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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

LINDA L. KRANTZ,
RESPONDENT.

:
:
: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
:
: ORDER 0002227

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 12 CPC 046

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

Linda L. Krantz
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Madison, WI 53718

Professional Counselor Section
Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and
Social Work Examining Board
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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 Linda L. Krantz (dob June 5, 1953) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice as a professional counselor, having license number 125-2478 first issued on March 15, 1996, and current through February 28, 2013. Linda L. Krantz's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 1510 Lynchburg Trail, Madison, Wisconsin 53718.

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 licensed professional counselors for the 2009-2011 biennium. The biennium dates were 3/1/2009 to 2/28/2011.

3. During Respondent's most recent online renewal of her professional counselor license for the 2009-2011 biennium, she certified the following statement:

I have or will have completed 30 credit hours of continuing education in approved programs as provided in section MPSW 14.03, Wisconsin Administrative Code, between March 1, 2009 and February 28, 2011, and I have or will have evidence of this which I will furnish to the Board upon request.

4. According to Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 14.03(1), licensed professional counselors are required to complete 30 hours of continuing education courses for each biennium.

5. According to Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 14.03(4m), of the 30 hours of continuing education for each biennium, licensees must take a minimum of 15 hours in continuing education programs through NRCA, ARCA, WRCA, NBCC, ACA, WCA, CBCC or a college or university that is accredited by CACREP. Four of those 15 credit hours must be in professional counselor ethics and professional boundaries.

6. According to Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 14.04(7) and (8), the remainder of the 30 continuing education hours may be obtained through the APA Committee for the Approval of Continuing Education, Category I – AMA or AOA, and through programs recognized by the Social Work Section under Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 8.03(1m) or through programs recognized by the Marriage and Family Therapy Section under Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 19.02.

7. Respondent was selected to participate in the audit. Upon the Department's request that she submit an attendance table and proof of completion of the continuing education hours acquired during the 2009- 2011 biennium, Respondent submitted documentation showing that she had completed 46.50 hours for the 2009-2011 biennium.

8. The Department's investigation revealed that none of Respondent's 46.50 continuing education hours met the requirement 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 paragraph 5 above, as specified in Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 14.04(1)-(5).

9. Respondent did not complete a total of 4 credits in the subject area of professional counseling ethics and boundaries from among the continuing education programs and other educational activities identified in paragraph 5 above, as specified in Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 14.04(1)-(5).

10. Respondent is relocating to Texas and does not plan to return to Wisconsin. Respondent agrees to voluntarily surrender her Professional Counselor license.

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 paragraphs 3, 8, and 9, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 14.03(4m), and is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(h) because she:

a. Obtained fewer than 15 credits from among the continuing education programs and other educational activities specified in Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 14.04(1)-(5).

b. Failed to complete a total of 4 credits in the subject area of professional counseling ethics and boundaries from among the continuing education programs and other educational activities specified in Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 14.04(1)-(5).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

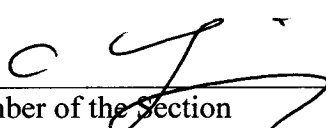
2. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Linda L. Kranz's Professional Counselor license (no. 125-2478) is accepted, effective the date of this Order. Respondent shall not practice as a professional counselor in the State of Wisconsin without first being licensed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, effective the date of this order:

3. 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