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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
DEBRA L. KUTCHERA,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0001932

Division of Enforcement Case No. 12SOC070

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

Debra L. Kutchera
3144 S. Delaware Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53207

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Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services
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Social Worker Section
Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board
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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. Debra L. Kutchera, Respondent, (DOB 08/05/1960), is credentialed as a social worker in the State Wisconsin pursuant to credential number 1739-120. Respondent's credential was first granted on October 26, 1993.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 3144 S. Delaware Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207.

3. On or about January 20, 2011, Respondent renewed her social worker credential 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. In July 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 August 27, 2011, Respondent wrote an email to the Department in which she indicated she has a medical condition preventing her from remembering the continuing education courses she took and from being able to locate the completion certificates.

6. Respondent is retired due to her medical condition and is not currently using her social worker credential.

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).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Stipulation of the parties is approved.
2. The voluntary SURRENDER of Debra L. Kutchera's social work credential (no. 1739-120) in the State of Wisconsin is accepted, effective the date of this order.
3. Debra L. Kutchera will not reapply for certification in the state of Wisconsin at any time in the future and the Department of Safety and Professional Services will not process any application for renewal of the credential of Debra L. Kutchera.
4. 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

7/18/2012
Date