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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 THE LICENSE OF	:
	: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
CHRISTINE A. ELLIS, L.P.C.,	: FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION
LICENSEE.	:
	ORDER 0006910

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 CPC 043

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

Christine A. Ellis, L.P.C.
Wausau, WI 54403

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. Licensee Christine A. Ellis, L.P.C., (DOB xx/xx/1977) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice licensed professional counseling, having credential number 5522-125, first issued on January 9, 2015, and current through February 28, 2021. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is located in Wausau, Wisconsin.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Licensee was employed as a licensed professional counselor in Wisconsin.

3. On August 16, 2017, the Department received a complaint from another licensee (Complainant) alleging that Licensee's records were of poor quality and client notes were altered or falsified.

4. Licensee had previously entered into an independent contractor agreement with Complainant, pursuant to which Licensee provided counseling services for the benefit of Complainant.

5. Licensee denies the allegations and states that she believes that her records complied with the administrative code requirements.

6. Records created by Licensee were provided to the Department by Complainant. The records provided showed Licensee failed to timely update treatment plans, Licensee failed to create new treatment plans when a client returned to her care after being discharged, and some records were short and did not adequately discuss the patient's progress or situation.

7. In resolution of this matter, Licensee 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).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Within six (6) months of the date of this Order, Licensee shall at her own expense take and successfully complete four (4) hours of education on the topic of documentation 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.
- d. The Section's monitoring liaison may change the number of credit hours and/or education topics in response to a request from Licensee. The monitoring liaison may consider the topic availability and/or hours of education when determining if a change to the ordered education should occur.

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
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

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

<https://dpsmonitoring.wi.gov>

4. 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: Tammy Scheidegger C.P.
A Member of the Section

7/21/2020
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 DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

CHRISTINE A. ELLIS, L.P.C.,
LICENSEE.

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0006910

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 17 CPC 043

Licensee Christine A. Ellis, 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. 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 Matthew D. Rowe.

4. Licensee 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

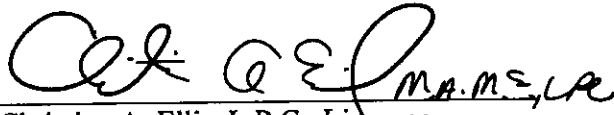
or consent of the parties. Licensee waives all rights to any appeal of the Section's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

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 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. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Section should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

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.


Christine A. Ellis, L.P.C., Licensee

Wausau, WI 54403
License no. 5522-125

5-22-2020

Date



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May 22, 2020

Date



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May 26, 2020

Date