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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

ADMINISTRATIVE INJUNCTION INVOLV		ADMINISTRATIVE INJUNCTION
FAIRA TORCHIA, RESPONDENT.	:	000250 6

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 12 UNL 169 (MTB)

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

Faira Torchia Journey Inn AKA Earthsky Bodymind W3671 200th Ave. Maiden Rock, WI 54750

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. Upon information and belief, Respondent Faira Torchia's place of business and address for purposes of service is Journey Inn AKA Earthsky Bodymind, W3671 200th Avenue, Maiden Rock, Wisconsin 54750.

2. Respondent Faira Torchia is not and has never been licensed as a massage therapist or bodywork therapist in the State of Wisconsin.

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

3. In the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 460.02, a license is required to practice massage therapy or bodywork therapy.

4. Between approximately 2003 and 2013, on a few occasions Respondent provided massage therapy or bodywork therapy to clients for financial compensation. The services were provided while she visited her mother at the Journey Inn AKA Earthsky Bodymind. Therefore, Respondent has engaged in the practice of massage therapy or bodywork therapy without a credential.

5. Respondent agrees to resolve this matter through stipulation and agrees that these facts are sufficient to justify the proposed 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 massage therapy or bodywork therapy, contrary to Wis. Stat. § 460.02.

<u>ORDER</u>

1. The attached stipulation is accepted.

2. Unless and until Respondent is properly licensed as a massage therapist or bodywork therapist by the Wisconsin Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board, Respondent is enjoined and prohibited from the practice of massage therapy or bodywork therapy in the State of Wisconsin, and from holding herself out as someone that is credentialed to do so. 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>Ann</u> day of <u>June</u>, 2013.

By:

Michael J. Berndt, Chief Counsel

On behalf of the Department