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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF A PETITON FOR AN : ADMINISTRATIVE INJUNCTION INVOLVING :

ADMINISTRATIVE INJUNCTION

LESLIE L. LORD, RESPONDENT.

ORDER 00021 1

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 12 UNL 105 (HAD)

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

Leslie L. Lord S5460 O'Neil Road Baraboo, WI 53913

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 Leslie L. Lord, (dob October 26, 1964), held a temporary license in the State of Wisconsin as a speech language pathologist, license number 154-2969. This license was first granted to Respondent on July 7, 2008.

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

2. A temporary speech language pathologist license is valid for a period designated by the board not to exceed 18 months and may be renewed once for 18 months or longer, at the discretion of the board.

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- 3. From July 7, 2008 through August 1, 2012, Respondent was employed as a speech language pathologist by a rehabilitation service in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, providing services in Wisconsin.
- 4. On January 16, 2009, Respondent's State of Wisconsin temporary speech language pathologist license expired.
- 5. Respondent did not attempt to renew her temporary license and continued to practice as a speech-language pathologist after her license expired.
- 6. On November 1, 2010, in response to her employer's annual license check, Respondent presented a Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathologist license with the expiration date of January 31, 2013.
- 7. When questioned by her employer about the discrepancy between the copy of the license which Respondent presented and the department's on-line license verification records, Respondent told her employer that there was error in the department's on-line records system.
- 8. Respondent told her employer that the department's error was resolved and she received the updated license in the mail.
- 9. On August 1, 2012, Respondent's employment was terminated due to unresolved questions related to verification of her license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code ch. SPS 3 and Wis. Stat. § 440.21, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. The conduct described above constitutes the unlicensed practice of speech language pathology, contrary to Wis. Stat. § 459.24(1).

ORDER

- 1. The attached stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Unless and until Respondent Leslie L. Lord is properly licensed as a speech language pathologist by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, Respondent is enjoined and prohibited from the practice of speech language pathology in the State of Wisconsin. Violation of this special order may result in a forfeiture of up to \$10,000 for each day of violation. See Wis. Stat. § 440.21(4)(a).

3. If the Department determines that there is probable cause to believe that Respondent has violated any terms of this Administrative Injunction, the Department may refer the violations covered by this decision and order to any appropriate prosecutorial unit for review for possible criminal charges.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Issued at Madison, Wisconsin, this 29th day of November, 2012.

By:

Michael J. Berndt, General Counsel

On behalf of the Department