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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
	:	FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION
HEATHER W. SEELEY-SCHRECK, M.F.T.,	:	
LICENSEE.	:	<b>ORDER 0007325</b>

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 21 MFT 001

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

Heather W. Seeley-Schreck, M.F.T.  
Madison, WI 53716

Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy Section of the 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 Marriage and Family Therapy Section of the 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. Heather W. Seeley-Schreck, M.F.T. (Licensee), (Year of Birth 1972) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a marriage and family therapist, having license number 1036-124, first issued on October 15, 2015 and current through February 28, 2023. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Madison, Wisconsin 53716.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Licensee worked as a therapist at a clinic located in Madison, Wisconsin (Facility).

3. Licensee provided treatment and therapy to Client A from June 11, 2018, through January 5, 2021, for mental health issues and creating strategies for coping with anxiety, depression, communication, boundaries, anger, and trauma.

4. Client A initiated discussions with Licensee involving marijuana. Client A was hospitalized for lung related issues in 2020. Client A and Licensee discussed the detrimental impact smoking was having on Client A's health. Client A advised Licensee that she wanted an alternative to smoking, but did not want to stop consuming marijuana. Licensee asked Client A if she considered alternatives such as edible marijuana. Licensee recommended that Client A consult with a doctor concerning treatment or medication.

5. Licensee advised that her discussions with Client A regarding edible marijuana were undertaken in accordance with the harm reduction model.

6. Licensee initiated a discussion with Client A regarding the use of an application called "Signal." Licensee advised Client A that the use of "Signal" would allow for confidential and secure communications between Licensee and Client A.

7. Licensee's treatment records for Client A did not contain any documentation involving edible marijuana, Client A's health concern regarding smoking marijuana, Licensee's recommendation that Client A consult with a doctor involving Client A's health concerns, use of the harm reduction model, and the use of the application "Signal."

8. The accepted standard of practice for a marriage and family therapist in Wisconsin is to document and maintain treatment records as those identified in paragraph 7 under the facts of this case.

9. This Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education does not constitute professional discipline and the Board has made no finding that Licensee engaged in unprofessional conduct.

10. Licensee denies any unprofessional conduct or deviation from the standard of care, but to resolve this matter she consents to entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy Section of the 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 their own expense take and successfully complete six (6) hours of education on the topic of ethics and patient record 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 course(s) 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. 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 and may not be used in any future attempt to upgrade a credential.
- c. 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.

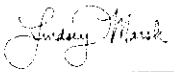
3. Requests for course approval and proof of successful course completion shall be sent by Licensee to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190  
Telephone (608) 266-2112; Fax (608) 266-2264  
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

Licensee may also submit this information online at: <https://dpsmonitoring.wi.gov>

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

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

By:   
A Member of the Section

Date 10/12/2021

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

HEATHER W. SEELEY-SCHRECK, M.F.T.,  
LICENSEE

STIPULATION

ORDER 0007:25

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 21 MFT 001

Heather W. Seeley-Schreck, M.F.T. (Licensee), 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 Attorney Amy Scholl.

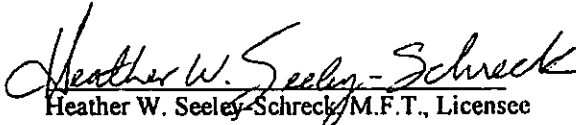
4. Licensee agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Marriage and Family Therapy Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board (Section). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Licensee waives all rights to any appeal of the Board'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.

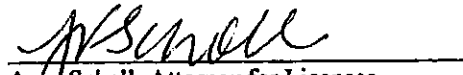
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Section ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Section in open or closed session, without the presence of Licensee or Licensee's 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.

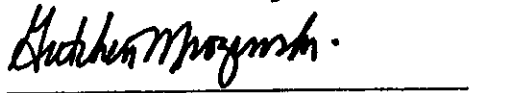
8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Licensee in recommending the Section adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

  
Heather W. Seeley-Schreck, M.F.T., Licensee  
Madison, WI 53716  
License No. 1036-124

7/16/21  
Date

  
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7/16/21  
Date

  
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7/20/2021  
Date