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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR 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

JENNIFER A. ELLIOT,

RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 CPC 003

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

Jennifer A. Elliot 2400 Mound Zion Woods Court Brookfield, WI 53005

Professional Counselor 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 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 Professional Counselor 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 Department adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent Jennifer A. Elliot (dob June 27, 1968) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a professional counselor, having license number 4026-125, first issued on March 6, 2008 and current through February 28, 2017. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 2400 Mound Zion Woods Court, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005.

- 2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a social worker at a county human services agency in Wisconsin.
- 3. Respondent accessed a confidential human services data base to obtain information about an agency client or former client for her personal use and without a legal basis for doing so.
- 4. In resolution of this matter, Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegation, but consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Professional Counselor 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(2), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. Information in the confidential human services data base includes detailed case information used by local child welfare agency staff for child welfare purposes. The data base may be accessed by human services professionals only for official purposes. See Wis. Stats. §§ 48.981, 48.78 and 48.396.
- 3. Wisconsin Stats. §§ 48.981, 48.78 and 48.396 are laws the circumstances of which are substantially related to practice as a professional counselor.
- 4. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Jennifer A. Elliot engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(2), by violating a law of any jurisdiction, the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice under the credential.
- 5. As a result of the violations noted in the Conclusions of Law, Respondent Jennifer A. Elliot is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(f).

#### **ORDER**

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. The license of Jennifer A. Elliot (license number 4026-125), to practice as a professional counselor in the State of Wisconsin is SUSPENDED for a period of fourteen (14) days commencing on June 15, 2015.
  - 3. This suspension shall run concurrent to the suspension in case no. 15 RSA 005.
- 4. Respondent shall not engage in the practice of professional counseling while her license to do so is suspended.
  - 5. The suspension shall terminate at midnight on June 29, 2015.

- 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 license. The Section in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent practices as a professional counselor during the period of suspension, the Section may, without additional notice or hearing impose additional restrictions, including an additional period of suspension as the Board determines is advisable.
  - 7. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR, AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

by:

A Member of the Section

Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE THE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR SECTION OF THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STIPULATION

JENNIFER A. ELLIOT, RESPONDENT.

0003931

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 CPC 003

Respondent Jennifer A. Elliot 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 neither admits nor denies the allegation but 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. Respondent is represented by David A. McClurg.
- 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 or Respondent's attorney, 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.

Jennifer A. Elliot, Respondent 2400 Mound Zion Woods Ct.

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