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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

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

PEGGY A. HORON, L.P.C.

RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0006907

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 CPC 037

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

Peggy A. Horon, L.P.C. Union Grove, WI 53182

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 Peggy A. Horon, L.P.C., (DOB XX/XX/1953) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice as a licensed professional counseling, having license number 2917-125, first issued on March 8, 2000, and current through February 28, 2021.
- 2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Licensee was employed as a professional counselor in Wisconsin.

- 3. On June 25, 2018, the Department received a complaint Respondent disclosed personal information about family member to Patient A, whom the family member knew.
- 4. Patient A alleged that Respondent talked about the family member frequently during sessions.
- 5. Respondent denies the allegations. Prior to the filing of the complaint in this matter, and unrelated to the complaint, Respondent retired from practice. Due to her retirement, and to avoid the costs and uncertainty of litigation, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order with the understanding that there has not been, as of the date of this Order and Stipulation, any finding of wrongdoing or violation of Wisconsin Statutes or Code Provisions.

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).

ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. The SURRENDER of the license to practice professional counseling in the state of Wisconsin issued to Respondent (license no. 2917-125) is hereby accepted.
- 3. In the event Respondent petitions the Section for reinstatement as a professional counselor in the future, the Section may enter an order denying such petition without further notice or hearing. Whether to grant a license and whether to impose any limitations or restrictions on any license shall be in the discretion of the Section.
- 4. In the event Respondent petitions the Section for reinstatement of her license to practice professional counseling in the state of Wiscosnin or applies for another credential with the Department, Respondent shall pay the costs of this matter in the amount of \$ 386.00.
 - 5. Petitions for reinstatement and payment of costs, if applicable, may be sent to:

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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http://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov

6. 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

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	A Member of the Secti	on	Date

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 THE LICENSE OF

STIPULATION

PEGGY A. HORON, L.P.C., RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0006907

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 CPC 037

Respondent Peggy A. Horon, 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. Respondent is represented by Attorney Sean M. Gaynor.
- 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'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.

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Peggy Al Horon, L.P.C., Respondent	Date 🔿
Union Grove, WI 53182	
License no. 2917,125	

Sean M. Gaynor, Attorney for Respondent Leib Knott Gaynor, LLC 219 N. Milwalkee Street, Suite 710 Milwaukee, WI 53202

Alicia M. Kennedy, Attorney

Date

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