical social worker. Clinical social work practice is defined in the administrative rules as the provision of services for the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mental and emotional disorders in individuals, families, and groups, to restore, maintain, and enhance social functioning through treatment interventions that include psychosocial evaluation, counseling of individuals, families, or groups, referral to community resources, advocacy, facilitation of organizational change to meet social needs and individual, marital or group psychotherapy. s. MPSW 2.01(8), Wis. Admin. Code

The administrative rules require that for licensure as a clinical social worker supervision may be exercised by specifically enumerated categories of licensed mental health care providers and by an individual other than those specified who is approved in advance by the social worker section. S. MPSW 4.01(6)(e). The purpose of supervised clinical practice after graduation is integral to the development of the professional identity, skills and the scope of practice of a licensed clinical social worker. The rules specify the necessary components of the clinical experience as including DSM diagnosis and treatment of individuals. The rules also explicitly require that the clinical experience must be under the supervision of a supervisor who is pre-approved by the Section.

The information which the applicant presented was simply not persuasive to show that the clinical social work practice that she obtained in her position at Transitional Services, Inc., constituted sufficient DSM diagnosis and treatment of individuals or that she was supervised by an approved supervisor. The information presented was that the applicant performed various functions including case management, staff supervision and implementation of behavior plans for residents, which does not constitute diagnosis and treatment of individuals.

For the reasons stated above, the decision of the Section denying the application for licensure is affirmed.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 1 day of February, 2010.



Handwritten signature of George J. Kamps, followed by a horizontal line and the initials "JS".

George J. Kamps, Chair
Social Worker Section of the
Marriage and Family Therapy,
Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board

The applicant's right to request rehearing and for judicial review is set forth in the enclosed "Notice of Appeal Information".

enc. Notice of Appeal Information