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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

ANDREA M. URBON,

RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0001572

Division of Enforcement Case No. 12 SOC 024

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

Andrea M. Urbon 2659 High Ridge Trail #4 Fitchburg, WI 53713-3658

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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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. Andrea M. Urbon ("Respondent"), date of birth May 6, 1946, is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 392-123.
- 2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Safety and Professional Services ("Department") is 2659 High Ridge Trail #4, Fitchburg, Wisconsin, 53713.

- 3. On March 16, 2011, Respondent's clinical social worker license in the state of Wisconsin was renewed when she certified the following statement:
 - "I have or will have completed 30 credit hours of continuing education, including at least 4 hours in the subject 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."
- 4. In July 2011, the Department conducted a continuing education audit for the 2009-2011 credentialing period on behalf of the Section. Respondent was selected to comply with this audit and submit an attendance table, including proof of attendance, for the hours she claimed to have completed.
 - 5. On August 15, 2011, in response to the Section's audit request, Respondent explained:
 - "I retired from social work April 2009, but was at a loss as to whether to keep my license. As I was ambivalent when I sent in the renewal form, I have since decided to let my license lapse and be listed as a retired social worker. If you could please indicate that on my license renewal form. Thank you for your consideration."
- 6. While she did not inform the Section of her retirement during her renewal or any time prior to the commencement of this audit, Respondent retired in 2009 and no longer intends to use her clinical social worker license.

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 on her renewal application that she completed 30 CEHs during the 2009-2011 credentialing period and would furnish evidence of these hours upon request, when in fact she did not, 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).
- 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).

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. The Stipulation of the parties is approved.
- 2. The SURRENDER of Andrea M. Urbon's clinical social worker license (no. 392-123) is accepted.
 - 3. In the event Respondent petitions the Section for any credential:

- a. Respondent shall have first met all requirements specified by statute or administrative rule for that credential.
- 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 credential, 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 credential in the state of Wisconsin, Respondent shall have paid the costs of this proceeding, in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00), 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: $\frac{S}{A \text{ Member of the Section}} \frac{S}{Date} = \frac{S}{Date}$