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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY	:	ORDER IMPOSING
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS
	:	
STEVEN S. KASSOF, L.C.S.W.,	:	ORDER0007835
RESPONDENT.	:	

TO: STEVEN S KASSOF LCSW
ASHLAND WI 54806

On February 11, 2022, the Wisconsin Social Worker Section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board ("Board") issued a Final Decision and Order ("Order") limiting Respondent's license to practice as a licensed clinical social worker with certain terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completion of an evaluation by an approved psychiatrist or psychologist (evaluator) experienced in evaluating whether a health care professional is fit to practice. The Order further states that Respondent's license shall be limited in a manner to address any concerns the Board has with the conduct set out in the Order's findings of fact and to address any recommendations resulting from the evaluation.

On September 26, 2022, the Board designee reviewed and accepted the report resulting from Respondent's fitness to practice evaluation. Based on the evaluator's recommendations, the following is entered:

ORDER

1. Respondent's license to practice as a licensed clinical social worker (license number 7992-123) is further LIMITED as follows:

Practice Limitations

- a. While practicing as a licensed clinical social worker, Respondent shall meet with a professional mentor for at least twelve (12) months from the date the Section or its designee approves the mentor. Every month, the professional mentor shall meet with Respondent and shall review his charts to ensure that his medical records are current. The meeting and record review shall be for the purpose of determining whether or not the Respondent: maintains adequate records consistent with the standards of the profession and as required by rule; provides care meeting at least the standard of minimum competence; conducts and documents assessments as required by the standards of the profession and avoids conflicts of interest.
- b. The professional mentor shall submit written and thorough monthly reports identifying the number of charts reviewed in the previous month and identifying any concerns with Respondent's practice, records, and care of clients. It is Respondent's responsibility to ensure monthly reports are submitted when due.

- c. After the timely submission of four (4) consecutive satisfactory quarterly reports, and a written recommendation from the professional mentor expressly supporting the request, the requirement of a professional mentor shall be terminated.

Therapeutic Treatment

2. Within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall provide proof to the Department Monitor that he has resumed individualized treatment with Dr. Triggiano or began individualized treatment with a new psychotherapist, whose credential is in good standing, and approved by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall immediately provide the psychotherapist with a copy of her Orders, the fitness for practice evaluation report, and a release authorizing the psychotherapist to discuss the progress of Respondent's treatment with the Board, its designee, and the Department Monitor.

- a. Respondent shall engage in bi-weekly outpatient mental health services until such a time the treating professional and Mr. Kassof concur that he has met his treatment goal(s).
- b. The psychotherapist shall submit quarterly reports as directed by the Department Monitor. It is the Respondent's responsibility to ensure the reports are submitted when due. The psychotherapist shall immediately report any unprofessional conduct or suspected violation of this Order.
- c. If Respondent's psychotherapist is unable or unwilling to serve as Respondent's psychotherapist, Respondent shall immediately seek approval of a successor psychotherapist approved by the Board or its designee.

Psychiatric Treatment

3. Within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall provide proof to the Department Monitor that he has begun or is continuing treatment with a psychiatrist, whose credential is in good standing, and approved by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall immediately provide the psychiatrist with a copy of his Orders, the fitness for practice evaluation report, and a release authorizing the psychiatrist to discuss the progress of Respondent's treatment with the Board, its designee, and the Department Monitor.

- a. Respondent's treatment shall include but is not limited to treatment for management of major depressive disorder.
- b. Therapy shall include individual sessions at a frequency determined by the psychiatrist.
- c. The psychiatrist shall submit quarterly reports as directed by the Department Monitor. It is the Respondent's responsibility to ensure the reports are submitted when due. The psychiatrist shall immediately report any unprofessional conduct or suspected violation of this Order.

- d. If Respondent's psychiatrist is unable or unwilling to serve as Respondent's psychiatrist, Respondent shall immediately seek approval of a successor psychiatrist approved by the Board or its designee.

3. Any requests, petitions, reports and other information required by all orders shall be mailed, emailed, faxed or delivered to:

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

3. All terms and conditions of the Order remain in full force and effect.
4. This order is effective the date of its signing.

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By: Dr. Cinny Adell^{KK} October 2, 2022
A Member of the Board Date