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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
JOEL D. RYNDERS,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	
	:	ORDER 0002321

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 12 SOC 035

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

Joel D. Rynders
W269N6980 Hickory Chasm Court
Lisbon, WI 53089

Social Worker Section
Marriage & Family Therapy, Professional Counseling & Social Work Examining Board
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

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A disciplinary proceeding was commenced in this matter by the filing of a Notice of Hearing and Complaint with the Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board (Section) on December 28, 2012. Prior to the hearing on the Complaint, 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. 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 Joel D. Rynders, (dob: September 1, 1960) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a social worker, having license number 120-5619, first issued on September 5,

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

1995, and current through February 28, 2013. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is W269N6980 Hickory Chasm Court, Lisbon, WI 53089.

2. On or about January 20, 2011, Respondent renewed his social worker credential in the State of Wisconsin. During the continuing education portion of the renewal process, Respondent certified 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. During July 2011, the Department conducted a continuing education audit on behalf of the Section. Respondent was selected to comply with this audit and as a result, was requested to submit an attendance table and proof of attendance for all of the continuing education hours he completed during the 2009-2011 biennium.

4. Upon the Department's request that he submit an attendance table and proof of completion of the continuing education hours ("CEH") acquired during the 2009-2011 biennium, Respondent submitted documentation showing that he had completed 30 CEH for the 2009-2011 biennium, including successfully completing the 4 CEH requirement in the area of Social Work Ethics and Boundaries.

5. However, 20 of the CEH submitted by Respondent were self-study continuing education courses. Only a maximum of 10 CEH of self-study continuing education courses can be accepted in any biennium period under Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 8.03(2)(e). Therefore, only 10 CEH of the self-study continuing education courses were accepted, giving Respondent a total of 20 CEH for the 2009-2011 biennium.

6. Respondent needs to obtain and successfully complete an additional 10 CEH in order to be in compliance with the CEH requirements for the 2009-2011 biennium.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Social Worker 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, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Respondent's conduct in paragraphs 5-6 describe a failure to complete at least 30 Section-approved credit hours of continuing education in the 2009-2011 biennium period as required by Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 8.02(1), and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(h).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Joel D. Rynders is REPRIMANDED.

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

3. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent Joel D. Rynders shall successfully complete a minimum of ten (10) hours of continuing education meeting all of the continuing education requirements under Wis. Admin. Code ch. MPSW 8.

4. Respondent shall provide proof of successful completion of these Section-approved continuing education courses to the Department Monitor.

5. Respondent shall not count the continuing education hours earned to satisfy the continuing education requirements of the 2009-2011 biennium towards the continuing education requirements of the 2011-2013 biennium.

6. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$300.00. Costs are payable by check to the Department of Safety and Professional Services.


7. Any documents necessary to satisfy the terms of this Order, and all payment of costs shall be 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

8. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Section in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs or obtain the continuing education as ordered above, Respondent's license (120-5619) may, in the discretion of the Section or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the forfeiture and costs.

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

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

by: 
A Member of the Section

2-27-13
Date