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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

JEFFRY L. MILLER, RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0001191

[Division of Enforcement Case # 10 RSA 041]

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

Jeffry L. Miller 218 Chateau Drive Cottage Grove, WI 53527

Division of Enforcement Department of Safety and Professional Services 1400 East Washington Avenue P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Safety and Professional Services 1400 East Washington Avenue P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

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 Safety and Professional Services (Department). The Department has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Jeffry L. Miller ("Respondent") was born on March 10, 1956 and is certified as a Substance Abuse Counselor in the State of Wisconsin (certificate #1659-132). This certificate was first granted on August 20, 1993. Respondent is also certified as an Independent Clinical Supervisor pursuant to certificate #11260-135, which was first granted on March 5, 1999.
- 2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Safety and Professional Services is 218 Chateau Drive, Cottage Grove, Wisconsin.

- 3. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a psychotherapist at the Herrington Recovery Center at Rogers Memorial Hospital.
- 4. From September 13, 2010 to November 12, 2010, Ms. D.S. was a patient at the Herrington Recovery Center and was assigned to Respondent.
- 5. On November 7, 2010, Respondent wrote a romantic letter addressed to Ms. D.S., which was given to her immediately after her discharge on November 12, 2010.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88(6) and has authority to enter into this stipulated resolution of this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. The conduct described above constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § RL 164.01(2)(n) and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88(6).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Respondent, Jeffry L. Miller (certificate #1659-132) is **REPRIMANDED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

2. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and mailed to:

Department Monitor
Division of Enforcement
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935
Telephone (608) 267-3817
Fax (608) 266-2264

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 certificate. The Department 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 timely pay costs as ordered, Respondent's certificate to practice as

a substance abuse counselor (certificate #1659-132) shall 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 Safety and Professional Services

By: Michael J. Bernett, General Counsel

On behalf of the Department

N/2/11 Date