

## WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

ELISHA A. BARREN, SR., S.A.C.-I.T.,  
RESPONDENT.

:  
: FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
: FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION  
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**ORDER 0007199**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 RSA 049

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

Elisha A. Barren, Sr., S.A.C.-I.T.  
Milwaukee, WI 53208

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 8368  
Madison, WI 53708-8368

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 Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). The Department has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Department in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Elisha A. Barren, Sr., S.A.C.-I.T., (DOB: XX/XX/1974) is certified in the state of Wisconsin as a substance abuse counselor-in-training, having certificate number 18110-130, first issued on March 17, 2017 and current through February 28, 2021. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a substance abuse counselor-in-training at a treatment center (Facility), located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

3. The Department received information that Respondent allegedly attempted to destroy original patient documents without the information being preserved in the patients' records.

4. Respondent provided a response to the Department regarding the complaint, stating he was shredding patient files that were outdated and had been updated electronically as the Facility was converting from paper to electronic files.

5. The Facility informed the Department that:

- a. In February 2018, they converted their paper charts to an electronic medical record (EMR) system.
- b. The files Respondent had shredded had not yet been converted to the EMR system.
- c. Respondent shredded 58 different patient files. Of those 58 files, 35 patients were still active with the Facility.

6. 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 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. Within six (6) months of the date of this Order, Respondent shall at his own expense take and successfully complete four (4) hours of education on the topic of medical record management as follows:

- a. Each course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be pre-approved by the Department or its designee. Respondent shall be responsible for locating course(s) satisfactory to the Department and for obtaining the required approval of the courses from the Department or its designee. Respondent must take and pass any exam offered for the course(s).
- b. Respondent 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 Department.


3. Request for approval of courses and proof of successful course completion shall be 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

Respondent 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.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

by:   
Aloysius Rohmeyer, Chief Counsel  
On behalf of the Department

2/7/2021  
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

ELISHA A. BARREN SR., S.A.C.-I.T.,  
RESPONDENT.

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: STIPULATION

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: **ORDER 0007199**

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 RSA 049

Respondent Elisa A. Barren Sr., S.A.C.-I.T., 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.

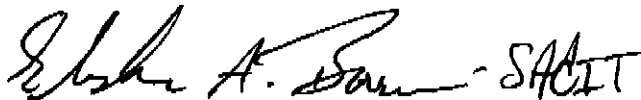
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Department, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the

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.

 - SACT

Elisha A. Barren Sr., S.A.C.-I.T., Respondent  
Milwaukee, WI 53208  
Certificate no. 18110-130

12/14/2020  
Date

  
Lesley McKinney, Attorney  
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P.O. Box 7190  
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12/15/2020  
Date