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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

LICENSEE.	ORDER 0006315
TED C. GUSZKOWSKI, L.C.S.W., S.A.C.,	: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER : FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION
IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 SOC 070

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

Ted C. Guszkowski 408 W. Florida Street #702 Milwaukee, WI 53204

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

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707-7190

CEPT OF SAFETY & PROFESSIONAL SERVIC CIV OF LEGAL SERVICES & COMPLIA DATA

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. Licensee Ted C. Guszkowski, L.C.S.W., S.A.C., (DOB April 9, 1984) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice as a licensed clinical social worker, having license number 8203-123, first issued on October 29, 2014, and current through February 28, 2021.¹ Licensee is also certified as an advance practice social worker, having certificate number 128634-121, granted on January 24, 2012. This certificate expired on February 28, 2015, and has not been

¹ Licensee is also certified in the state of Wisconsin as a substance abuse counselor, having certificate number 15745-131, first issued on April 23, 2012, and current through February 28, 2021.

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renewed. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08(3), Licensee retains the right to renew upon payment of a fee until February 27, 2020.

2. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 408 West Florida Street, Apartment 702, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204.

3. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Licensee was employed as a social worker a government agency (Agency), located in West Bend, Wisconsin.

4. On September 30, 2017, a work plan addressing concerns regarding Licensee's job performance, documentation, and attendance was initiated. The concerns would be measured on an on-going basis through observation, feedback, and weekly meetings with management.

5. Licensee signed the work plan indicated that he understood the concerns and expectations.

6. On March 19, 2018, Licensee admitted to a Department investigator that he has had issues with documentation in the past and that he sent client documents to a former treatment facility rather than the current facility because he was not paying attention.

7. On August 27, 2018, Licensee began a new position with a facility and his performance evaluations with the new facility show Licensee has passed all his performance factors.

8. In resolution of this matter, Licensee 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 is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

<u>ORDER</u>

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Within six (6) months of the date of this Order, Ted C. Guszkowski, L.C.S.W., S.A.C., shall at her own expense take and successfully complete three (3) hours of education on the topic of documentation, and three (3) hours of education on the topic of ethics as follows:

a. Each course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be pre-approved by the Section or its designee. Licensee shall be responsible for locating course(s) satisfactory to the Section and for obtaining the required approval of the courses

from the Section or its designee. Licensee must take and pass any exam offered for the course(s).

- b. Licensee shall submit proof of successful completion of the education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below.
- c. 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 Section or Department.

3. Request for approval of courses and proof of successful course completion shall be sent by Licensee 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 <u>DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov</u>

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https://app.wi.gov/DSPSMonitoring

4. 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

7/23/19 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 THE LICENSE OF : STIPULATION TED C. GUSZKOWSKI, L.C.S.W., S.A.C., LICENSEE. : ORDER0006315

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 SOC 070

Licensee Ted C. Guszkowski, L.C.S.W., S.A.C., 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. Licensee consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Licensee understands that by signing this Stipulation, Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Licensee, 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 Licensee;
- the right to call witnesses on Licensee's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Licensee'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 Licensee under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Licensee is aware of Licensee's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

4. Licensee 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. Licensee waives all rights to any appeal of the Section's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

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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 may appear before the Section in open or closed session, without the presence of Licensee or Licensee'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.

7. Licensee 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 Licensee in recommending the Section adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

Ted C. Guszkowski, L.C.S.W., S.A.C., Licensee 408 W. Florida Street #702 Milwaukee, WI 53204 License no. 8203-123 License no. 128634-121

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