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

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :
ELIZABETH A. KUHN, L.C.S.W., : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
LICENSEE. : FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION
: **JRDER0007005**

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

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

Elizabeth A. Kuhn, L.C.S.W.
Three Lakes, WI 54562

Social Worker 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 Social Worker 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 Elizabeth A. Kuhn, L.C.S.W., (DOB XX/XX/1967) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice social work, having license number 8241-123, first granted on June 1, 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 Three Lakes, Wisconsin 54562.
2. On September 10, 2018, the Department received a complaint from another licensee (Complainant) alleging that Licensee's records were of poor quality and client notes were not completed in a timely manner.

3. Licensee provided counseling services for the benefit of Complainant pursuant to an independent contractor agreement with Complainant.

4. Records created by Licensee were provided to the Department by Complainant. The records provided showed Licensee failed to create a new treatment plan for approximately two (2) months after a client returned to her care after discharge. Other records were short and did not adequately discuss the patient's progress or situation.

5. Licensee's current employer reports no concerns with Licensee's documentation.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Social Worker Section of the Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board 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.

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 the Department's Monitoring Case Management System at

<https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov>

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

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

by: Candace Carter L.P.
A Member of the Section

9/15/2020
Date

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :
: STIPULATION
ELIZABETH A. KUHN, L.C.S.W., :
: :
LICENSEE. :
: 0050000300


4. Licensee agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Social Worker 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.

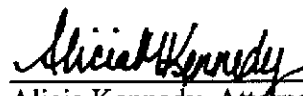
8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Licensee in recommending the Section adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.


Elizabeth A. Kuhn, L.C.S.W., Licensee
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License no. 8241-123

7-16-20
Date


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July 20, 2020
Date