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August 14, 2015

Shira Schiff
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Huntington Woods, MI [REDACTED]

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Ms. Schiff:

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 3.11 of the *Code of Professional Responsibility* (COPR) section of the *BOC Standards of Professional Practice*.

In a Charge letter dated April 30, 2015, the BOC informed you that the Committee had determined that good cause existed to believe that you have violated Code 3.11 of the COPR section of the *BOC Standards of Professional Practice* by conducting activities previously addressed by the Committee for which you entered into a Consent Agreement specifying sanctions including probation and drug-testing, as well as repeat conduct during the term of the above-mentioned Consent Agreement that constituted a violation of the terms of that Consent Agreement.

Factual Findings

1. June 24, 2014, you entered into a Consent Agreement with the BOC. The terms of the Consent Agreement included a Private Censure, three years of probation and random drug testing. The terms of the Consent Agreement included, "Respondent consents to random drug testing at her own expense during the probationary period. A positive screen may constitute a violation of probation and serve as grounds for additional disciplinary measures."
2. November 3, 2014, the BOC received a copy of a positive drug screen that was performed on October 21, 2014.
3. The BOC mailed you an Investigation Notice on November 3, 2014 which you responded to on November 11, 2014.
4. The BOC mailed a new Consent Agreement for suspension of your certification for one year. This Certified letter was signed for by you on March 16, 2015. The BOC did not receive a response from you.
5. April 30, 2015, the BOC mailed you a Charge letter via Certified mail. This letter was returned to us by the Post Office as Unclaimed on June 8, 2015.
6. June 8, 2015, the BOC resent the Charge letter via Certified mail. The letter was again returned to us by the Post Office as Unclaimed on July 13, 2015.
7. July 13, 2015 the BOC resent the Charge letter via first class mail. The BOC did not receive a response from you.

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Conclusions

Based on the lack of response to BOC notifications, the Committee determined that the facts above are valid and that such actions violates Code 3.11 of the COPR section of the *BOC Standards of Professional Practice*:

Code 3.11 of the COPR requires that the BOC Certified Athletic Trainer or applicant "Does not take any action that leads, or may lead, to the conviction, plea of guilty or plea of nolo contendere (no contest) to any felony, or to a misdemeanor related to public health, patient care, athletics or education. This includes, but is not limited to; rape, sexual abuse of a child or patient; actual or threatened use of a weapon of violence; the prohibited sale or distribution of controlled substance, or its possession with the intent to distribute; or the use of the position of an athletic trainer to improperly influence the outcome or score of an athletic contest or event or in connection with any gambling activity."

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.

You may petition for reinstatement in accordance with Section 13 of the BOC Discipline Procedures no sooner than August 14, 2016. Any request for reinstatement of certification must be reviewed by a Reinstatement Panel.

Ms. Schiff, 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 received by the BOC 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,



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

cc: BOC Professional Practice and Discipline Committee
BOC Counsel
Athletic Trainer Board Michigan Bureau of Health Professions