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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
JAMES H. VAN HAREN,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0002069

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Division of Enforcement Case No. 12 SOC 022

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

James H. Van Haren  
2410 Dons Drive Apt 13  
Plover, WI 54467

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. James H. Van Haren ("Respondent"), date of birth September 8, 1964, is social worker in the state Wisconsin pursuant to license number 1918-120. This license was first granted on November 4, 1993.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 2410 Dons Drive, Apt 13, Plover, WI 54467.

3. On or about February 20, 2011, Respondent renewed his 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 he completed during the 2009-2011 credentialing period.

5. On July 18, 2011, Respondent sent an email to the Department stating that he had not completed the required 30 hours of continuing education that was required for the 2009 – 2011 biennium because in 2010 he lost his job and was financially unable to take any continuing education courses.

6. For the last 30 years, Respondent had not held a position that required him to use his social worker certification, but had chosen to keep his social worker license current in case he decided to return to the area of social work. Respondent has since found employment in a different field, and he no longer plans to return to the practice of social work. Therefore, Respondent wants to voluntarily surrender his 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).

#### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of James H. Van Haren's license (no. 1918-120) to practice social work in the state of Wisconsin is accepted, effective the date of this order.

2. 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 he 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 he 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.

3. 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 FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00), to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services.

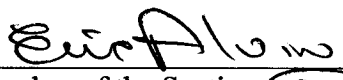
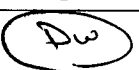
4. All petitions, continuing education certificates, payments and other documents shall be sent to:

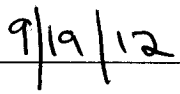
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5. This Order shall become effective on the date of its signing.

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

By:

  
A Member of the Section 

  
Date