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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
SALLY A. KLOSSNER, RESPONDENT.	0003628

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 RSA 021

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

Sally A. Klossner 7034 W. Stebbinsville Road Edgerton, WI 53534-8873

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 8368 Madison, WI 53708-8368

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Wisconsin 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 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 Sally A. Klossner, (dob July 27, 1953) is certified in the state of Wisconsin to practice clinical substance abuse counseling, having certification number 2060-132, first issued on May 6, 1997 and current through February 28, 2015. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department is 7034 West Stebbinsville Road, Edgerton, Wisconsin 53534-8873.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a clinical substance abuse counselor in Madison, Wisconsin.

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3. On April 8, 2014, Client A canceled an appointment for a face-to-face meeting with Respondent that had been scheduled for 10:30 a.m.

4. During the time Respondent had been scheduled to see Client A, Respondent sent emails and completed progress notes pertaining to nine other clients.

5. Respondent later falsified records to indicate that she had seen Client A as scheduled. Respondent forged Client A's initials on a sign-in log, documented a counseling session that never took place, and knowingly and intentionally created a false progress note.

6. Respondent explained that she committed the fraudulent acts in order to get paid.

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 Sally A. Klossner, engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 164.01(2)(i), by engaging in false, fraudulent, misleading or deceptive behavior associated with practice as a substance abuse professional.

3. As a result of the above violations, Respondent Sally A. Klossner, is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88(6).

<u>ORDER</u>

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

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2. Respondent Sally A. Klossner is REPRIMANDED.

3. The certificate to practice as a clinical substance abuse counselor issued to Sally A. Klossner (certificate no. 2060-132) is limited as follows:

- a. Within 90 days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall successfully complete six (6) hours of remedial-education on the topic of ethics offered by a provider pre-approved by the Department's monitoring liaison, including taking and passing any exam offered for the course(s). Courses taken without preapproval may not be used to fulfill this requirement.
- b. Within 30 days of course completion, Respondent shall submit to the Department Monitor at the address below, proof of successful completion of the remedialeducation in the form of verification from the course provider. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement 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.

c. This limitation shall be removed from Respondent's license after satisfying the Department that Respondent has successfully completed the remedial education as ordered.

4. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Sally A. Klossner shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$516.58.

5. Requests for approval of courses, proof of successful course completion and 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 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190 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 certificate. 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 Respondent fails to timely submit payment of costs as ordered or fails to submit proof of successful completion of the remedial education as set forth above, Respondent's certificate (no. 2060-132) may, in the discretion of the Department, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of costs and completion of the education.

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

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

By:

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Michael J. Berndt, Chief Counsel

On Behalf of the Department

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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	: : : STIPULATION	0003628
SALLY A. KLOSSNER, RESPONDENT.	:	

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 RSA 021

Respondent Sally A. Klossner 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 Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). 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 Department's Order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Department, 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 Department, the parties agree not to contend that the Department 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 may appear before the Department, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the Department may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Department adopt this Stipulation, the Department'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 that the Department adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

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Sally K. Klossner, Respondent 7034 W. Stebbinsville Road Edgerton, WI 53534-8873 License no. 2060-132

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