

## WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



### **Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services Access to the Public Records of the Reports of Decisions**

This Reports of Decisions document was retrieved from the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services website. These records are open to public view under Wisconsin's Open Records law, sections 19.31-19.39 Wisconsin Statutes.

#### **Please read this agreement prior to viewing the Decision:**

- The Reports of Decisions is designed to contain copies of all orders issued by credentialing authorities within the Department of Safety and Professional Services from November, 1998 to the present. In addition, many but not all orders for the time period between 1977 and November, 1998 are posted. Not all orders issued by a credentialing authority constitute a formal disciplinary action.
- Reports of Decisions contains information as it exists at a specific point in time in the Department of Safety and Professional Services data base. Because this data base changes constantly, the Department is not responsible for subsequent entries that update, correct or delete data. The Department is not responsible for notifying prior requesters of updates, modifications, corrections or deletions. All users have the responsibility to determine whether information obtained from this site is still accurate, current and complete.
- There may be discrepancies between the online copies and the original document. Original documents should be consulted as the definitive representation of the order's content. Copies of original orders may be obtained by mailing requests to the Department of Safety and Professional Services, PO Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935. The Department charges copying fees. *All requests must cite the case number, the date of the order, and respondent's name* as it appears on the order.
- Reported decisions may have an appeal pending, and discipline may be stayed during the appeal. Information about the current status of a credential issued by the Department of Safety and Professional Services is shown on the Department's Web Site under "License Lookup."

The status of an appeal may be found on court access websites at:

<http://ccap.courts.state.wi.us/InternetCourtAccess> and <http://www.courts.state.wi.us/wscga>

- Records not open to public inspection by statute are not contained on this website.

**By viewing this document, you have read the above and agree to the use of the Reports of Decisions subject to the above terms, and that you understand the limitations of this on-line database.**

**Correcting information on the DSPS website:** An individual who believes that information on the website is inaccurate may contact [DSPS@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DSPS@wisconsin.gov)

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

KRISTINE L. SENN,  
RESPONDENT.

:  
:  
:  
:  
:

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

000264 4

---

Division of Legal Services and Compliance<sup>1</sup> Case No. 12 SOC 075

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

Kristine L. Senn  
Tomah, WI 54660

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

Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
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 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 Kristine L. Senn, (dob August 2, 1959) is certified in the State of Wisconsin as a social worker, having certificate number 2240-120, first issued on November 24, 1993, and current through February 28, 2015. Respondent's most recent location on file with the

---

<sup>1</sup> The Division of Legal Services and Compliance was formerly known as the Division of Enforcement.

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Tomah, Wisconsin 54660.

2. Respondent has not been previously disciplined by the Section.

3. Respondent was employed as a resident service coordinator at Willow Woods, a low income housing facility owned by National Church Residences in Tomah, Wisconsin from August 23, 2010 to August 23, 2011. Respondent's primary job duties included assisting residents in accessing social services and coordinating the delivery of those services. A Social Worker license was not required for the position.

4. Throughout the term of her employment, Respondent provided service coordination services to Resident A, an adult male resident at Willow Woods.

5. Respondent attended a conference with the property manager of Willow Woods in St. Louis, Missouri from May 23 – 25, 2011.

6. During the conference, Respondent exhibited poor judgment by engaging in phone calls, on other than work related matters, with Resident A after business hours.

7. Respondent's attempts to placate Resident A, through her actions and inactions, projected an appearance of acceptance and a dual relationship.

8. 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(2), 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, Respondent violated Wisconsin Administrative Code § MPSW 20.02(13) by engaging in a dual relationship with Resident A.

3. As a result of the above violations, Respondent Kristine L. Senn is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(f).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Kristine L. Senn is REPRIMANDED.

3. Respondent has successfully completed 4 hours of education on the topic of social work ethics and boundaries. A copy of the certificate of course completion has been provided to the Department. The education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy

continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Section or Department, but may not be used in future attempts to upgrade a credential in Wisconsin.

4. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$250.00.

5. 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:

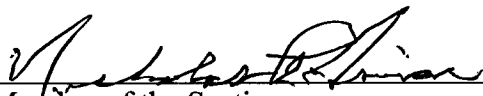
Department Monitor  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935  
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264  
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

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 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 as ordered, Respondent's certificate (no. 2240-120) may, in the discretion of the Section or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the forfeiture and 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

9-25-13  
Date