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May 19, 2015

Jeff M Carr

Queen Creek, AZ

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Mr. Carr:

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 Codes 2.3 and 3.9 of the Code of Professional Responsibility (COPR) section of the BOC Standards of Professional Practice.

In a Charge Letter dated April 13, 2015, the BOC informed you that the Committee had determined that good cause existed to believe that you have violated Codes 2.3 and 3.9 of the COPR section of the *BOC Standards of Professional Practice* based on the fact that your 2010-2013 audit was to be completed by May 27, 2014. To date, you have not yet complied with the audit.

Factual Findings

1. February 18, 2014, you submitted your 2010-2013 continuing education (CE) and attested to the following relevant statements:
 - The information contained in this report is a true and accurate statement of my continuing education activities.
 - I am submitting no less than the minimum number of CEUs required for the current reporting period on this form.
 - I am in possession of and prepared to present all original documentation confirming participation in reported activities. I am aware I must keep these records for at least 2 years after the reporting period has ended.
 - I have maintained continuous certification in ECC for this reporting period. I am in possession of and prepared to present all current and expired ECC cards. I am aware I must keep these records for at least 2 years after the reporting period has ended.
 - I am aware that the BOC reserves the right to audit me at any time and that failure to comply with BOC audit policies may result in the suspension of my BOC certification.
 - I am aware that falsification of this report may result in the revocation of my BOC certification.
2. The 2010-2013 CE form was to be submitted no later than December 31, 2013. As a result of submitting your CE form late, you were selected for audit.
3. April 7, 2014, the BOC emailed you an audit notice for the 2010-2013 CEU reporting period. The BOC received audit materials from you on May 27, 2014. During the audit process, the BOC discovered that you were required to submit 75 CEUs. The submission received on February 18, 2014 included 41 of the 75 CEUs and a false attestation that you submitted no less than the minimum number of CEUs required for the reporting period. The BOC corresponded regarding your incomplete audit via email and phone on July 24, July 28, December 19, 2014 and February 23, 2015.
4. January 14, 2015, the BOC mailed you an Investigation Notice with copies of all email correspondence.

5. March 2 and 3, 2015, the BOC received correspondence from you, however; the documentation provided did not meet the required documentation as outlined in the *2013 Certification Maintenance Requirements*.
6. April 7, 2015, the BOC mailed a Consent Agreement for suspension of your certification until your audit was completed. This letter was sent via certified mail was signed for by Brooke H. on April 10, 2015.
7. April 10, 2015, you emailed the BOC stating, "I am in receipt of the consent agreement to suspend my credentials and further investigation which I will NOT be signing."
8. April 13, 2015, the BOC mailed you a Charge letter giving you thirty business days for a response. The Charge letter was mailed via Certified mail and was signed for by Valerie Garcia on April 17, 2015. 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 Codes 2.3 and 3.9 of the COPR section of the BOC Standards of Professional Practice:

Code 2.3: The BOC certified athletic trainer Complies with the most current BOC recertification policies and requirements.

Code 3.9: The BOC certified athletic trainer is candid, responsible and truthful in making any statement to the BOC and in making any statement in connection with athletic training to the public.

As a result, the Committee has issued the following sanctions regarding your certification:

Your certification status is considered Suspended. Suspension of a 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 until you comply with the 2010-2013 Continuing Education Audit. If you have not complied with the 2010-2013 Continuing Education Audit by December 31, 2015, any request for reinstatement of certification must be reviewed by a Reinstatement Panel.

Mr. Carr, 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 blue ink that reads "Shannon Leftwich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shannon" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Leftwich".

Shannon Leftwich, MA, ATC
Director of Credentialing and Regulatory Affairs

cc: BOC Professional Practice and Discipline Committee
BOC Counsel
Arizona Board of Athletic Training

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