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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
ASHLEY M. HILL, C.S.A.C.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0008363

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 RSA 044

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

Ashley M. Hill, C.S.A.C.
Neenah, WI 54956

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 8368
Madison, WI 53708-8368

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 Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). The Department has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Department in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Ashley M. Hill, C.S.A.C. (Respondent), (Year of Birth 1986) is certified in the state of Wisconsin to practice as a clinical substance abuse counselor, having certificate number 15800-132, first issued on August 6, 2013. This certificate expired on March 1, 2021 and has not been renewed. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08(3), Respondent retains the right to apply to renew upon payment of a fee until February 28, 2026. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Neenah, Wisconsin 54956.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent worked as a clinical substance abuse counselor at a correctional facility located in Oshkosh, Wisconsin (Facility).

3. On October 19, 2022, the Department's Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) opened case number 22 RSA 044 after receiving a complaint alleging that Respondent had been involved in an inappropriate relationship with a male resident (Resident A) of the Facility.

4. Respondent admitted that she "walked the line of having a personal relationship" with Resident A when she provided her (then) husband's telephone number to Resident A upon his release from the Facility in 2019 "as an option for support." Respondent confirmed that Resident A contacted her husband.

5. Respondent states that she is no longer practicing as a substance abuse counselor in Wisconsin and wishes to avoid the time and expense involved in contested disciplinary proceedings.

6. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Department has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Upon a finding of violative conduct, Respondent would be subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88(6).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The SURRENDER by Respondent of her certificate to practice as a clinical substance abuse counselor in the state of Wisconsin (certificate no. 15800-132), as well as her right to renew such certificate, is accepted.

3. In the event Respondent petitions the Department for reinstatement of her license to practice as a clinical substance abuse counselor 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 \$537.00 before any petition or application for a credential will be considered by the applicable board or Department.

4. In the event Respondent petitions the Department for reinstatement as a clinical substance abuse counselor, the Department 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 Department 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 DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

By: Al Rehmeier Date 1/13/2023
A Member of the Department

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

ASHLEY M. HILL, C.S.A.C.,
RESPONDENT.

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0008363

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 RSA 044

Ashley M. Hill, C.S.A.C. (Respondent), 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 Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). 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 Department's Order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Department, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the

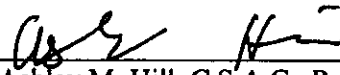
Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Department, the parties agree not to contend that the Department has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance may appear before the Department, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the Department may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Department adopt this Stipulation, the Department's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. Respondent is further informed that should the Department adopt this Stipulation, the Department's Final Decision and Order will be reported as required by the National Practitioner Databank (NPDB) Guidebook and as otherwise required by any licensure compact or any other state or federal law.


9. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending that the Department adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



Ashley M. Hill, C.S.A.C., Respondent
Neenah, WI 54956
Certificate No. 15800-132

1.5.23

Date



Lesley McKinney, Prosecuting Attorney
Department of Safety and Professional Services
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

1/5/2023

Date