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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

HAILEY S. BOWMAN, S.W., RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0007952

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 SOC 008

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

Hailey S. Bowman, S.W. Lake Hallie, WI 54729

Wisconsin Social Worker 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 Social Worker 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. Respondent Hailey S. Bowman, S.W., (Year of Birth 1990) is certified in the state of Wisconsin as a social worker, having certificate number 11680-120, first issued on May 8, 2014, and current through February 28, 2023. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Lake Hallie, Wisconsin 54729.
- 2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent worked as a social worker at a correctional facility located in Stanley, Wisconsin (Facility).

- 3. On September 13, 2021, Respondent signed a Statement of Acknowledgment that she understood she had the responsibility to read and abide by all policies and procedures including the fraternization policy and work rules. In January 2022, the Facility investigated Respondent for violation of work rules and fraternizing with an inmate. During the investigation the Facility determined Respondent created two fake email accounts and a phone account in order to communicate surreptitiously with two inmates at the Facility.
- 4. On January 7, 2022, the Facility interviewed Respondent regarding her relationship with one of the inmates (Inmate A). During the interview, Respondent admitted to the allegations of fraternization by engaging in a personal relationship with Inmate A.
- 5. On January 10, 2022, Respondent resigned from the Facility prior to conclusion of the investigation.
- 6. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Section has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26 and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(11) by engaging in sexual contact, sexual conduct, or any other behavior with a client which could reasonably be construed as seductive.
- 3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code § MPSW 20.02(13) by failing to avoid dual relationships or relationships that may impair the credentialed person's objectivity or create a conflict of interest.
- 4. As a result of the above violations, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 457.26(2)(f).

ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER by Respondent of her certificate to practice social work in the state of Wisconsin (certificate no. 11680-120), as well as her right to renew such certificate, is accepted.
- 3. In the event Respondent petitions the Section for reinstatement of her certificate to practice social work in the state of Wisconsin or applies for another credential in the state of Wisconsin under Wis. Stat. chs. 440 through 480, Respondent shall pay the costs of this matter in the amount of \$478.00 before any petition or application for a credential will be considered by the applicable board or Department.

- 4. In the event Respondent petitions the Section for reinstatement as a social worker, the Section may enter an order denying such application without further notice or hearing. Whether to grant a certificate and whether to impose any limitations or restrictions on any certificate granted shall be in the sole discretion of the Section and such decision is not reviewable.
- 5. Any requests, petitions, payments of costs (made payable to Department of Safety and Professional Services), and other information required by this Order shall be submitted to:

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

Respondent may also submit this information online at: https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov.

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

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

By:	Theny & yang	4/19/2022	
	A Member of the Section	Date	

STATE OF WISCONSIN

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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STIPULATION

HAILEY S. BOWMAN, S.W., RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0007952

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 SOC 008

Respondent Hailey S. Bowman, S.W., 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. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
- 2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:
 - the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, 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 Respondent;
 - the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
 - the right to testify on Respondent'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 Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
- 3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.
- 4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Social Worker 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. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Section'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 Respondent, 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. Respondent 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 Respondent in recommending the Section adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

Hailey S. Bowman, S.W., Respondent

Lake Hallie, WI 54729 Certificate No. 11680-120

4/15/22

4/14/22

Date

Colleen Meloy, Prosecuting Attorney

Department of Safety and Professional Services

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