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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
EVIE K. LAFOUNTAIN, :
RESPONDENT. : ORDER 0002238

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 12 SOC 058

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

Evie K. LaFountain
2088 Memorial Drive #111
Green Bay, WI 54303

Social Worker Section
Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board
Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

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 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 Evie K. LaFountain, (dob: November 6, 1943) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a licensed clinical social worker, having license number 883-123, first issued on September 1, 1993 and current through February 28, 2013. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 2088 Memorial Drive # 111, Green Bay, WI 54303.

2. On or about February 12, 2011, Respondent renewed her license to practice as a licensed clinical social worker in the state of Wisconsin. During the Continuing Education Certification portion of the renewal process, Respondent attested to the following statement:

“I have completed 30 credit hours of continuing education in approved programs as provided in section MPSW 19.01, Wisconsin Administrative Code, between March 1, 2009 and February 28, 2011. I have or will have evidence of this which I will furnish to the Board upon request.”

3. On July 11, 2011, as a result of a continuing education audit conducted on behalf of the Section, the Department requested that Respondent submit an attendance table, and proof of attendance, that included the continuing education hours she completed during the 2009-2011 credentialing period.

4. On September 8, 2011, Respondent submitted information showing that she had completed a total of 42 hours of continuing education during the 2009 – 2011 biennium. However, Respondent had not completed 4 hours of continuing education in the area of social worker ethics and boundaries as required by Wis. Admin. Code. § MPSW 8.02(1)(b).

5. Respondent has retired from the practice of social work, is partially disabled, has no plans to ever return to the practice of social work in the future, and has decided to voluntarily surrender her licensed clinical social worker license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Social Worker Section of the Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work 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 VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Evie K. LaFountain’s license (no. 883-123) to practice social work in the state of Wisconsin is accepted, effective the date of this order.
3. In the event Respondent petitions the Section for any certification or license:
 - a. Respondent shall have first met all requirements specified by statute or administrative rule for that certification or license.
 - b. Respondent shall provide proof sufficient to the Section or its designee that she has taken and completed 30 Section-approved continuing education hours, including 4 hours in the area of social work ethics and boundaries, which shall be applied to the hours that should have been completed during the 2009-2011 credentialing period.

- c. Respondent shall provide proof sufficient to the Section or its designee that she has taken and completed any additional hours of continuing education required by the Section for any subsequent credentialing periods that have passed or begun of the time of the petition for licensure.
 - d. It shall be in the sole discretion of the Section whether to grant Respondent's certification or license, with or without limitations. The Section may enter an order denying such application without further notice or hearing.
4. Prior to applying for any professional license in the state of Wisconsin, Respondent shall have paid the costs of this proceeding, in the amount of \$200.00 to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services.
5. All petitions, continuing education certificates, payments, and other documents shall be sent to:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 8935
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6. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

SOCIAL WORKER SECTION OF THE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELING & SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

by: Eric Alton
A Member of the Section Dw

Date 12/21/12