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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

DENNIS J. VANDERMAUSE,
RESPONDENT.

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: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case Nos. 13 SOC 036

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

Dennis J. Vandermause
2022 East 17th Avenue
Spokane, WA 99203

Wisconsin Social Worker 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 Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board (Section). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Dennis J. Vandermause (dob May 23, 1947) was licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice clinical social work, having license number 3580-123, first issued on May 12, 1995, and expired on February 28, 2011. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08(3), Respondent maintains the right to renew his license upon payment of a fee until February 28, 2016. Dennis J. Vandermause's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 2022 East 17th Avenue, Spokane, Washington 99203.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was working as a licensed clinical social worker at Family Health Resource Group in Madison, Wisconsin.

3. On December 8, 2011, a federal grand jury indicted Respondent on sixteen counts of health care fraud, alleging that Respondent billed Medicaid for services that had not been provided.

4. On January 30, 2013, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, Case Number 11-CR-135-BBC-01, Respondent pled guilty to the crime of "false statements in a federal health care program," in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b(a)(2), a Class D Felony. Effective January 30, 2013, the Court placed Respondent on probation for a term of five years and ordered Respondent to pay a \$100.00 criminal assessment penalty, a \$10,000.00 fine, and \$114,713.89 in restitution.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

2. The crime of making false statements in a federal health care program, in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b(a)(2), is, under the circumstances of this case, a law substantially related to the practice of social work.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Dennis J. Vandermause engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(2), by violating a law that substantially relates to the practice of social work.

4. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Dennis J. Vandermause engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(6), by engaging in false and fraudulent billing practices.

5. As a result of the above violations, Dennis J. Vandermause is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(b) and (f).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Respondent Dennis J. Vandermause's right to renew his license (no. 3580-123) to practice social work in the state of Wisconsin is accepted, effective the date of this order.

- b. Respondent is on notice that he may not engage in the practice of social work in the state of Wisconsin, nor may he hold himself out as one so licensed in this state.
 - c. This SURRENDER constitutes Respondent's relinquishment of his license to practice social work in the state of Wisconsin. The Board will not process or otherwise consider an application by Respondent for a license to practice social work in the state of Wisconsin unless and until Respondent first provides proof satisfactory to the Board or its designee that Respondent has satisfactorily completed the probationary period referenced in paragraph four (4) in the Findings of Fact, above.
 - d. In the event the Board, in its discretion, elects to grant Respondent a credential at some time in the future, the Board may impose any limitation the Board deems necessary to insure protection of the public, rehabilitation of Respondent and/or general deterrence.
3. Case No. 13 SOC 075 is hereby closed for prosecutorial discretion.
4. Respondent shall immediately return all indicia of Wisconsin licensure 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 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

5. 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 Board

4-30-14
Date

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THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMING BOARD

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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 13 SOC 036

Respondent Dennis J. Vandermause 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 Social Worker Section of the Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional
Counselor, and Social Work Examining Board (Section). The parties to the Stipulation 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.

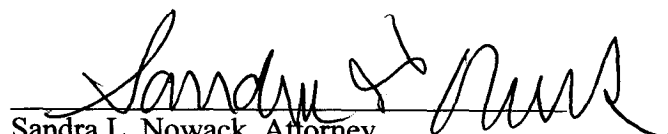
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Section ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Section in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for 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.


Dennis J. Vandermause, Respondent
2022 East 17th Avenue
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License no. 3580-123

4/11/14
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