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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
WHITNEY J. (HAYS) DIELS, S.W.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER0007839

TO: WHITNEY J (HAYS) DIELS SW
ANIWA WI 54408

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") suspending Respondent's certificate to practice social work for one (1) year beginning on the date of the Order. The certificate to practice social work is then limited with certain terms and conditions including, but not limited to, completion of an evaluation by an approved psychiatrist or psychologist experienced in evaluating health care practitioners' fitness 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 certificate to practice social work (certificate number 13136-120) is further LIMITED as follows:

Practice Limitations

- a. Upon return to practicing as Social Worker in the State of Wisconsin, respondent shall partake in weekly, one-to-one supervision with a licensed and qualified professional in the field of Social Work, whose credential is in good standing, and approved by the Board or its designee.
- b. The supervisor shall render fair and unbiased quarterly reports evaluating Respondent's ability to manage her case load and job related stresses. Supervision must indicate Ms. Diels' maintenance of appropriate professional boundaries in her duties as a social worker.

- c. If the supervising social worker believes necessary and appropriate, Ms. Diels may be directed to complete additional training related to professional boundaries (above what has already been required by the Board).
- d. It is recommended Ms. Diels undergo a re-evaluation for her fitness to practice as a Social Worker after a one-year probationary period, provided there are no concerns from the supervisor indicating Ms. Diels fitness to practice. Should this evaluation or the supervisor overseeing Ms. Diels identify any concerns about her fitness to practice, they are directed to raise them with the Examining Board.

Therapeutic Treatment

- 2. Upon return to practicing as a Social Worker, Respondent shall provide proof to the Department Monitor that she has begun or is continuing individualized treatment with a 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's treatment shall include but is not limited to weekly-to-bi-weekly therapy aimed at helping her effectively manage anxiety and any job-related stress and any other identified treatment goals.
 - 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.
- 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
A Member of the Board

October 7, 2022
Date