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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

COREY S. ANFINSON,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 12 SOC 088

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

Corey S. Anfinson
1423 Rain Dance Tr.
Nekoosa, WI 54457

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

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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 Wisconsin 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 Corey S. Anfinson (dob November 27, 1977) is certified in the State of Wisconsin as a social worker, having certificate number 9305-120, first issued on November 1, 2006 and current through February 28, 2015. Mr. Anfinson's most recent address on file with

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

the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 1423 Rain Dance Trail, Nekoosa, Wisconsin 54457.

2. At all times relevant to the investigation, Respondent was employed as a social worker at the Wood County Department of Social Services (Wood County) in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. Respondent was required to document all the treatment and services that he provided to clients in eWiSACWIS, the required system for documenting ongoing Child Protective Services.

3. Respondent was employed as a social worker at Wood County from May 21, 2007 through April 5, 2012. On February 20, 2012, Respondent accepted a new position of Coordinated Services Team Social Worker at Wood County. During the transition period to his new position, Respondent failed to document in the eWiSACWIS system the treatment and services that he provided to approximately 13 – 15 clients.

4. On multiple occasions over a one year period, Respondent failed to perform the required monthly face-to-face meeting with a child that the court had found in need of protective services. For this child there were no monthly face-to-face meetings in February of 2011, April of 2011, May of 2011, July of 2011, October of 2011, November of 2011, December of 2011, and January of 2012.

5. On at least one occasion, Respondent failed to create the required safety assessment and case plan for a child prior to the child being returned home on November 16, 2011. Respondent did finally complete the required safety assessment and case plan on March 24, 2012, more than four months after the child had returned home, and found the child's home and living situation to be safe.

6. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

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).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Corey S. Anfinson violated Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(18) by failing to maintain adequate records relating to services provided to a client in the course of a professional relationship.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Corey S. Anfinson violated Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(22) by engaging in gross negligence in practice in more than one instance when he failed to create the required safety assessment and case plan for a child prior to the child being returned home and when he failed to perform the required monthly face-to-face meeting with a child that the court had found in need of protective services.

4. As a result of the above violations, Corey S. Anfinson is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(f).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Respondent Corey S. Anfinson is REPRIMANDED.
3. The certificate issued to Corey S. Anfinson to practice social work (certificate number 9305-120) is LIMITED as follows:
 - a. Within 120 days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall successfully complete three hours of education on the topic of maintaining adequate client records and three hours of education on the topic of child welfare and safety, offered by a provider pre-approved by the Section's monitoring liaison, including taking and passing any exam offered for the courses.
 - b. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Section or Department, and also may not be used in future attempts to upgrade a credential in Wisconsin.
 - c. The limitation shall be removed upon proof satisfactory to the Section or its designee that the terms of the limitation(s) have been satisfied.
4. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Corey S. Anfinson shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$650.00.
5. Request of approval of courses, proof of successful course completion and payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent 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. 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 certificate. 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 costs as ordered or fails to

submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education as set forth above, Respondent's certificate (no 9305-120) may, in the discretion of the Section or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of costs and completion of the education.

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

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

by: 
A Member of the Section

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Date