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Before The State Of Wisconsin DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

In the matter of a Petition for an Administrative Injunction involving Shulan Luo, Respondent.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER Order NoORDER 00078 10

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 19 UNL 133

The State of Wisconsin, Department of Safety and Professional Services, having considered the above-captioned matter and having reviewed the record and the Proposed Decision of the Administrative Law Judge, make the following:

<u>ORDER</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Proposed Decision annexed hereto, filed by the Administrative Law Judge, shall be and hereby is made and ordered the Final Decision of the State of Wisconsin, Department of Safety and Professional Services.

The rights of a party aggrieved by this Decision to petition the department for rehearing and the petition for judicial review are set forth on the attached "Notice of Appeal Information."

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin on the 2nd day of February

Aloysius Rohmever

Chief Legal Counsel Department of Safety and Professional Services



Before The State of Wisconsin DIVISION OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS

In the Matter of a Petition for an Administrative Injunction Against Shulan Luo, Respondent DHA Case No. SPS-21-0066 DLSC Case No. 19 UNL 133

PROPOSED DECISION AND ORDER

The parties to this proceeding for purposes of Wis. Stat. §§ 227.44, 227.47(1) and 227.53 are:

Shulan Luo

Chicago, IL 60616

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, Division of Legal Services and Compliance, by:

> Attorney Carley Peich Kiesling Department of Safety and Professional Services Division of Legal Services and Compliance P.O. Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707-7190

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

These proceeding were initiated on August 20, 2021, when the Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department), Division of Legal Services and Compliance (Division), filed a Notice of Hearing and Petition for Administrative Injunction against Shulan Luo (Respondent). The Petition alleged that the Respondent had provided massage therapy without a license in the state of Wisconsin, in violation of Wis. Stat. § 460.02.

Administrative Law Judge Angela Chaput Foy (ALJ) was assigned to the matter, and an initial prehearing conference was held on October 5, 2021. At that time, the Respondent did not appear and neither the ALJ nor the Department had any contact information for the Respondent other than two mailing addresses. The Department moved for default, based on the Respondent's failure to file an answer and failure to appear for the prehearing conference, and the motion was granted and a Notice of Default and Order was issued on October 6, 2021.

On October 11, 2021, Respondent had a friend contact the Division of Hearings and Appeals (DHA) on her behalf who indicated that the Respondent was waiting for the prehearing

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conference on October 5, 2021, but that she was not contacted, asked that the prehearing conference be rescheduled, and indicated that Respondent does not speak English and requested a translator in Chinese (Mandarin) for Respondent.

The Notice of Default and Order was rescinded on October 11, 2021, and the Department was ordered to serve the Respondent with a copy of the Petition for Administrative Injunction, and a copy the Prehearing Conference Report and Notice of Prehearing Conference each translated into the Respondent's native language, Chinese (Mandarin).

A rescheduled prehearing conference was held on January 5, 2021. With the assistance of an interpreter, the Respondent gave an oral Answer to the Petition, admitting to the findings of fact stated below, including that she previously did some massage therapy work in the state of Wisconsin. She also agreed to the entry of a special order enjoying her from practicing massage therapy or bodywork therapy in the state of Wisconsin until she is properly licensed.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Respondent admitted to the following facts:

1. The Respondent, Shulan Luo, is not licensed to practice massage therapy and bodywork therapy in the State of Wisconsin.

2. The Respondent's address is ______ Chicago, Illinois 60616.

3. The Respondent previously did some massage therapy work in Wisconsin when she was not licensed.

4. The Respondent does not currently live in Wisconsin.

5. The Respondent agrees to the entry of a special order enjoining her from practicing massage therapy or bodywork therapy in the state of Wisconsin until she is properly licensed.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Jurisdictional Authority

The Department has the authority to conduct investigations, hold hearings and make findings as to whether a person has engaged in a practice without a credential required under Chapters 440 to 480 of the Wisconsin Statutes. If the Department determines that a person has engaged in a practice without a credential, the Department may issue a special order enjoining the person from the continuation of the practice. Wis. Stat. §§ 440.21(1) and (2).

Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 3.09, the undersigned ALJ, an employee of the Department of Administration, Division of Hearings and Appeals, has authority to preside over administrative injunction proceedings in accordance with Wis. Stats. §§ 20.901 and 227.46(1).

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Unlicensed Practice

No person may provide massage therapy or bodywork therapy unless the person is licensed under Chapter 460 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Wis. Stat. § 460.02. The Respondent admitted to previous unlicensed massage therapy work in Wisconsin.

For the purposes of Wis. Stat. §§ 440.21(2) and 227.44(5), no hearing was held because the Respondent admitted to the unlicensed practice and consented to the entry of an order without a hearing. Pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 3.10 and Wis. Stat. §§ 227.44(4), (5) and (9), disposition of this case may be made based on Respondent's Answer, admissions, and consent to the entry of an order enjoying her from unlicensed massage therapy work.

Therefore, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.21(2) and Wis. Admin. Code Ch. SPS 3, a special order enjoining Respondent from continuing to practice massage therapy or bodywork therapy until she is properly licensed in the state of Wisconsin is reasonable and warranted.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE INJUNCTION

For the reasons set forth above, IT IS ORDERED that Respondent Shulan Luo is hereby enjoined and prohibited from practicing massage therapy or bodywork therapy in the state of Wisconsin until she is properly licensed by the Wisconsin Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event Respondent violates this Special Order, Respondent may be required to forfeit not more than \$10,000 for each offense, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.21(4). Each day of the continued violation constitutes a separate offense. The attorney general or any district attorney may commence an action in the name of the state to recover such forfeiture.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the terms of the Special Order are effective the date it is signed by the Department.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, on January 12, 2022.

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