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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

MARIANNE ARMAGANIAN, :

RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0002070

#### Division of Enforcement Case No. 12 SOC 025

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

Marianne Armaganian 14034 W. Tiffany Place New Berlin, WI 53151

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. Marianne Armaganian ("Respondent"), date of birth June 1, 1943, is a licensed clinical social worker in the state Wisconsin pursuant to license number 984-123. This license was first granted on September 27, 1993.

- 2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Safety and Professional Services ("Department") is 14034 W. Tiffany Place, New Berlin, WI 53151.
- 3. On or about February 23, 2011, Respondent renewed her license to practice as a licensed clinical 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. Respondent stated via letter that she has been retired from the practice of social work for the last five years, and did not ask for the retirement exemption from future continuing education requirements because she mistakenly checked the wrong box on her renewal application when she renewed her license on February 23, 2011. Respondent says that she had intended to check the box labeled "I certify that I am permanently retired and no longer use a social worker title in any professional practice, but wish to maintain my credential by paying the renewal fee."
- 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).

#### **ORDER**

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Marianne Armaganian's license (no. 984-123) 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 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.
- 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:

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

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: Ever Alwin 9/19/12

A Member of the Section Date