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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
WILLIAM S. EDDY, L.M.T.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	

ORDER 0008877

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 MAB 014

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

William S. Eddy, L.M.T.
Madison, WI 53719

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 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 Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent William S. Eddy, L.M.T., (Year of Birth 1973) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a massage therapist and/or bodywork therapist, having license number 13691-146, first issued on February 16, 2016, and current through February 28, 2025. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Madison, Wisconsin 53719.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was the owner of a massage therapy facility with locations in Madison, Wisconsin Rapids, Green Bay, and Platteville, Wisconsin (Facility).

3. The Department received a complaint alleging that Respondent engaged in a sexual relationship with several clients and the Department commenced an investigation of the allegations.

4. On or about August 7, 2019, Respondent provided massage therapy to Client A (female born in 1972) for shoulder pain.

5. During the course of its investigation, the Department obtained a copy of a personal check from Client A made payable to Respondent dated August 7, 2019, in the amount of \$80, which was cashed by Respondent.

6. Respondent did not create or maintain a record of the massage therapy treatment he provided to Client A on August 7, 2019.

7. Respondent maintains that he did not provide massage therapy services to Client A as a client after August 7, 2019.

8. Respondent admits that he began a sexual/romantic relationship with Client A in 2019.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The 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).

2. Based on the Findings of Fact, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct by engaging in sexually explicit conduct, sexual contact, exposure, gratification, or other sexual behavior with or in the presence of a client, a client's immediate family member, or a person responsible for the client's welfare pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § MTBT 5.02(15). An adult client shall continue to be considered a client for six months after the termination of professional services.

3. Based on the Findings of Fact, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct by failing to maintain accurate and timely records necessary for the continuity of a client's massage therapy or bodywork therapy treatment pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § MTBT 5.02(8).

4. As a result of the above violations, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 460.14(2)(g) and (j) and Wis. Admin. Code Ch. MTBT 5.

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent's license to practice massage therapy and bodywork therapy in the state of Wisconsin (license no. 13691-146) is **SUSPENDED** for an indefinite period.

3. Respondent may petition the Board for a stay of the suspension by providing proof, which is determined by the Board or its designee to be sufficient, that Respondent has fulfilled the following requirements:

- a. Respondent shall at his own expense successfully complete four (4) hours of education on the topic of documentation/recordkeeping, and six (6) hours of education on the topic of ethics/boundaries, offered by a provider pre-approved by the Board monitoring liaison, including taking and passing any exam offered for the courses.
- b. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department, and also may not be used in future attempts to upgrade a credential in Wisconsin.
- c. The Board monitoring liaison may change the number of credit hours and/or education topics in response to a request from Respondent. The monitoring liaison may consider the topic availability and/or hours of education when determining if a change to the ordered education should occur.

4. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$997.00.

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://dpsmonitoring.wi.gov>.

6. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (number 13691-146) or Respondent's right to renew his license, may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

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

WISCONSIN MASSAGE THERAPY AND BODYWORK THERAPY AFFILIATED
CREDENTIALING BOARD

By: Jaime Ehmer
A Member of the Board

11/28/2023
Date

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

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

WILLIAM S. EDDY, L.M.T.,
RESPONDENT.

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0008877

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 MAB 014

Respondent William S. Eddy, 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 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. Respondent is represented by Attorney Marlene Garvis.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Massage Therapy and Bodywork Therapy Affiliated Credentialing Board (Board). 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 Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

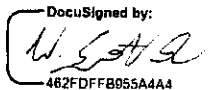
5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board 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 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 Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board'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 Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board'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 Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

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9/18/2023


William S. Eddy, L.M.T., Respondent
Madison, WI 53719
License No. 13691-146

Date


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09.18.2023

Date


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9/20/2023

Date