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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 :
: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
Jael Currie, A.P.S.W. :
RESPONDENT. : 0003836

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 13 SOC 097

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

Jael Currie, A.P.S.W.
4529 E. Buckeye Rd.
Madison, WI 53716

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

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 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 Jael Currie, (DOB April 25, 1987) is certified in the state of Wisconsin to practice social work, having certificate number 128710-121, first granted on May 23, 2013 and current through February 28, 2015. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 4529 East Buckeye Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53716.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a social worker at the Dane County Department of Human Services, located in Madison, Wisconsin.

3. Respondent was assigned thirty-four (34) cases in the child protective services unit.

4. On December 10, 2013, Respondent was placed on administrative leave for failing to meet with the families of her assigned cases as required after she approached her supervisor and disclosed that she had failed to make required contacts on several of her cases.

5. An investigation into Respondent's caseload was conducted and revealed the following:

a. Respondent failed to conduct any of the required contacts with families, including initial face-to-face contacts with children, in eleven (11) cases; and

b. Respondent conducted some but not all of the required contacts in twelve (12) cases dating back to January 2013.

6. Respondent delayed communicating any need for assistance to her supervisor.

7. On December 19, 2013, Respondent's employment was terminated.

8. 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).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Jael Currie, A.P.S.W., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(22), by negligence in practice in more than one instance.

3. As a result of the above violation, Jael Currie, A.P.S.W., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 457.26(2)(f), (g) and (h).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Jael Currie, A.P.S.W., is REPRIMANDED.

3. The certificate to practice social work issued to Jael Currie, A.P.S.W. (certificate number 128710-121) is LIMITED as follows:

- a. Within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall successfully complete three (3) hours of education on the topic of time management and three (3) hours of education on the topic of child welfare and safety offered by a provider pre-approved by the Section's Monitoring liaison, including taking and passing any exam offered for the courses.
- b. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below. 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 Section or its designee that Respondent has successfully completed all the ordered education.

4. The certificate to practice social work issued to Jael Currie, A.P.S.W., (certificate number 128710-121) is further LIMITED as follows:

- a. Prior to engaging the practice of social work, Respondent shall obtain a professional mentor. The professional mentor must be a licensed/certified social worker and shall be pre-approved by the Section or its designee.
- b. The professional mentor shall be actively practicing in the field of social work and shall not have any personal relationship, past or present, with Respondent, or any other relationship that could reasonably be expected to compromise the mentor's ability to render fair and unbiased reports to the Department.
- c. Respondent's request for approval of a proposed mentor shall be accompanied by the mentor's curriculum vitae and a letter from the mentor confirming that he or she has read the Final Decision and Order and agrees to serve in this capacity.
- d. For a period of at least one year from the date of this Order, Respondent shall meet with her professional mentor at least once every thirty (30) days to discuss issues related to Respondent's work performance, including timeliness and whether or not Respondent is performing at a minimum level of competence.
- e. Respondent shall arrange for the mentor to submit quarterly reports to the Department Monitor at the address below.

- f. The mentor shall provide to the Department Monitor thorough quarterly reports which detail the number of meetings during the preceding quarter and the quality of Respondent's work.
- g. The mentor shall immediately report any unprofessional conduct or suspected violation of this Order to the Department Monitor.

5. Respondent may petition the Section for removal or modification of this limitation after timely submitting four (4) quarterly reports and with written recommendation from the mentor expressly supporting the request. Whether to modify or terminate the terms of this Order is in the sole discretion of the Section.

6. Jael Currie, A.P.S.W., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$550.00 by making payments of \$50 each month, with the first payment due no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this order.


7. Request for approval of courses, approval of a professional mentor, 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

8. 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, fails to submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education, fails to obtain a professional mentor, or fails to submit quarterly reports as set forth above, Respondent's license (no. 128710-121) 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, obtained a professional mentor and has submitted quarterly reports.

9. 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 Section

3-18-15
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 :
 : STIPULATION
Jael Currie, A.P.S.W., :
RESPONDENT. :
 : 0003836

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 13 SOC 097

Respondent Jael Currie, A.P.S.W., 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.

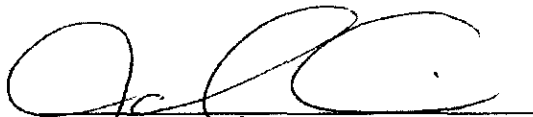
4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Social Worker Section of the Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board (Section). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision 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 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 or Respondent's attorney, 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.

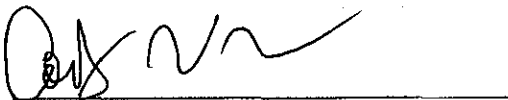
7. Respondent is informed that should the Section adopt this Stipulation, the Section's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

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.



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