

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION & LICENSING



Wisconsin Department of Regulation & Licensing Access to the Public Records of the Reports of Decisions

This Reports of Decisions document was retrieved from the Wisconsin Department of Regulation & Licensing website. These records are open to public view under Wisconsin's Open Records law, sections 19.31-19.39 Wisconsin Statutes.

Please read this agreement prior to viewing the Decision:

- The Reports of Decisions is designed to contain copies of all orders issued by credentialing authorities within the Department of Regulation and Licensing from November, 1998 to the present. In addition, many but not all orders for the time period between 1977 and November, 1998 are posted. Not all orders issued by a credentialing authority constitute a formal disciplinary action.
- Reports of Decisions contains information as it exists at a specific point in time in the Department of Regulation and Licensing data base. Because this data base changes constantly, the Department is not responsible for subsequent entries that update, correct or delete data. The Department is not responsible for notifying prior requesters of updates, modifications, corrections or deletions. All users have the responsibility to determine whether information obtained from this site is still accurate, current and complete.
- There may be discrepancies between the online copies and the original document. Original documents should be consulted as the definitive representation of the order's content. Copies of original orders may be obtained by mailing requests to the Department of Regulation and Licensing, PO Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935. The Department charges copying fees. *All requests must cite the case number, the date of the order, and respondent's name as it appears on the order.*
- Reported decisions may have an appeal pending, and discipline may be stayed during the appeal. Information about the current status of a credential issued by the Department of Regulation and Licensing is shown on the Department's Web Site under "License Lookup." The status of an appeal may be found on court access websites at: <http://ccap.courts.state.wi.us/InternetCourtAccess> and <http://www.courts.state.wi.us/wscca>.
- Records not open to public inspection by statute are not contained on this website.

By viewing this document, you have read the above and agree to the use of the Reports of Decisions subject to the above terms, and that you understand the limitations of this on-line database.

Correcting information on the DRL website: An individual who believes that information on the website is inaccurate may contact the webmaster at web@drl.state.wi.gov

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION & LICENSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

MARK A. MELTON,
RESPONDENT.

:
:
:
:
:

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

~~ORDER~~ 0000725

[Division of Enforcement Case # 10 RSA 042]

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

Mark A. Melton
223 Turtle Creek Drive
Apt. #1
Delavan, WI 53115

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

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

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The parties in this matter agree to the terms of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Department. The Department has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

The Department adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Mark A. Melton, (D.O.B.: February 15, 1977) is duly licensed as Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor in the state of Wisconsin (license # 15396-132), which was first granted on June 10, 2009. Respondent is also licensed as a Substance Abuse Counselor-in-Training in the state of Wisconsin (license # 15639-130), which was first granted on September 4, 2008.

2. Respondent's most recent address as determined by the investigation of this case is 223 Turtle Creek Drive, Apt. #1, Delavan, WI 53115.

3. Respondent was employed by Walworth County Department of Health and Human Services as a Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor from approximately September 2008 to November 2, 2009.

4. In September of 2009, Patient N.N. presented to the Respondent for outpatient substance abuse group therapy. The group met approximately four times per week on a weekly basis between September of 2009 and November 2, 2009, at which time the Respondent's employment was terminated.

5. On January 2, 2010, Respondent and Patient N.N. began a romantic relationship. Since that date Respondent and Patient N.N. have engaged in a sexual relationship and reside at 223 Turtle Creek Drive, Apt. #1, Delavan, WI 53115.

6. Respondent is currently working as a personal property lien salesperson. He wishes to surrender his licenses as Substance Abuse Counselor-in-Training and as a Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88 and has authority to enter into this stipulated resolution of this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Respondent's conduct above constitutes a violation of Wis. Admin. Code § RL 164.01(2)(m), and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 440.88(6).

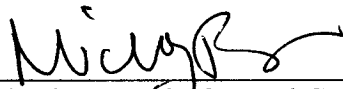
ORDER

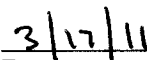
IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Department accepts the surrender of the certificates of Mark A. Melton to practice as a Substance Abuse Counselor-in-Training (# 15639-130) and as an Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor (# 13596-132) pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08. In the event that Respondent attempts renew his Wisconsin credentials in the future, the Department may enter an order denying such application, in its discretion, without further notice or hearing.

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

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING

By 
Michael J. Berndt, General Counsel
On behalf of the Department


Date