

## WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :  
LAURA M. JOHN, C.S.A.C., A.P.S.W., : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
RESPONDENT. : FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION  
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**ORDER 0006346**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 RSA 027

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

Laura M. John, C.S.A.C., A.P.S.W.  
707 Nicolet Boulevard  
Neenah, WI 54956

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 8368  
Madison, WI 53708-8368

Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Wisconsin 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 Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). The Department has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Department adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Licensee Laura M. John, C.S.A.C., A.P.S.W., (DOB July 11, 1977) is certified in the state of Wisconsin to practice as a clinical substance abuse counselor, having certification number 16213-132, first granted on September 1, 2017, and current through February 28, 2021. Licensee is certified in the state of Wisconsin to practice as a substance abuse counselor-in-training, having certification number 16473-130, first granted on December 30, 2011. This certificate expired on February 28, 2017, and has not been renewed. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08(3), Licensee retains the right to renew upon payment of a fee until February 27, 2022. Licensee is certified in the state of Wisconsin to practice as a substance abuse counselor, having certification number 16009-131, first granted on August 17, 2015. This certificate expired on

February 28, 2019, and has not been renewed. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08(3), Licensee retains the right to renew upon payment of a fee until February 27, 2024.<sup>1</sup>

2. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 707 Nicolet Boulevard, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956.

3. From May 2014-April 2017, Licensee was employed as an alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA) counselor at a facility (Facility) located in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

4. Client A participated in the Facility's program from October 6, 2016, through December 29, 2016, when she was discharged.

5. On April 28, 2017, Licensee voluntarily terminated her employment from the Facility.

6. In July 2017, Licensee ran into Client A at an event and agree to further assist in Client A's recovery outside of a professional capacity.

7. Licensee admitted that from the end of 2017 through beginning of 2018 Client A did live with Licensee, but indicated it was only because of Licensee assisting in Client A's recovery outside of a professional capacity and the relationship was at no time inappropriate.

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

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Within six (6) months of the date of this Order, Laura M. John, C.S.A.C., A.P.S.W., (certificate numbers 16213-132 and 16009-131) shall at her own expense take and successfully complete six (6) hours of education on the topic of professional boundaries as follows:

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

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<sup>1</sup> Licensee is certified in the state of Wisconsin to practice advanced practice social work, having certificate number 130560-121, first granted on March 13, 2017, and current through February 28, 2021. Licensee is certified in the state of Wisconsin to practice social work, having certification number 11714-120, first granted on June 6, 2014. This certificate expired on February 28, 2017, and has not been renewed. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08(3), Licensee retains the right to renew upon payment of a fee until February 27, 2022

approval of the courses from the Department 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 Department.

3. Request for approval of courses, 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  
[DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov)


You may also submit this information online via DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System, here:

<https://app.wi.gov/DSPSMonitoring>

4. This Order is non-disciplinary in nature and does not constitute discipline against Licensee or Licensee's license.

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

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

By:   
Aloysius Rohmeyer, Chief Counsel  
On Behalf of the Department

8-16-2019  
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF  
LAURA M. JOHN, C.S.A.C., A.P.S.W.,  
LICENSEE.

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: STIPULATION  
: **ORDER 0006346**

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 RSA 027

Licensee Laura M. John, C.S.A.C., A.P.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. 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. Licensee is represented by Attorney Robert Mich.
4. Licensee agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). 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 Department's Order, if adopted in the form as attached.
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Department, 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 Department, the parties agree not to contend that the Department has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

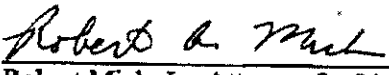
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance may appear before the Department, without the presence of Licensee or Licensee's attorney, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the Department may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation.

7. Licensee is informed that should the Department adopt this Stipulation, the Department'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 that the Department adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

  
Laura M. John, C.S.A.C./A.P.S.W., Licensee  
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Neenah, WI 54956  
Credential no. 130560-121

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