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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

LAWRENCE A. KANE, III, RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0002234

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹
Case Nos. 12 UNL 073, 12 UNL 074, 12 UNL 089, and 12 UNL 090

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

Lawrence A. Kane, III 7170 N. Port Washington Road Glendale, WI 53217

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 Lawrence A. Kane, III, was licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a Clinical Social Worker (license number 123-3138) and Professional Counselor (license number 125-1529), first granted on 12/19/1994 and 09/23/1994, respectively.

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

- 2. On 12/12/2011, Respondent voluntarily surrendered his Clinical Social Worker license.
- 3. On 02/03/2012, Respondent voluntarily surrendered his Professional Counselor license.
- 4. As of 02/03/2012, Respondent no longer holds any credential that would allow him to practice psychotherapy.
- 5. Respondent owns and operates Wisconsin Community Mental Health Counseling Center, Inc., with clinics located in Mequon, Whitewater, Hartford, and Hales Corners, Wisconsin.
- 6. Subsequent to the surrender of his psychotherapy licenses, Respondent continued to see and treat clients at his clinics despite the fact that he no longer holds a license to practice psychotherapy. Respondent routinely contacted patients' physicians to consult with and discuss the treatment provided.
- 7. Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations, but in the interest of resolving this matter, and with no intention to practice without a license, agrees to entry of this Administrative Injunction.

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 psychotherapy, contrary to Wis. Stat. § 457.04.

ORDER

- 1. The attached stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Unless and until Respondent is properly licensed as a psychotherapist by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, Respondent is enjoined and prohibited from the practice of psychotherapy 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 <u>20th</u> day of <u>December</u>, 2012.

By:

Michael J. Bernot, General Counsel

On behalf of the Department