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

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

SUSAN M. GAU-KRUEGER, L.C.S.W.  
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 0001274

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[Division of Enforcement Case # 11 SOC 044]

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

Susan M. Gau-Krueger, L.C.S.W.  
310 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Wausau, WI 54401

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

Social Worker Section  
Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling  
and Social Work Examining Board  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
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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 Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board. The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Susan M. Gau-Krueger, L.C.S.W. ("Respondent") date of birth March 2, 1952 is licensed as a clinical social worker in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to license number 3985-123. This license was first granted on August 7, 1995.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 310 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401.
3. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was working as a clinical social worker at Melonas Counseling Services, LLC, in Merrill, Wisconsin.
4. Respondent's clinical social worker license was expired from March 9, 2009 to June 15, 2009 and February 28, 2011 to May 19, 2011. During both time periods, Respondent failed to pay the renewal fee to the Department in a timely manner.
5. Respondent continued to practice and provide services to patients during the two time periods that her license was expired.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Social Worker Section of the Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work 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, by practicing as a clinical social worker without being licensed, as described above, has violated Wis. Stat. § 457.04(4).

### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Respondent, Susan M. Gau-Krueger, L.C.S.W. is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00). 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. This Order is effective on the date it is signed.

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

By: George J. Kamps  
A Member of the Board

12/12/11  
Date