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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST SECTION OF THE MARRIAGE
AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND SOCIAL WORK
EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
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ELLEN C. PEDERSON-LEWIS, L.M.F.T. : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
RESPONDENT. :
 : 0004827

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

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

Ellen C. Pederson-Lewis, L.M.F.T.
8175 E. Evans Road
P.O. Box 12157
Scottsdale, AZ 85267

Marriage and Family Therapist 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 Marriage and Family Therapist 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 Ellen C. Pederson-Lewis, L.M.F.T., (dob August 18, 1962) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice marriage and family therapy, having license

number 401-124, first granted on April 14, 1995 and current through February 28, 2017. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 8175 E. Evans Road, P.O. Box 12157, Scottsdale, AZ 85267.

2. During an administrative proceeding on March 23, 2015, Respondent presented evidence that beginning in 2010, she had suffered from an illness caused by exposure to toxic mold, and that the illness had substantially affected her ability to practice marriage and family therapy.

3. Respondent testified that she self-limited her practice, but that she continued to see patients, both in person and by video and teleconference.

4. Respondent has decided to retire and to move permanently to Arizona for health reasons, and therefore chooses to surrender her license to practice marriage and family therapy in Wisconsin rather than formally limit that license as an accommodation of her illness.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Marriage and Family Therapist 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 SURRENDER of the license and the right to renew the license of Ellen C. Pederson-Lewis, L.M.F.T., (license number 401-124) to practice marriage and family therapy in the state of Wisconsin.

3. Within 30 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall return all indicia of licensure to practice marriage and family therapy in Wisconsin. All such certificates 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

4. In the event Respondent petitions the Section for reinstatement of the license in the future, the Section may enter an order denying the application without further notice or hearing. Whether to grant a license and whether to impose any limitations or restrictions on any license granted shall be in the discretion of the Section.

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

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

by: Alfred Dew
A Member of the Section (b)

Date 7/25/16

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST SECTION OF THE MARRIAGE
AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND SOCIAL WORK
EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

ELLEN C. PEDERSON-LEWIS, L.M.F.T.,
RESPONDENT.

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STIPULATION

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Respondent Ellen C. Pederson-Lewis, L.M.F.T., 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 Marriage and Family Therapist 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.

Ellen C. Pederson-Lewis

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5/19/16
Date

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5/23/16
Date