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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING SECTION
OF THE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING AND
SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ANGELA J. HASTINGS : <u>ORDERODO GOGO</u>

RESPONDENT.

# [Division of Enforcement Case #09 CPC 12]

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

Angela J. Hastings 303 N. Lincoln Street Elkhorn, WI 53121

Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
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Professional Counseling Section
Wisconsin Marriage & Family Therapy,
Professional Counseling and Social Worker 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 Professional Counseling Section of the Wisconsin Marriage & Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Worker Examining Board. The Section has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Angela J. Hastings ("Respondent") was born on November 9, 1961, and is licensed as a professional counselor in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 125-37. This license was first granted on June 15, 1993.
- 2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing is 303 N. Lincoln Street, Elkhorn, WI 53121.
- 3. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was working as a licensed professional counselor at the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in Madison, Wisconsin.
- 4. From December of 2007 through July of 2008, Respondent provided vocational rehabilitation counseling to a client. In the middle of March of 2008, Respondent also engaged in personal activities with this client including taking the client on a walk in Kettle Moraine with Respondent's family and bringing the client into Respondent's home for dinner, as part of affirmative efforts by Respondent to engage the client in activities with her family.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Professional Counseling Section of the Wisconsin Marriage & Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Worker Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. Respondent's conduct of engaging in a dual relationship with a client, as described in paragraph 4, above, constitutes a violation of Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(13) and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(f).

#### **ORDER**

## NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Angela J. Hastings is REPRIMANDED.
- 2. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay COSTS of this proceeding in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500). 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 Telephone (608) 267-3817 Fax (608) 266-2264

3. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

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

By: Mygma X-11mmy 1-11-11

A Member of the Board Date