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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

NICOLE L. SLOWINSKI, L.P.C.,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 0008819

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 23 CPC 018

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

Nicole L. Slowinski, L.P.C.
Plover, WI 54467

Wisconsin Professional Counselor 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 Professional Counselor 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. Nicole L. Slowinski, L.P.C. (Respondent), (Year of Birth 1987) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a professional counselor, having license number 7739-125, first issued on March 3, 2020 and current through February 28, 2025. Respondent was also issued a professional counselor training license, having license number 3289-226, first issued on October 18, 2016, and

expired on October 18, 2020.¹ Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Plover, Wisconsin 54467.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent worked as a vocational rehabilitation counselor at an agency in Rhinelander, Wisconsin (Agency).

3. The Department received a complaint from the Agency alleging that Respondent falsified records, delayed services provided to clients, and failed to maintain client records.

4. Respondent wishes to cease the practice of professional counseling and opts to voluntarily surrender her license in lieu of potential discipline.

5. 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(2), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. As a result of the above, Respondent may voluntarily surrender her credential(s), subject to Section acceptance, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.19.

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER by Respondent of her professional counselor license (license no. 7739-125), and her professional counselor training license (license no. 3289-226), as well as her right to renew such licenses, are accepted.

3. Respondent shall not petition the Section for reinstatement for at least one (1) year from the date of this Order. If the Respondent petitions for reinstatement after one year, whether to grant a license and whether to impose any limitations or restrictions on any license granted shall be in the sole discretion of the Section and such decision is not reviewable.

4. In the event Respondent petitions the Section for reinstatement of her professional counselor license or her professional counselor training license 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 \$289.00, before any petition or application for a credential will be considered by the applicable board or Department.

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:


¹ Respondent has the right to renew this license under Wis. Admin. Stat. § 440.08(3)(b) through October 18, 2025.

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Respondent may also submit this information online at: <https://dpsmonitoring.wi.gov>.

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

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

By:  10/17/23
A Member of the Section Date

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0008819

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 23 CPC 018

Nicole L. Slowinski, L.P.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 Professional Counselor 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. Respondent is further informed that should the Section adopt this Stipulation, the Section'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 the Section adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



Nicole L. Slowinski, L.P.C., Respondent
Plover, WI 54467
License Nos. 7739-125 and 3289-226



Date



Lesley McKinney, Prosecuting Attorney
Department of Safety and Professional Services
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
P.O. Box 7190
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7/26/2023

Date