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STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
BEFORE THE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR SECTION OF THE
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING AND
SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

WILLIAM F. PECK,
RESPONDENT.

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: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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ORDER 0002224

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 12 CPC 056

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

William F. Peck
PO Box 215
Hurley, WI 54534

Professional Counselor Section
Of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Worker
Examining Board
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
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 Professional Counselor Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Worker 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.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent William F. Peck is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a licensed professional counselor, license number 125-391. This license was first granted to Respondent on July 21, 1993, and expires on February 28, 2013.

2. The most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) for Respondent is P.O. Box 215, Hurley, WI 54534.

3. 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.

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

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

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Respondent had obtained more than the required number of continuing education credits but many of the credits did not comply with the provisions of Wis. Admin Code § 14.03(4m).

9. There is no evidence that Respondent's failure to obtain his credits in conformance with § 14.03(4m) was in bad faith.

10. Respondent does not practice under the license and does not wish to take additional continuing education credits. He has therefore asked to surrender the license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Professional Counselor Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Worker Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

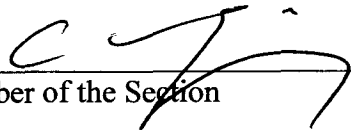
1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. The Board hereby accepts the SURRENDER of the license to practice as a licensed professional counselor of William F. Peck, license number 125-391.
3. Respondent shall submit any indicia of licensure to the Department at the address below:

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

4. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

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

by:


A Member of the Section

Date 12/19/12