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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

JESSICA C. GESCHKE, C.S.A.C.,
RESPONDENT.

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: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
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ORDER 0006860

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 RSA 028

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

Jessica C. Geschke, C.S.A.C.
West Bend, WI 53095

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services
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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. Respondent Jessica C. Geschke, C.S.A.C. (dob xx-xx-1978) is certified in the state of Wisconsin to practice substance abuse counseling, having certification number 15387-132, first issued on April 9, 2009, and current through February 28, 2021. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department is in West Bend, Wisconsin 53095.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a substance abuse counselor at a treatment center (Center) in West Bend, Wisconsin.

3. On August 3, 2018, the Department received an anonymous complaint alleging that Respondent had engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a client who had received services at the Center (Client A).

4. On August 7, 2018, the Department sent a letter to Respondent at the most recent address on file with the Department, requesting that she provide a response to the allegations of the complaint. Respondent did not provide a response.

5. On January 7, 2020, the Department sent a letter to Respondent at the most recent address on file with the Department, as well as an email to the most recent email address on file with the Department, requesting that she provide a response to the allegations of the complaint.

6. On January 7, 2020, in response to the email sent by the Department, Respondent contacted the Department by phone and stated that Client A was not a former client of hers and that she was no longer employed at the Center.

7. On February 7, 2020, Respondent provided the Department a response to the allegations in the complaint which included the following statements:

- a. Respondent left employment with the Center in September of 2016 and did not work there in the Spring and Summer of 2017.
- b. Respondent's only contact with Client A prior to 2017 was a court-ordered AODA assessment that she did on July 10, 2013, while employed at the Center. Client A was terminated as a patient by the Center on September 14, 2013.
- c. Respondent admits that she became friends with Client A during the Summer of 2017, and that she and Client A were in a romantic relationship and lived together from August 2017 through April 2018.

8. On March 11, 2020, the Center informed the Department that Respondent was employed at the Center full-time until June 4, 2017, and part-time until September 8, 2019.

9. Respondent inaccurately told the Department on January 7 and February 7, 2020, that she had left employment with the Center in September 2016 when, in fact, she continued to work at the Center full-time through until June 4, 2017, and part-time until September 8, 2019.

10. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department is the address for the Center, where she initially claimed to have stopped being employed in September 2016 and where she actually stopped being employed full-time as of June 4, 2017, and stopped being employed part-time as of September 8, 2019.

11. On March 9, 2020, Respondent stated in a letter to the Department that she did not work at the Center as of August 7, 2018, and that is why she did not respond to the Department's letter sent to her at the Center's address on that date.

12. Respondent inaccurately told the Department on March 9, 2020, that she did not work at the Center as of August 7, 2018, and that is why she did not respond to the Department's letter sent to the Center on that date. In fact, as of August 7, 2018, Respondent was employed part-time at the Center, and her address on file with the Department was the same address as the Center.

13. Respondent did not update her address on file with the Department when she left employment at the Center.

14. After investigation, the Department concluded there was insufficient evidence that Respondent conducted an inappropriate relationship with Client A in violation of Wisconsin Admin. Code § SPS 164.01(2)(m) or (n).

15. In resolution of this matter, Respondent 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 to act 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).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Jessica C. Geschke, C.S.A.C. violated Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 164.01(2)(w) by failing to respond honestly and in a timely manner to a request for information from the Department.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Jessica C. Geschke, C.S.A.C. violated Wis. Stat. § 440.11(1) by failing to notify the Department of her new address within 30 days of the change.

4. As a result of the violations noted in the Conclusions of Law, Respondent Jessica C. Geschke, C.S.A.C. is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88(6).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Jessica C. Geschke, C.S.A.C. is REPRIMANDED.

3. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Jessica C. Geschke, C.S.A.C. shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$941.00.

4. Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

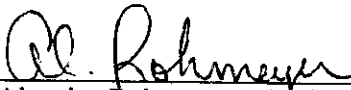
Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

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here: <https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov/>

5. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (No. 15387-132), or Respondent's right to renew her license, may, in the discretion of the Department or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Department 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.

6. 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

6-21-2020
Date

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0006860

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 RSA 028

Respondent Jessica C. Geschke, C.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. 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 Attorney Barbara Pierce.

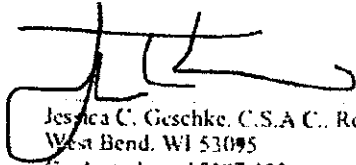
4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent 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 Respondent or Respondent'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. Respondent 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 Respondent in recommending that the Department adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.


Jessica C. Geschke, C.S.A.C., Respondent
West Bend, WI 53095
Credential no. 15387-132

5/13/2020
Date


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