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## STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

GARY M. MAJOR, Ph. D., RESPONDENT.

0003964

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 PSY 048

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

Gary M. Major, Ph. D. 10201 W. Lincoln Ave., Ste. 308 West Allis, WI 53227

Wisconsin Psychology Examining Board P.O. Box 8366 Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190 Madison, Wisconsin 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 Psychology Examining Board (Board). The Board 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 Gary M. Major, Ph. D., (DOB September 21, 1950) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice psychology, having license number 1274-57, first granted on January 9, 1987, and current through September 30, 2015. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 10201 West Lincoln Avenue, Suite 308, West Allis, Wisconsin 53227.
  - 2. On July 20, 2014, Respondent called Mr. A and asked to borrow money.
- 3. Mr. A and his wife Mrs. B are former patients of Respondent and are the parents of Patient C, a current patient of Respondent.

- 4. On July 21, 2014, Respondent called the home of Mr. A and Mrs. B and again asked about a loan; Respondent also asked how Patient C was doing.
- 5. Respondent admits to the above conduct, and understands that it constitutes a boundary violation.
- 6. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Psychology Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 455.09, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. By the conduct described above, Respondent, Gary M. Major, Ph. D., has failed to avoid prohibited dual relationships, contrary to Wis. Admin. Code § PSY 5.01 (17).
- 3. As a result of the above violation, Gary M. Major, Ph. D., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 455.09 (1)(g).

### **ORDER**

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Respondent Gary M. Major, Ph. D., license no. 1274-57, is REPRIMANDED.
- 3. The license to practice psychology issued to Gary M. Major, Ph. D., license no. 1274-57, is LIMITED as follows:
  - a. Within one (1) year of the date of this Order Respondent shall successfully complete twelve (12) credits of ethics continuing education related to boundary issues offered by a provider pre-approved by the Board's monitoring liaison, including taking and passing any exam offered for the courses.
  - b. Respondent shall be responsible for obtaining the course(s) required under this Order, for providing adequate course(s) descriptions to the Department Monitor, and for obtaining pre-approval of the course(s) from the Wisconsin Psychology Examining Board, or it designee, prior to commencement of the course(s).
  - c. The Board or its designee may reject any course(s) and may accept a course(s) for less than the number of hours for which Respondent seeks approval. Any decision under this subsection is not reviewable.
  - d. Within thirty (30) days of completion of each educational component, Respondent shall file an affidavit with the Department Monitor stating under oath that he has attended, in its entirety, the course(s) approved for

satisfaction of this requirement along with supporting documentation of attendance from the sponsoring organizations.

- e. Respondent is responsible for all costs associated with compliance with this educational requirement.
- f. 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 Board or Department, and also may not be used in future attempts to upgrade a credential in Wisconsin.
- h. This limitation shall be removed upon Respondent demonstrating to the Board or its designee that Respondent has successfully completed the ordered continuing education.
- 4. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent Gary M. Major, Ph. D., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$250.00.
- 5. Payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services), course descriptions, and affidavits of course completion 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, including failure to complete continuing education or to pay costs as ordered may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board 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 continuing education as set forth above, Respondent's license (no. 1274-57) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs and completion of the continuing education.

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

WISCONSIN PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

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# STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STIPULATION

GARY M. MAJOR, Ph. D., RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 PSY 048

Respondent Gary M. Major, Ph.D., 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 Psychology Examining Board (Board). 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 Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.
- 5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, 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 Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board 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 Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.
- 7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board'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 Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

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