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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
LINDA L. SYVERSON-KERR,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	
	:	ORDER 0002242

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 12 SOC 020

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

Linda L. Syverson-Kerr
W7419 Council Bay Road
Holmen, WI 54636

Social Worker Section
Marriage & Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, & Social Work Examining Board
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 Social Worker 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. Syverson-Kerr, date of birth January 22, 1965, is licensed as a social worker in the State Wisconsin pursuant to license number 120-4793. This license was first granted on April 14, 1995, and current through February 28, 2013. Respondent's most

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

recent address on file with the Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is W7419 Council Bay Road, Holmen, WI 54636.

2. On or about January 20, 2011, Respondent renewed her social worker credential 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. In July 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. Respondent indicated that she had not completed the required 30 hours of continuing education for the 2009 – 2011 biennium due to medical issues, and that a permanent disability has prevented her from practicing as a social worker since June 12, 2010.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Section has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Linda L. Syverson-Kerr's license (no. 120-4793) to practice social work in the state of Wisconsin is accepted, effective the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, 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, 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 ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00), to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services.

5. Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent to the Department Monitor 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

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

SOCIAL WORKER SECTION OF THE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY,
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by: Eire Alvin
A Member of the Section DW

12/21/12
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