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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MASSAGE THERAPY AND BODYWORK THERAPY AFFILIATED
CREDENTIALING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

ETHAN E. KARLS, L.M.T.,
RESPONDENT.

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INTERIM ORDER

ORDER 0007899

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case Nos. 21 MAB 013, 22 MAB 003,
22 MAB 004, and 22 MAB 006

The parties to these actions for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Ethan E. Karls, L.M.T.
Sparta, WI 54656

Wisconsin Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing 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 these matters agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Ethan E. Karls, L.M.T. (Year of Birth 1992), is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice as a massage therapist or bodywork therapist, having license number 14131-146, first issued on January 12, 2017, and current through February 28, 2023. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Sparta, Wisconsin 54656.

2. At all times relevant to these proceedings, Respondent was practicing as a massage therapist in or around Sparta, Wisconsin.

3. As of the date of this Interim Order, the Board has opened the following investigations of Respondent:

- i. Case No. 21 MAB 013, which was opened on October 25, 2021 to investigate allegations that Respondent had non-consensual sexual contact with a female massage client.
- ii. Case No. 22 MAB 003, which was opened on February 2, 2022 to investigate allegations that Respondent placed a hidden camera device in the room in which he provides massages.
- iii. Case No. 22 MAB 004, which was opened on February 14, 2022 to investigate allegations that Respondent had non-consensual sexual contact with a second female massage client.
- iv. Case No. 22 MAB 006, which was opened on February 14, 2022 to investigate allegations that Respondent had non-consensual sexual contact with a third female massage client.

4. Respondent denies the allegations and the Board has made no determination about their merit or whether Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct.

5. Respondent voluntarily agrees not to engage in the practice of massage therapy or bodywork therapy until the Board makes a final determination in Case Nos. 21 MAB 013, 22 MAB 003, 22 MAB 004, and 22 MAB 006.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 460.14 and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent's license to practice as a massage therapist or bodywork therapist in the state of Wisconsin (license number 14131-146) is SUSPENDED during the pendency of these disciplinary matters.

3. The suspension shall continue until the Board issues a Final Decision and Order in, or otherwise resolves, DLSC Case Nos. 21 MAB 013, 22 MAB 003, 22 MAB 004, and 22 MAB 006.

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

WISCONSIN MASSAGE THERAPY AND BODYWORK THERAPY AFFILIATED
CREDENTIALING BOARD

By: Al. Rehmer **DSPS Chief Legal Counsel,**
A Member of the Massage Therapy and **Delegates** 3/17/2022
Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MASSAGE THERAPY AND BODYWORK THERAPY AFFILIATED
CREDENTIALING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

ETHAN E. KARLS, L.M.T.,
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STIPULATION
FOR INTERIM ORDER
ORDER 0007899

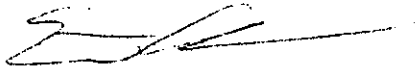
Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case Nos. 21 MAB 013, 22 MAB 003,
22 MAB 004, and 22 MAB 006

Respondent Ethan E. Karls, L.M.T., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance,
Department of Safety and Professional Services, stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into in the course of pending investigations by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance.
2. Respondent is aware of his right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Respondent is represented by Attorney Erika Bierma.
3. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Interim Order by the Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the Interim Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Interim Order, if adopted in the form as attached.
4. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event this Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of the Interim Order.
5. 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 Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent or Respondent's attorney, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Interim Order.

to be approved and endorsed by the Board and adopt this stipulation, the Board's finding Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

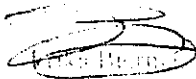
For the reasons stated above, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds and recommends that the Board adopt the stipulation as set forth in the attached findings Order.



Robert E. Allen, President
Springville, Utah
March 7, 2022

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Linda Brown, Mayor of Provo
Provo, Utah
March 8, 2022
March 8, 2022

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David L. Smith, Mayor of Provo
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