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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

JOEL D. RYNDERS,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
DHA case SPS 14-0074

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 SOC 214

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

Joel D. Rynders
W269N6980 Hickory Chasm Court
Lisbon, WI 53089

Social Worker Section of the Wisconsin 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

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Department filed a Complaint to commence this proceeding on September 15, 2014. Administrative Law Judge Jennifer Nashold presided over a prehearing conference on October 22, 2014.

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 Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board (Section). 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.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Joel D. Rynders (dob September 1, 1960) is certified in the state of Wisconsin to practice social work, having certificate number 5619-120, first granted on

September 5, 1995, and current through February 28, 2014. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is W269N6980 Hickory Chasm Court, Lisbon, Wisconsin 53089.

2. An audit of Respondent's compliance with the continuing education requirements of his certificate revealed that Respondent had not completed the required education during the 2011-2013 certificate period.

3. Respondent tenders the surrender of his certificate to practice social work in the state of Wisconsin.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Social Worker Section of the Wisconsin 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).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The Section accepts the permanent SURRENDER of Respondent Joel D. Rynders's certificate, (number 5619-120), to practice social work in the state of Wisconsin.

3. Respondent Joel D. Rynders 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 certified or otherwise authorized to practice social work in this state.

4. This SURRENDER constitutes Respondent's permanent relinquishment of his right to renew his certificate to practice social work in the state of Wisconsin. Further, the Section will not, at any time in the future, process or otherwise consider an application by Respondent for a certificate to practice social work in the state of Wisconsin.

5. Respondent shall immediately return all indicia of Wisconsin licensure and submit payment of any costs (payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) 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. 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:

Nick Smith
A Member of the Board (2)

1/20/15
Date

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

JOEL D. RYNDERS,
RESPONDENT.

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STIPULATION
DHA case SPS 14-0074

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 SOC 214

Respondent Joel D. Rynders 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 Counseling, 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.

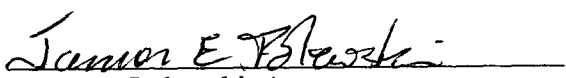
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance may appear before the Section in ~~open~~ closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Section may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation.

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.


Joel D. Rynders, Respondent
W269N6980 Hickory Chasm Court
Lisbon, WI 53089
Certificate No. 5619-120

12/2/14
Date


James E. Polewski, Attorney
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Oct 30, 2014
Date