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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
ERIKA M. CARRIZALES,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0001564

Division of Enforcement Case No. 12 SOC 034

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

Erika M. Carrizales
3008 North Pierce Street
Milwaukee, WI 53212

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
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 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. Erika M. Carrizales ("Respondent"), date of birth November 29, 1979, is a Certified Social Worker in the state Wisconsin pursuant to credential number 8652-120, which was first granted on January 20, 2005.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Safety and Professional Services ("Department") is 3008 North Pierce Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

3. On or about March 1, 2011, Respondent renewed her Certified Social Worker credential in the state of Wisconsin. During the continuing education portion of the renewal application, Respondent attested to the following statement:

"I plan to complete the continuing education courses as required. No license will be issued until continuing education is completed. A second notice will be mailed for you to complete once education requirement is met."

4. On or about March 20, 2011, the Department sent a second notice to Respondent regarding her unmet continuing education requirement for the 2009-2011 credentialing period. Respondent certified the following statement on her response to the Department:

"I have or will have completed 30 credit hours of continuing education, including at least 4 hours in the area of social work ethics and boundaries, as provided in section MPSW 8.02, 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."

5. In July 2011, the Department conducted a continuing education audit for the 2009-2011 credentialing period on behalf of the Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board ("Section"). Respondent was selected to participate in and comply with this audit.

6. The Department sent two letters to Respondent, dated July 7, 2011 and August 11, 2011, requesting that she submit an attendance table and proof of attendance for the continuing education hours she completed during the 2009-2011 credentialing period.

7. Respondent did not comply or respond to either request for documentation. As a result, Enforcement staff opened an investigation in this matter on February 10, 2012.

8. On February 27, 2012, Enforcement staff sent a letter to Respondent explaining that, due to her lack of compliance with the previous requests, there was insufficient evidence to support her claim that she completed the required CEHs during the 2009-2011 credentialing period. This letter allowed Respondent a final opportunity to submit the appropriate documentation by March 16, 2012 if she had in fact completed the hours.

9. In emails dated March 19, 2012 and March 23, 2012, Respondent stated that she has completed approximately half of the 30 CEHs required for the 2009-2011 credentialing period. Respondent further explained that she has not practiced social work since 2008 and does not wish to return to practice at this time.

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 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

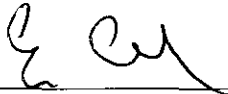
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Stipulation of the parties is approved.
2. The SURRENDER of Erika M. Carrizales' Certified Social Worker (no. 8652-120) is accepted.
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 or certification in the state of Wisconsin, Respondent shall have paid the costs of this proceeding, in the amount of sixty-five dollars (\$65.00), 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

8/17/2012
Date