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

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
STEPHANIE L. SIR,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0001479

Division of Enforcement Case No. 12 SOC 005

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

Stephanie L. Sir
105 East 2nd Street
Merrill WI 54452

Division of Enforcement
Wisconsin 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
Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services
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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 Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board ("Section"). The Section has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considered it acceptable.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Stephanie L. Sir ("Respondent"), date of birth September 19, 1984, is a Certified Social Worker in the state Wisconsin pursuant to license number 9508-120. Respondent's license was first granted on July 13, 2007.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Safety and Professional Services ("Department") is 105 East 2nd Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, 54452.

3. On or about February 12, 2011, Respondent renewed her license to practice as a Certified Social Worker in the state of Wisconsin. During the Continuing Education Certification portion of the renewal process, Respondent attested to the following statement:

"I have completed 30 credit hours of continuing education in approved programs as provided in section MPSW 19.01, Wisconsin Administrative Code, between March 1, 2009 and February 28, 2011. I have or will have evidence of this which I will furnish to the Board upon request."

4. On July 11, 2011, as a result of a continuing education audit conducted on behalf of the Section, the Department requested that Respondent submit an attendance table, and proof of attendance, that included the continuing education hours she completed during the 2009-2011 credentialing period.

5. On July 15, 2011, Respondent stated via email that all of her continuing education hours were completed prior to 2009.

6. Respondent did not complete any continuing education hours between March 1, 2009 and February 28, 2011, has not completed any hours in an attempt to rectify this matter, and is therefore not in compliance with the continuing education licensure requirement for the 2009-2011 credentialing period.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Section has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Respondent, by reporting that she completed 30 credit hours of Section-approved continuing education between March 1, 2009 and February 28, 2011 when she in fact had not completed these hours, engaged in unprofessional conduct pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(4) and is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(a).

3. Respondent, by failing to complete at least 30 education hours, including 4 hours in the area of social work ethics and boundaries, in the 2009-2011 credentialing period as required by Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 8.02 is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(h).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

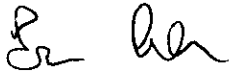
1. The Stipulation of the parties is approved.
2. The SURRENDER of Stephanie L. Sir's license (no. 9508-120) to practice social work in the state of Wisconsin is accepted, effective the date of this order.
3. In the event Respondent petitions the Section for any certification or license:

- a. Respondent shall have first met all requirements specified by statute or administrative rule for that certification or license.
 - b. Respondent shall provide proof sufficient to the Section or its designee that she has taken and completed 30 Section-approved continuing education hours, including 4 hours in the area of social work ethics and boundaries, which shall be applied to the hours that should have been completed during the 2009-2011 credentialing period.
 - c. Respondent shall provide proof sufficient to the Section or its designee that she has taken and completed any additional hours of continuing education required by the Section for any subsequent credentialing periods that have passed or begun of the time of the petition for licensure.
 - d. It shall be in the sole discretion of the Section whether to grant Respondent's certification, with or without limitations. The Section may enter an order denying such application without further notice or hearing.
4. Prior to applying for any professional license in the state of Wisconsin, Respondent shall have paid the costs of this proceeding, in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services.
5. All petitions, continuing education certificates, payments and other documents shall be sent 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

6. This Order shall become effective on the date of its signing.

SOCIAL WORKER SECTION OF THE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELING & SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

By: 
A Member of the Section

4/11/2012
Date