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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
DAN G. FEASTER, :
RESPONDENT. : ORDER 0001288

[Division of Enforcement Case # 11 RSA 014]

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

Dan G. Feaster
3192 Breeze Drive
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

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

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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. Dan G. Feaster (“Respondent”) was born on May 23, 1957 and is certified as a Substance Abuse Counselor in the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to certificate number 12716-131. This certificate was first granted on June 10, 2002. This certificate expired on February 28, 2011 and has not been renewed. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08(3), Respondent retains the right to renew his license upon payment of a fee until February 28, 2016.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Safety and Professional Services is 3192 Breeze Drive, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin.

3. On September 16, 2009, Respondent attended a social gathering that was associated with the Wisconsin Juvenile Officers Association's annual convention, at which Respondent volunteered his time to make a keynote presentation.

4. At the social gathering, Respondent became intoxicated and experienced memory fugue or blackout and behaved inappropriately toward five women.

5. On February 14, 2011, Respondent was convicted of four counts of misdemeanor Disorderly Conduct in Adams County for the incident on September 16, 2009.

6. On May 2, 2010, Dr. R.J., a licensed Clinical Psychologist, evaluated Respondent and determined that Respondent's action on September 16, 2009 was a singular episode of alcohol intoxication, and that Respondent's symptoms do not reach the level of a formal diagnosis of alcoholism.

7. Since May 2, 2010, Respondent has been attending counseling sessions regularly with Dr. R.J.

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)(b) (Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 164.01(2)(b) as of December 1, 2011) and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88(6).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Dan G. Feaster (certificate #12716-131) is **SUSPENDED** for a period of **FOUR (4) WEEKS**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

2. For a period of at least one (1) year from the date of this Order, Respondent's license to practice as a substance abuse counselor in the State of Wisconsin is **LIMITED** as follows:

- a. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Final Decision and Order immediately to supervisory personnel at all settings where Respondent works as a substance abuse counselor.
- b. Respondent shall notify the Department Monitor of any change of employment during the time in which the Order is in effect. Notification shall occur within fifteen (15) days of a change of employment and shall include an explanation of the reasons for the change.
- c. Respondent shall continue in psychotherapy with a psychotherapist pre-approved by the Section or its designee. Requests for approval shall be submitted to the Department Monitor at the address below.
- d. Respondent's psychotherapist shall provide written reports on Respondent's treatment on a quarterly basis, as directed by the Department Monitor. Reports shall be submitted to the Department Monitor at the address below. It shall be Respondent's responsibility to insure that the reports are made in a timely manner.
- e. After one year from the date of this Order, Respondent may petition the Department to remove the Limitation. Requests for removal of the Limitation shall be submitted to the Department Monitor at the address below.

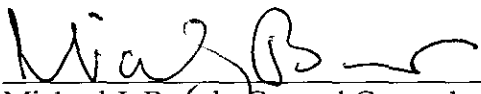
3. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date for this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$800.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, and mailed to:

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 license. 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 license to practice as a substance abuse counselor (license #12716-131) 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.

Department of Safety and Professional Services

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

12/23/11
Date