

## WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR	:	
SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR-IN-	:	
TRAINING FOR	:	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
	:	<b>LIMITED CERTIFICATE</b>
RHONDA MORGAN,	:	
APPLICANT.	:	<b>0003520</b>

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

RHONDA MORGAN  
5750 N 99TH ST  
MILWAUKEE WI 53225

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
1400 E. WASHINGTON AVENUE  
P.O. BOX 8935  
MADISON, WI 53708-8935

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. RHONDA MORGAN (Applicant) has filed an application for a credential to practice as a substance abuse counselor-in-training in Wisconsin.
2. Information received in the application process reflects the following convictions:

9/26/12 – Child Abuse – Recklessly Cause Harm  
12/16/04 – Retail Theft  
6/11/04 – Criminal Damage to Property

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. §440.88.
2. The facts and circumstances of the past convictions are substantially related to your request for certification as a substance abuse counselor-in-training.

## **ORDER**

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that RHONDA MORGAN is GRANTED A SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING CREDENTIAL subject to the following LIMITATIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

### Practice Limitations

1. Applicant shall provide a copy of this Order to all prospective employers.
2. Applicant shall commit no new violations of law, and shall report all law enforcement contacts leading to arrest, charge or conviction to the Department Monitor within 48 hours of any such event.

### Reporting Requirements

3. It is Applicant's responsibility to arrange for her supervisor(s) to provide work reports to the Department Monitor on a quarterly basis, as directed by Department Monitor. These reports shall describe the Applicant's activities and verify that she is in compliance with the laws governing the practice of a substance abuse counselor-in-training and the terms of this Order.
4. Applicant shall file with the Department quarterly reports at the direction of the Department Monitor commencing ninety (90) days after Applicant commences employment. Each report shall include the following:
  - a. The name, address and telephone number of Applicant, and name, address and telephone number of Applicant's employer;
  - b. A statement from the Applicant as to whether she has had any law enforcement contacts leading to arrest, charge or conviction (including DWI/OWI) during the term of the Order;
  - c. Applicant shall report to the Department Monitor any change of employment status, residence, address or telephone number within five (5) days of the date of a change.
5. Applicant is responsible for compliance with all of the terms and conditions of this Order, including the timely submission of reports by others. Applicant shall promptly notify Department Monitor of any suspected violations of any of the terms and conditions of this Order by Applicant.

### DEPARTMENT MONITOR

6. The Department Monitor is the individual designated by the department as its agent to coordinate compliance with the terms of this Order. Any requests, petitions, reports or other information required by this Order shall be mailed, faxed or delivered to:

DEPARTMENT MONITOR  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
Division of Legal Services & Compliance  
1400 East Washington Ave., P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935  
Fax: (608) 266-2264  
Telephone: (608) 267-3817

### Petitions for Modification

7. Applicant may petition the Department Monitor for modification of the terms of this Order after completion of one year of practice in compliance with all terms and conditions of this Order. Applicant's petition must include Applicant's history of employment from the effective date of this Order that states the dates and names of any employer, such employment in total equaling one year of practice. Any such petition shall be accompanied by a written recommendation from Applicant's current employer that includes, among other things, the dates of employment and scope of responsibility during such employment. A denial of such a petition for modification shall not be deemed a denial of credential under Wis. Stats. § 227.01(3), Wis. Admin. Code ch. SPS 1, and shall not be subject to any right to further hearing or appeal.

### Costs

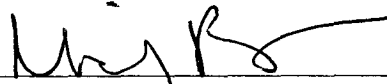
8. Applicant shall be responsible for all costs and expenses associated with compliance with the terms of this Order.

### Summary Suspension/Additional Discipline

9. 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 Applicant's credential. The Department, 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 that Applicant fails to submit quarterly reports as ordered, Applicant's credential may, in the discretion of the Department or its designee, be

SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Applicant has complied with the terms of this Order.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Berndt", written over a horizontal line.

Michael J. Berndt, Chief Legal Counsel  
On behalf of the Department of  
Safety and Professional Services

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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**STIPULATION**

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It is hereby stipulated between the above-referenced Applicant and the State of Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services as follows:

The Applicant has filed an application for a substance abuse counselor-in-training credential. Information received by the Department reflects a basis for denial of the application for a credential. Based upon the information of record herein, the Department agrees to issue and the Applicant agrees to accept an Order Granting a Limited certificate as a substance abuse counselor-in-training subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Order Adopting Stipulation.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014

Rhonda Morgan  
Rhonda Morgan, Applicant

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014

By: Michael J Bernhardt  
Michael J Bernhardt, Chief Legal Counsel  
On behalf of the Department of  
Safety and Professional Services