



BOARD OF CERTIFICATION
FOR THE ATHLETIC TRAINER

May 7, 2018

Steven J Murphy

Absecon, NJ

Dear Mr. Murphy:

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 November 20, 2017, 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 2015 audit was to be completed by February 24, 2017. To date, you still have not yet complied with the audit.

Factual Findings

1. February 15, 2016, you submitted your 2015 CEUs 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 50 CEUs required for the current reporting period including 10 CEUs in Category EBP 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 am aware that I am required to maintain ongoing certification in Emergency Cardiac Care (ECC) throughout the reporting period and 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 suspension of my BOC certification.
2. January 10, 2017, the BOC emailed you an audit notice for the 2015 CEU reporting period. The BOC did not receive a response from you.
3. February 3, 2017, the BOC mailed you a 2nd audit notice letter with a deadline of February 24, 2017 to complete your 2015 audit. The BOC did not receive a response from you.
4. February 17, 2017, the BOC emailed you a 3rd audit notice with a deadline of February 24, 2017 to complete your 2015 audit. The BOC did not receive a response from you.
5. February 23, 2017, the BOC received some audit documentation from you.
6. September 15, 2017, the BOC mailed you an Investigation Notice as the remainder of your audit documents had not been received. The BOC did not receive a response from you.
7. October 9, 2017, the BOC sent you a Consent Agreement for suspension of your certification electronically via DocuSign giving you thirty business days for a response.
8. November 13, 2017, the BOC called you and left a message to return our call no later than November 17, 2017 confirming your email address as you had not picked up the DocuSign documents. The BOC did not receive a response from you.

9. November 20, 2017, 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 as received November 28, 2017. The BOC did not receive a response from you. The BOC sent the Charge letter, in error, before sending a 2nd and 3rd attempt at the Consent Agreement.
10. December 27, 2017, the BOC mailed you a Consent Agreement for suspension of your certification giving you thirty business days for a response. The letter was mailed via Certified mail. The letter was signed for you January 13, 2018 as received. The BOC did not receive a response from you.
11. January 1, 2018, your certification went to an Expired status as you did not complete your 2016-2017 certification maintenance requirements by December 31, 2017, therefore; the BOC put your disciplinary case on hold.
12. February 28, 2018, your certification was reactivated to Certified as you complied with the 2016-2017 certification maintenance requirements.
13. March 1, 2018, mailed you a Charge letter giving you thirty business days for a response. The Charge letter was mailed via Certified mail. The letter was returned to us by the post office as Return to Sender, Unclaimed, Unable to Forward, Return to Sender.
14. April 2, 2018, the BOC mailed you a Charge letter giving you thirty business days for a response. The Charge letter was mailed via 1st class mail. 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:

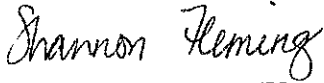
Your certification status is considered Suspended. Suspension of a BOC certification is considered public information and may be published or otherwise disclosed by the BOC. Further, while your certification is Suspended, you are not authorized to do the following:

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 12 of the BOC Discipline Procedures. Such petition may be filed upon your ability to provide proof of compliance with the 2014-2015 CE audit or you are prepared to take the BOC Certification Exam for reinstatement. Such petitions may be subject to a background check and panel review. Contact the BOC office for reinstatement fees and procedures.

Mr. Murphy, 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 Fleming, MA, ATC
Director of Credentialing and Regulatory Affairs

cc: BOC Professional Practice and Discipline Committee
BOC Counsel
New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners Athletic Training Advisory Committee

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