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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

CARLOS B. ROBINSON, RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0002135

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 12 RSA 016

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

Carlos B. Robinson 2513 N. 21st Street Milwaukee, WI 53206

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services 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 disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). The Department has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Department adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Carlos B. Robinson is certified in the State of Wisconsin as a Substance Abuse Counselor, having certificate number 131-14569, first issued on March 10, 2006, and current through February 28, 2013. Carlos B. Robinson's most recent address on file with the Department is 2513 North 21st Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53206.

¹ The Division of Legal Services and Compliance was formerly known as the Division of Enforcement.

- 2. Respondent was employed as a Substance Abuse Counselor at Gateway to Change ("Gateway"), located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 3. In April 2012, Respondent made sexual advances toward two clients during each client's one-on-one sessions with Respondent. The advances did not include sexual contact.
- 4. The clients reported the incidents to Gateway. After confronting Respondent about the allegations, Respondent resigned on April 17, 2012.
- 5. Respondent denies the allegations but has decided to resolve this matter through stipulation and admits that this document is sufficient to justify the Order set out below.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Carlos B. Robinson violated Wis. Stat. § SPS 164.01(2)(n).
- 3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Carlos B. Robinson violated Wis. Stat. § SPS 164.01(2)(m).
- 4. As a result of the violations noted in the Conclusions of Law, Respondent Carlos B. Robinson is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88(6).

ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Respondent Carlos B. Robinson's substance abuse counselor certificate (certificate number 131-14569) is SUSPENDED for a period of one year, commencing on the date of this Order. Respondent shall not practice as a substance abuse counselor, nor hold himself out as one credentialed as a substance abuse counselor during the time that his certificate is suspended.
- 3. The substance abuse counselor certificate issued to Carlos B. Robinson (certificate number 131-14569) is LIMITED as follows:
 - a. After the suspension period has concluded, Respondent shall provide care and treatment to only adult male clients and shall not provide services to women or minors. This limitation exists whether or not the care and treatment provided is paid or unpaid.

- b. Within six months of the date of this Order, Respondent shall successfully complete a minimum of **twelve (12) hours** of continuing education in the area of ethics and boundaries, which shall be pre-approved by the Department's monitoring liaison, including taking and passing any exam offered for the course(s).
- c. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Department, and also may not be used in future attempts to upgrade a credential in Wisconsin.
- 4. Request of approval of courses, and proof of successful course completion shall be sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

- 5. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's certificate. The Department in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education as set forth above, Respondent's certificate (no. 131-14569) may, in the discretion of the Department or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with completion of the education.
 - 6. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

v:

Michael J. Berndt Chief Legal Counsel

On Behalf of the Department

11/12/12 Date