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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
SUSAN J. RAMSEY,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	

ORDER 0002221

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 12 CPC 061

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

Susan J. Ramsey
1914 E. Newton Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Professional Counselor Section
Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and
Social Work Examining Board
P.O. Box 8935
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Division of Legal Services and Compliance
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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 Professional Counselor Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board (Section). The Section has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Section in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Susan J. Ramsey (dob March 14, 1947) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice as a professional counselor, having license number 125-2402 first issued on November 28, 1995, and current through February 28, 2013. Susan J. Ramsey's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 1914 E. Newton Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211.

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

2. In the summer of 2012 the Department conducted an audit to review continuing education credits (CE's) obtained by Professional Counselors for the 2009-2011 biennium. The biennium dates were 3/1/2009 to 2/28/2011.

3. The Respondent was selected to participate in the audit.

4. Wis. Admin. Code §§ MPSW 14.03(1) and (4m) require professional counselors to complete 30 hours of continuing education courses per biennium.

5. Of the 30 hours of continuing education per biennium, licensees must take a minimum of 15 credit hours in professional counselor continuing education programs through NRCA, ARCA, WRCA, NBCC, ACA, WCA, CRCC or a college or university that is accredited by CACREP. Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 14.04 (1) – (5). Four of those 15 credit hours must be in professional counselor ethics and professional boundaries.

6. The remainder of the 30 credit hours may be obtained through the APA Committee for the Approval of Continuing Education, Category I – AMA or AOA, through programs recognized by the Social Work Section under s. MPSW 8.03 (1m) or through programs recognized by the Marriage and Family Therapy Section under s. MPSW 19.02 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

7. Respondent did not comply with Wis. Admin Code § MPSW 14.03(1), because Respondent lacked 15 continuing education credits of the required 30 credits.

8. Respondent did not comply with the requirements of Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 14.03(4m) because Respondent had fewer than 15 credits from among the continuing education programs and other educational activities identified in Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 14.04.

9. Respondent did not comply with the requirements of Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 14.03(4m) because Respondent did not have a total of four credits in the subject area of professional counseling ethics and boundaries from among the continuing education programs and other educational activities identified in Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 14.04.

10. In June of 2009, Respondent retired from the practice of professional counseling and does not intend to return to practice, but wishes to retain her ability to do so in the future should she choose to do so.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Professional Counselor Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2), 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, Susan J. Ramsey violated Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 14.03.

3. As a result of the above violations, Susan J. Ramsey is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(h).

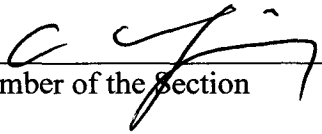
ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Susan J. Ramsey's Licensed Professional Counselor license (no. 125-2402) is SUSPENDED indefinitely, effective the date of this Order.
3. Respondent may be restored to full licensure upon proof, satisfactory to the Section or its designee, that she completed required biennial continuing education credits for the 2009-2011 biennium, in addition to any continuing education credits that would have been required during the period in which her license is suspended, along with any required renewal fees.
4. COSTS of the investigation, in the amount of \$50, shall be due prior to renewal of this credential.
5. Payment of costs, 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
6. 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.
7. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR SECTION OF THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY,
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

By


A Member of the Section

Date

12/19/12