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December 16, 2015

Kristina Lash
1158 Church Ln
Carpinteria, CA 93013

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Mrs. Lash:

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 September 2, 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 you failed to comply with the terms of the Consent Agreement you entered into with the BOC on August 28, 2014.

Factual Findings

1. August 28, 2014, you entered into a Consent Agreement with the BOC and agreed to a Private Censure and to provide proof of completion of course in professional ethics administered by a BOC Approved Provider no later than December 31, 2014.
2. January 20, 2015, the BOC sent you an email giving you until February 13, 2015 to provide proof of a course in professional ethics.
3. February 23 and March 3, 2015, the BOC followed up with phone calls and voicemails with no response from you.
4. May 13, 2015, the BOC mailed you a Consent Agreement for suspension of your certification until you provided proof of completion of a course in professional ethics.
5. June 1, 2015, the BOC received this certified letter back from the Post Office as Unclaimed.
6. June 16, 2015, the BOC resent this letter and received it back from the Post Office on July 13, 2015 as Unclaimed.
7. August 28, 2015, the BOC mailed this letter via 1st class mail and received no response from you.
8. September 2, 2015, the BOC mailed you a Charge Letter via Certified mail.
9. October 1, 2015, the BOC received this certified letter back from the Post Office as Unclaimed.
10. October 1, 2015 the BOC resent this letter and received it back on November 2, 2015 as Unclaimed.
11. November 2, 2015, the BOC mailed this letter via 1st class mail and received no 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.

You can petition for reinstatement upon completion of the required professional ethics course. Requests for reinstatement of certification must be reviewed by a Reinstatement Panel.

Ms. Lash, 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

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