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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

DIANE MARIE CURRY,
RESPONDENT.

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: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
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: ORDER 0002230

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 12 CPC 032

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

Diane Marie Curry
272 Tabot Street
Dousman, WI 53118

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 Diane Marie Curry (dob February 11, 1965) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice as a professional counselor, having license number 125-1086 first issued on February 2, 1994, and current through February 28, 2013. Diane Marie Curry's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 272 Tabor Street, Dousman, Wisconsin 53118.

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. Respondent has not worked as a professional counselor for the past 15 years, and wants to voluntarily surrender her professional counselor license. Respondent is also licensed as a social worker in the State of Wisconsin, now works as a social worker, and plans to continue working as a social worker.

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, Diane Marie Curry violated Wis. Admin. Code §§ MPSW 14.03(1), 14.03(4m) and 14.04.

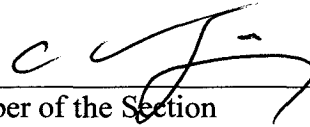
3. As a result of the above violations, Diane Marie Curry is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(h).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Diane Marie Curry's Professional Counselor license (no. 125-1086) 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.
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