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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

MARK C. ROSSANO, L.P.C., S.A.C., RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0006923

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 RSA 043

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

Mark C. Rossano, L.P.C., S.A.C. Stevens Point, WI 54481

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, Conclusion of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Mark C. Rossano, L.P.C., S.A.C., (DOB xx/xx/1959) is credentialed in the state of Wisconsin to practice substance abuse counseling, having credential number 15600-131, first granted on September 30, 2010 and current through February 28, 2021¹. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department is located in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

¹ Respondent is licensed to practice as a licensed professional counselor in the state of Wisconsin, having license number 4149-125, first issued on December 16, 2008, and current through February 28, 2021

- 2. In October 2018, Respondent was arrested during a law enforcement operation and eventually pled no contest to a forfeiture level charge of disorderly conduct in Marathon County Case number 18-CM-2201.
- 3. Respondent denies any unprofessional conduct but has retired from the practice of substance abuse counseling and consents to the entry of the following Conclusion of Law and Order.

CONCLUSION 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).

ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of the credential to practice as a substance abuse counselor in the state of Wisconsin issued to Respondent (credential no. 15600-131) is accepted.
- 3. In the event Respondent petitions the Department for reinstatement of his certificate to practice substance abuse counseling in the state of Wisconsin, the Department 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 Department.
- 4. In the event Respondent petitions the Department for reinstatement of his certificate to practice substance abuse counseling in the state of Wisconsin or applies for another credential with this Department, Respondent shall pay the costs of this matter in the amount of \$300.00.
- 5. Respondent shall immediately return all indicia of certification 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

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

https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov

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

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

By: W. Rohmeyer	8-11-20
Aloysius Rohmeyer, Chief Counsel	Date
On Behalf of the Department	

STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STIPULATION

MARK C. ROSSANO, L.P.C., S.A.C., RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 RSA 043

Respondent Mark C. Rossano, L.P.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.
- 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, 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.

Mark C. Rossano	06/29/20
Mark C. Rossano, L.P.C., S.A.C., Respondent Stevens Point, WI 54481 Credential no. 15600-131	Date
	7/7/2020
Joost Kap, Attorney	Date
Department of Safety and Professional Services	
Division of Legal Services and Compliance	
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