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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

ROBYN R. BRADLEY, RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 SOC 006

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

Robyn R. Bradley 270 Monroe Street Westfield, WI 53964

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 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 Robyn R. Bradley, DOB June 30, 1962, is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice clinical social work, having license number 7834-123, first issued on September 13, 2012 and current through February 28, 2017. Respondent is also certified in the state of Wisconsin to practice as an advanced practice social worker, having certificate number 126889-121, first issued on July 27, 2006 and expired on February 28, 2013. Respondent retains the right to renew her certificate number 126889-121 to practice as an advanced practice social

worker until February 28, 2018. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 270 Monroe Street, Westfield, Wisconsin 53964.

- 2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a psychotherapist in Baraboo, Wisconsin.
- 3. Respondent provided therapeutic counseling sessions to Client A for treatment of hypomania and medication stabilization.
- 4. During the therapeutic counseling sessions, Respondent frequently talked about her own personal matters with Client A, which did not have any therapeutic value to Client A.
- 5. During the therapeutic counseling sessions, Respondent accepted a thing of value from Client A.
- 6. Respondent failed to document that she accepted something of value from Client A and also failed to discuss the issue with her supervisor or colleagues.
- 7. Respondent did not return the item of value to Client A until more than a year later.
- 8. As a direct consequence of this conduct, Respondent did not engage in the practice of social work between February, 2016 and at least May 1, 2016.
- 9. By accepting a thing of value from Client A, Respondent failed to avoid a conflict of interest and practiced in a manner that impaired her objectivity.
- 10. In resolution of this matter, Respondent denies any wrong-doing. At the time of the disclosures, Respondent believed them to be therapeutic to Client A. 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, Robyn R. Bradley, engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(13), by failing to avoid relationships that may impair the credentialed person's objectivity or create a conflict of interest.
- 3. As a result of the above violations, Robyn R. Bradley, is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(f) and (h).

## **ORDER**

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Robyn R. Bradley, (license number 7834-123 and certificate number 126889-121), is hereby REPRIMANDED.
- 3. The license and right to renew the certificate (license number 7834-123 and the right to renew certificate number 126889-121) of Respondent Robyn R. Bradley, are hereby LIMITED as follows:
  - a. Within six months of the date of this Order, Respondent shall successfully complete 12 hours of remedial education on the subject of professional boundaries and 4 hours of remedial education on professional ethics. The course(s) must be pre-approved by the Section's designee. Successful completion requires that Respondent take and passes any exam offered for the course(s). Courses taken without preapproval may NOT be used to satisfy the remedial education requirements of this Order.
  - b. Within thirty days of completion of preapproved remedial education, Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion in the form of verification from the institution or organization that provided the education.
  - c. None of the remedial 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.
  - d. The Department shall remove this limitation from Respondent's license when Respondent has satisfied the Section's designee that Respondent has successfully completed the preapproved education.
- 4. The license and right to renew the certificate (license number 7834-123 and the right to renew certificate number 126889-121) of Respondent Robyn R. Bradley, are further LIMITED to require Respondent, for a period of three (3) years, to provide a copy of this Order to all employers within one (1) week of commencing any employment that requires Respondent to engage in the practice of social work.
- 5. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$493.67.
- 6. Requests for preapproval of proposed remedial education, proof of successful course completion and payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent 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 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935 Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264 DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

- 7. 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 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 the costs as ordered or fails to submit proof of successful completion of the ordered education as set forth above, Respondent's credentials (license number 7834-123 and the right to renew certificate number 126889-121) may, in the discretion of the Section or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs and completion of the education.
  - 8. 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:  $\frac{212116}{\text{A Member of the Section}}$   $\frac{1/27/16}{\text{Date}}$ 

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STIPULATION

ROBYN R. BRADLEY, RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 SOC 006

Respondent Robyn R. Bradley, 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.

Robyn R. Bradley, Respondent

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License no. 7834-123 and Certificate no. 126889-121

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