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# STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

RALPH J. RADEY, JR., RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance<sup>1</sup> Case No. 12 RSA 027

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

Ralph J. Radey, Jr. 2124 Meadowland Drive, #104 Sheboygan, WI 53081

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. Respondent Ralph J. Radey, Jr. (dob February 16, 1955) was certified in the State of Wisconsin as a clinical substance abuse counselor, having certificate number 1186-132, first issued on October 19, 1990 and which expired on March 1, 2013. Respondent Radey was also certified as an intermediate clinical supervisor, having certificate number 12054-134, first issued on June 14, 2001 and which expired on March 1, 2013. Mr. Radey's most recent address on file with the Department is 2124 Meadowland Drive, #104, Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081.

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

- 2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was working as a substance abuse counselor at Sheboygan County Health and Human Services ("SCHHS") located in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
- 3. Respondent provided substance abuse one-on-one therapy and group therapy sessions to Client A approximately five times a week from 2007 through 2009 and from February 2012 through May 2012. Respondent was terminated from SCHHS on June 1, 2012.
- 4. On July 11, 2012, in Sheboygan County case 2012 CF 360, Respondent was charged with three counts of sexual exploitation by a therapist, in violation of Wis. Stat. § 940.22(2), a felony, for engaging in sexual intercourse with Client A in December 2011, February 2012, and April 2012.
- 5. On August 3, 2012, in Sheboygan County case 2012 CF 412, Respondent was additionally charged with two further counts of sexual exploitation by a therapist, in violation of Wis. Stat. § 940.22(2), a felony, for engaging in sexual intercourse with Client A on two occasions in February 2012.
- 6. On January 18, 2013, Respondent was convicted of one count of 4<sup>th</sup> degree sexual assault, in violation of Wis. Stat. § 940.225(3m), a misdemeanor, on a no contest plea in resolution of criminal case 2012 CF 412. On February 12, 013, Respondent was convicted of one count of 4<sup>th</sup> degree sexual assault, in violation of Wis. Stat. § 940.225(3m), a misdemeanor, on a no contest plea in resolution of criminal case 2012 CF 360. Respondent denies that he engaged in any sexual contact with Client A, and asserts that he was financially unable to continue to defend against the charges.
- 7. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88 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 Ralph J. Radey, Jr. violated Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 164.01(2)(b) by being convicted of a sexual assault of one of his counseling clients.
- 3. As a result of the violations noted in the Conclusions of Law, Respondent Ralph J. Radey, Jr. is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88(6).

# **ORDER**

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

- 2. The Department accepts the voluntary SURRENDER of Respondent Ralph J. Radey, Jr.'s rights to renew his expired certificates to practice as a clinical substance abuse counselor (certificate # 1186-132) and to practice as an intermediate clinical supervisor (certificate # 12054-134) pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08(3).
- 3. Ralph J. Radey, Jr. is on notice that he may not practice as a clinical substance abuse counselor or as an intermediate clinical supervisor without a certification to engage in such practice.
- 4. Ralph J. Radey, Jr. shall not attempt to renew his certification or apply for a certification or licensure to practice as a clinical substance abuse counselor, an intermediate clinical supervisor, or any other mental health profession in the State of Wisconsin at any time in the future.
- Within fifteen (15) days from the date of this Order, Ralph J. Radey, Jr. shall mail or physically deliver all indicia of certification to the Department Monitor at the address listed below.
- 6. Ralph J. Radey, Jr. shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$1,000.00 together with any application he makes at any time after September 5, 2013, for any credential administered by or through the Department of Safety and Professional Services.
- Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent to the Department Monitor at 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. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Michael J. Gernot, Chief Legal Counsel

On Behalf of the Department