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1415 Harney Street, Suite 200
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November 5, 2014

Alexandra P Harris

Longmont, CO

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Ms. Harris:

Please be advised that the Board of Certification, Inc. (BOC) Professional Practice and Discipline Committee (Committee) has rendered the following decision with respect to the charge that you violated Code 3.2 of the Code of Professional Responsibility (COPR) section of the BOC Standards of Professional Practice.

In a Charge letter dated September 9, 2014, the BOC informed you that the Committee had determined that good cause existed to believe that you have violated Code 3.2 of the COPR section of the *BOC Standards of Professional Practice* based on the fact that on or about February 24, 2014, you were held in default pursuant to K.S.A. 77-516 and K.S.A. 77-520 for failure to appear at your February 14, 2014 conference hearing before the Kansas Board of Healing Arts. As a result, the Board deemed undisputed the facts and allegations set forth in its Response in Opposition to Application including the following allegations:

- You violated K.S.A. 65-6911(a)(4) by attempting to obtain any fee, charge, tuition or other compensation by fraud, deception or misrepresentation;
- You violated K.S.A. 65-6911(a)(3) by the use of fraud, deception, misrepresentation or bribery in securing any license issued pursuant to the provisions of the athletic trainers licensure act;
- You violated K.S.A. 65-6911(a)(5) by engaging in incompetence, misconduct, fraud, misrepresentation or dishonesty in the performance of the functions or duties of an athletic trainer;
- You violated K.S.A. 65-6911(a)(7) by impersonation of an individual holding a license under the athletic trainers licensure act;
- You violated K.S.A. 65-6911(a)(8) by negligent or intentional violation of the provisions of [the athletic trainers licensure] act or the rules and regulations adopted under [the athletic trainers licensure] act; and
- You violated K.S.A. 65-6903(a) by using in connection with her name or place of business the words "athletic trainer" or "athletic trainer licensed" or "licensed athletic trainer" or "certified athletic trainer" or the letters "A.T." or "A.T.L.", "L.A.T." or "ATC" when not licensed under the athletic trainers licensure act.

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Factual Findings

1. August 23, 2013, the BOC received a complaint against you alleging you had provided Fort Hays State University a copy of a letter stating you had been granted temporary licensure in Kansas, however; the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts stated there is no record in your application file of this letter.
2. August 27, 2013, the BOC mailed you a Notice of Investigation.
3. September 30, 2013, the BOC received an email from you stating you were working with the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts and Fort Hays State University to clear up the misunderstanding.
4. March 24, 2014, the BOC received a copy of the Proposed Default Order Denying Application for Licensure from the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts.
5. April 29, 2014, the BOC mailed you a Consent Agreement for Suspension of your certification via certified mail giving you thirty business days for a response. This was sent via Certified mail and was signed for.
6. May 1, 2014, you called the BOC with questions about the Consent Agreement. BOC Staff explained the Consent Agreement to you and you explained you have breast cancer and that is why you didn't go to Kansas hearing. BOC Staff provided you the following options 1) sign Consent Agreement and return 2) don't sign Consent Agreement and return and 3) don't sign Consent Agreement, return it and provide additional documentation for the Professional Practice and Discipline Committee's review such as further explanation from you and medical documentation.
7. May 29, 2014, the BOC received the unsigned Consent Agreement and a letter from you stating you did not show up to the Kansas hearing because you were having surgery for breast cancer, however; you did not provide any supporting documentation. BOC Staff called and left message that we received the letter but no medical documentation was included.
8. June 2, 2014, you sent an email to BOC staff stating you had just heard from your doctor's office and they will be sending something this week. The BOC never received the medical documentation.
9. July 11, 2014, BOC staff sent you an email requesting medical documentation. We did not receive a response from you.
10. July 28, 2014, BOC Staff called you and left a message and did not receive a response from you.
11. August 18, 2014, BOC Staff called you and left a message and did not receive a response from you.
12. September 9, 2014, the BOC sent you a Charge letter giving you thirty business days for a response. The Charge letter was mailed via Certified mail and was signed for on October 9, 2014. The BOC did not receive a response from you.

Conclusions

Based on the lack of response to BOC notifications, the Committee determined that the facts above are valid and that such actions violate Code 3.2 of the COPR section of the BOC Standards of Professional Practice:

Code 3.2: Knows and complies with applicable local, state and/or federal rules, requirements, regulations and/or laws related to the practice of athletic training.

As a result, the Committee has Suspended your certification. Suspension of BOC certification is considered public information and may be published or otherwise disclosed by the BOC. Pursuant to Section 10 of the BOC Guidelines, upon execution of this Decision Letter, you are required to return by traceable mail your BOC certification card to the BOC office within 10 calendar days. Further, while your certification is Suspended, you are not authorized to do the following:

1. Represent yourself to the public as a practicing Certified Athletic Trainer or use the certification marks "ATC" or C.A.T." following your name; or

2. Serve as an item writer for the BOC certification exam; or
3. Serve as a supervisor of students who are satisfying the athletic training requirements for certification eligibility.

Your certification status will remain Suspended for a period of one year. You may petition for reinstatement after suspension in accordance with Section 12.2 of the BOC Discipline Guidelines. Such petition may be brought by you no sooner than one year from the date of this letter.

Ms. Harris, this matter will remain a part of your BOC certification file and may be used for the purpose of determining sanctions in any future matters that come before the BOC Professional Practice and Discipline Committee or other Disciplinary Panels. You have the right to appeal a decision made by the Committee. An appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days of receipt of this decision. The appeal must be written and addressed to the BOC Executive Director. For details regarding the appeal process, please see the enclosed procedures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Leftwich", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shannon Leftwich, MA, ATC
Director of Credentialing Services

cc: BOC Professional Practice and Discipline Committee
BOC Counsel
Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, Division of Registrations
Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

Enclosures: *BOC Standards of Professional Practice*
Professional Practice and Discipline Guidelines and Procedures