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

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

RACHEL SEMROW, L.P.C.,  
RESPONDENT.

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: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
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: **0003189**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance<sup>1</sup> Case No. 12 CPC 076

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

Rachel Semrow, L.P.C.  
205 Veneer Lane  
Hatley, WI 54440

Wisconsin Professional Counselor Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy,  
Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board  
P.O. Box 8366  
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190  
Madison, WI 53707-7190

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 Professional Counselor Section (Section) of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board (Board). 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.

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

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Rachel Semrow, L.P.C., (dob December 16, 1977) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a professional counselor, having license number 4589-125, first issued on May 12, 2011, and current through February 28, 2015. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 205 Veneer Lane, Hatley, Wisconsin.

2. On April 14, 2012, Respondent submitted an application for a substance abuse specialty to the Department. In her application, Respondent stated that she had completed at least 1,000 hours of face-to face client counseling experience with individuals diagnosed with substance use disorders. This information was untrue.

3. When confronted by the Department, Respondent admitted that on the date that she submitted her application she had only completed 589 hours of face-to face client counseling experience with individuals diagnosed with substance use disorders.

4. During the period of July 7, 2012 to July 24, 2012, Respondent falsely portrayed herself as a counselor with a substance abuse specialty when she did not have the qualifications to provide such care in an unsupervised environment.

5. Respondent admitted to the Department that she provided clinical services to a child of an office manager.

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

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Professional Counselor 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(2), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described above, Rachel Semrow, L.P.C., committed unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(7) by reporting distorted, false, or misleading information or making false statements in practice.

3. By the conduct described above, Rachel Semrow, L.P.C., committed unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(1) by performing or offering to perform services for which she was not qualified by education, training, or experience.

4. By the conduct described above, Rachel Semrow, L.P.C., committed unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(13) by failing to avoid prohibited dual relationships.

5. As a result of the above violations, Rachel Semrow, L.P.C., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(h).

#### ORDER

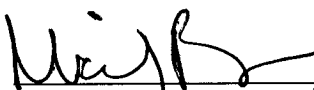
1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Respondent, Rachel Semrow's professional counselor license (license number 4589-125) is **SUSPENDED** for a period of one (1) month commencing thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.
3. The professional counselor license issued to Rachel Semrow, L.P.C., (license number 4589-125) is **LIMITED** as follows:
  - a. Within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall successfully complete, at her own expense, three (3) hours of education on the topic of dual relationships and six (6) hours of education on professional ethics. Each course shall be pre-approved by the Section's monitoring liaison. Successful completion shall include taking and passing any exam offered for the courses.
  - b. Within thirty (30) days of satisfactorily completing the education required above, Respondent shall submit, to the Department Monitor, proof of successful completion. Acceptable proof shall be verification from the institution providing the education.
  - c. None of the education completed pursuant to this limitation 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.
  - d. This limitation shall be removed from Respondent's license after satisfying the Section or its designee that Respondent has successfully completed the education as ordered.
4. Respondent shall not hold herself out as having a substance abuse specialty until she has fulfilled the requirements of the specialty.
5. Within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, Rachel Semrow, L.P.C., shall pay **COSTS** of this matter in the amount of \$700.00.
6. Respondent shall submit requests, proof, and payments (payable to the Department of Safety and Professional Services) required by or relevant to this Order 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 7190  
Madison, WI 53707-7910  
Telephone (608) 267-3817  
Fax (608) 266-2264  
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

7. 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 costs as ordered or fails to submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education as set forth above, Respondent's license (no. 4589-125) 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.

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

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

by:  Chief Legal Counsel  
A Member of the Section on behalf of the Section Date 4/28/14

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance<sup>1</sup> Case No. 12 CPC 076

Respondent Rachel Semrow, L.P.C. and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Professional Counselor Section (Section) of the Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board. The parties to the Stipulation

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consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Section's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Section, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Section, the parties agree not to contend that the Section has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Section ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Section in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Section may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Section should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Section adopt this Stipulation, the Section's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Section adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



Rachel Semrow, L.P.C.  
205 Veneer Lane  
Hatley, WI 54440

12/18/13  
Date



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Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
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December 23, 2013  
Date