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

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

SUSAN K. STARCZYNSKI, : DHA case DRL 10-0098

RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0000777

#### [Division of Enforcement Case # 10 RSA 13]

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

Susan K. Starczynski 4085 Ridge Road Deerfield, WI 53531

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 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. Susan K. Starczynski ("Respondent") was born on October 10, 1971, and is duly certified as a substance abuse counselor-in-training in the state of Wisconsin (certificate # 15705-130). This certificate was first granted on January 27, 2009.
- 2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing is 4085 Ridge Road, Deerfield, WI 53531.

- 3. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was working as a substance abuse counselor-in-training at Hope Haven-Rebos United, Inc. in Madison, Wisconsin.
- 4. Hope Haven Rebos United provided counseling services to Client BE from February of 2009 through August of 2009. Respondent quit her job and left Hope Haven-Rebos United at the end of August of 2009. Approximately two days after Respondent quit, Client BE moved in with Respondent at her residence and lived with her for a couple of weeks.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. 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. 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 § RL 164.01(2)(m) and (n), and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 440.88(6).

#### <u>ORDER</u>

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

- 1. Susan K. Starczynski's substance abuse counselor in training credential is SUSPENDED for a period of one year. Respondent will not practice as a substance abuse counselor in the State of Wisconsin without having an active credential.
- 2. Respondent shall, within ninety days of the date of this Order, pay the costs of this proceeding, in the amount of \$255.00. Payment shall be made to the Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to

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3. 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 credential. The Secretary may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations 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 the Respondent's credential (#15705-130) MAY

BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

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

Department of Regulation and Licensing

By: Dave Ross

Dave Ross Secretary

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Date