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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

TERESA M. PARKER, L.C.S.W.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 SOC 030

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

Teresa M. Parker, L.C.S.W.
SSM Health Treatment and Recovery Center
1510 Jefferson St.
Baraboo, WI 53913

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 Teresa M. Parker, L.C.S.W., (dob December 20, 1948) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice clinical social work, having license number 2930-123, first issued on September 1, 1994, and current through February 28, 2019. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is SSM Health Treatment and Recovery Center, 1510 Jefferson Street, Baraboo, Wisconsin 53913.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a social worker at an outpatient and residential treatment facility (Facility) located in Baraboo, Wisconsin. The Facility is medically monitored by a licensed physician.

3. On August 16, 2015, Counselor in-training A assumed the role of Director-Designee at the Facility. At that time, Counselor in-training A held a clinical substance abuse counselor credential and a professional counselor in-training credential.

4. As Director-Designee, and later as Director (beginning September 27, 2015), Counselor in-training A provided employment supervision to the employees of the Facility, including Respondent.

5. In January 2016, Respondent began providing clinical supervision to Counselor in-training A to fulfill the supervision requirement of Counselor in-training A's professional counselor in-training license. During this same time, Counselor in-training A remained Respondent's employment supervisor.

6. On February 22, 2016, Respondent signed a Supervisor's Affidavit of Applicant's Competencies stating that Counselor in-training A received the necessary 3,000 hours of clinical supervision for a professional counselor in training to receive full licensure. Respondent verified the supervision logs from Counselor in-training A's previous clinical supervisor before signing the document.

7. Under Respondent's supervision, Counselor in-training A made a false statement in practice, violating Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(7), by telling a client's family the "state wants [her] out," when the client's discharge summary, written by Counselor in-training A, stated the client was being discharged because she needed a "higher level of mental health intervention."

8. Under Respondent's supervision, Counselor in-training A failed to maintain adequate records relating to services provided a patient in the course of a professional relationship, which is unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(18).

9. 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, Teresa M. Parker, L.C.S.W., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin Code § MPSW 20.02(13), by failing to avoid dual relationships or relationships that may impair the credentialed person's objectivity or create a conflict of interest.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Teresa M. Parker, L.C.S.W., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(18), by failing to maintain adequate records relating to services provided a client in the course of a professional relationship.

4. As a result of the above violations, Teresa M. Parker, L.C.S.W., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(g).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The PERMANENT SURRENDER of the license to practice clinical social work in the state of Wisconsin issued to Teresa M. Parker, L.C.S.W., (license number 2930-123) is hereby accepted.

3. Respondent may never petition the Section for renewal or reinstatement of any credential to practice social work in the state of Wisconsin.

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

5. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Teresa M. Parker, L.C.S.W., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$523.00.

6. 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

7/24/18
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

TERESA PARKER, L.C.S.W.,
RESPONDENT.

STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 SOC 030

Respondent Teresa Parker, L.C.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. Respondent
is represented by Atty. Thayer Bryant.

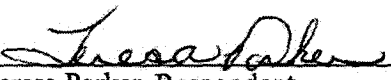
4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by
the Social Worker Section of the Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional
Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board (Section). The parties to the Stipulation consent
to the entry of the attached Final Decision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

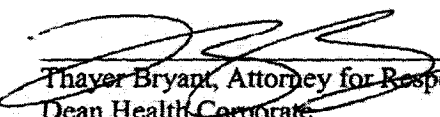
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Section ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Section in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent or Respondent's 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.


Teresa Parker, Respondent
1510 Jefferson St.
Baraboo, WI 53913
License no. 2930-123

6-14-18 @ 10⁰⁰ AM
Date


Thayer Bryant, Attorney for Respondent
Dean Health Corporate
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6/18/18
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