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

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
JEFFRY L. MILLER,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0001275

[Division of Enforcement Case # 10 SOC 078]

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

Social Worker Section
Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling
And Social Work Examining Board
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708

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 (Section). The Section has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jeffry L. Miller ("Respondent") was born on March 10, 1956 and is licensed as a Clinical Social Worker in the State of Wisconsin (license #3220-123). This license was first granted on January 24, 1995. Respondent is also licensed as an Independent Clinical Supervisor (license #11260-135), which was first granted on March 5, 1999.
2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board 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. in anticipation of her upcoming discharge on November 12, 2010.
6. On November 12, 2010, Respondent gave the letter to Ms. D.S. after she was discharged.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26 and has authority to enter into this stipulated resolution of this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
2. Respondent, by giving a client a romantic letter, which could reasonably be construed as seductive, has engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(11) and is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(f).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Jeffry L. Miller (license #'s 3220-123 and 11260-135) is **SUSPENDED** for a period of two (2) months, from the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

2. Respondent may petition the Section for the termination of the suspension after 2 months. Petitions shall be submitted to the Department Monitor at the address below.

3. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date for this Order, 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

4. 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 licenses. The Section 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 licenses to practice as a clinical social worker and independent clinical supervisor (license #'s 3220-123 and 11260-135, respectively) shall be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

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

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

By:

George Kampfer
A Member of the Section

Date

12/12/11