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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

VICKY L. COLOSIMO, L.P.C.,
RESPONDENT.

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: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
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ORDER 0006759

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 CPC 062

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

Vicky L. Colosimo, L.P.C.
Pewaukee, WI 53072

Professional Counselor 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 Professional Counselor 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 Vicky L. Colosimo, L.P.C., (DOB xx/xx/1956) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice professional counseling, having license number 5597-125, first issued on March 20, 2015, and current through February 28, 2021.¹ Respondent's most recent address on

¹ Respondent was previously certified in the state of Wisconsin to practice as a professional counselor in training, having credential number 1490-226, first issued on July 18, 2012, and expired on July 18, 2016.

file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is located in Pewaukee, Wisconsin.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was working as a mental health therapist for a counseling center (Center) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

3. Respondent provided services to Client A, a six-year-old male.

4. Respondent's services to Client A included monitoring how Client A responded to prescribed medication. As part of this process, Client A was subject to random drug tests to ensure that his medications were being administered properly by his caretakers.

5. Between December 13, 2016, and December 5, 2017, Client A tested positive for substances that were inconsistent with his prescribed medication, including cocaine metabolite, on eleven (11) occasions.

6. Respondent did not report Client A's drug test results to Child Protective Services (CPS) at any time.

7. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 48.981(2)(a)12., Respondent is a mandated reporter of suspected child abuse and child neglect.

8. On October 2, 2018, Respondent was convicted in Milwaukee County Circuit Court case number 2018CM2562 of Fail/Report Child Abuse/Neglect, a misdemeanor, in violation of Wis. Stat. § 48.981(2).

9. Respondent stated that she failed to report Client A's drug test results to CPS because she was unfamiliar with her duty to report this issue to the proper authorities.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Professional Counselor 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(2), 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, Vicky L. Colosimo, L.P.C., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(2), by violating a law of any jurisdiction, the circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice under the credential.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Vicky L. Colosimo, L.P.C., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(22), by engaging in negligence in practice in more than one instance.

4. As a result of the above violations, Vicky L. Colosimo, L.P.C., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(b) and (f).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Respondent Vicky L. Colosimo, L.P.C., is REPRIMANDED.
3. The license to practice professional counseling issued to Vicky L. Colosimo, L.P.C., (license number 5597-125), is LIMITED as follows:
 - a. Within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall successfully complete four (4) hours of education on the topic of child abuse recognition and reporting, offered by a provider pre-approved by the Section's monitoring liaison, including taking and passing any exam offered for the courses.
 - b. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the ordered 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, and also may not be used in future attempts to upgrade a credential in Wisconsin.
 - d. The Section's monitoring liaison may change the number of credit hours and/or education topics in response to a request from Respondent. The monitoring liaison may consider the topic availability and/or hours of education when determining if a change to the ordered education should occur.
 - e. This limitation shall be removed from Respondent's license after satisfying the Section or its designee that Respondent has successfully completed all the ordered education.
4. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Vicky L. Colosimo, L.P.C., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$350.00.
5. Request for approval of courses, proof of successful course completion and payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) 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

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

<https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov>

6. In the event that Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (no. 5597-125) to practice professional counseling in the state of Wisconsin may, in the discretion of the Section or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Section may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

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

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

by:

Janmy Scheidegger
A Member of the Section

4/14/2020
Date

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DIV LEGAL SERVICES & COMPLIANCE
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STIPULATION

ORDER 0006759

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 CPC 062

Respondent Vicky L. Colosimo, L.P.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. 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.

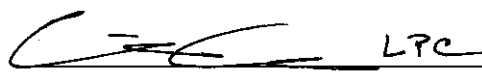
4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Professional Counselor Section of the Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board (Section). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final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


Vicky L. Colosimo, L.P.C., Respondent
Pewaukee, WI 53072
License no. 5597-125

3.6.2020
Date


Carley J. Peich-Kiesling, Attorney
Department of Safety and Professional Services
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

3/11/2020
Date