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Nathan Belcher, Jr.

W Palm Beach, FL

Dear Nathan:

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 2.2 and 3.8 of the Code of Professional Responsibility (COPR) section of the BOC Standards of Professional Practice.

In a Charge letter dated September 12, 2021, the BOC informed you that the Committee had determined that good cause existed to believe that you have violated Codes 2.2 and 3.8 of the COPR section of the BOC Standards of Professional Practice based on the fact that your 2018-2019 audit was to be completed by June 26, 2020. Via Eversign records, May 6, 2021, you signed for the Charge letter as received and indicated on the Receipt Confirmation of Charge Letter, "I admit to the truthfulness of the allegations outlined in the enclosed Charge Letter. I request the BOC electronically, via Eversign, resend me the Consent Agreement that includes suspension of my certification until I comply with the Continuing Education Audit." To date, you still have not yet complied with the audit.

Factual Findings

- 1. February 29, 2020, you submitted your 2018-2019 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.
- July 1, 2020, the BOC mailed you an audit notice for the 2018-2019 CEU reporting period.

- 3. July 15, August 5 and 12, 2020, the BOC emailed you audit reminders.
- 4. January 19, 2021, the BOC received some audit documentation from you.
- 5. March 24, 2021, the BOC sent you an Investigation Notice electronically via Eversign as you had not submitted your audit documentation.
- 6. April 8, 2021, the BOC attempted to leave you a voicemail, but your mailbox was full. The BOC resent the Eversign documents.
- 7. April 19, 2021, the BOC mailed the Investigation Notice via first-class USPS mail. The BOC did not receive a response.
- 8. May 10, 2021, the BOC sent you a Consent Agreement for suspension of your certification electronically via Eversign.
- 9. June 10, 2021, the BOC attempted to leave you a voicemail, but your mailbox was full. The BOC resent the Eversign documents.
- 10. June 11, 2021, the BOC sent the Consent Agreement via USPS certified mail.
- 11. June 30, 2021, the USPS returned the Consent Agreement as Notice Left (No Authorized Recipient Available).
- 12. July 14, 2021, the BOC mailed the Consent Agreement via first-class USPS mail. The BOC did not receive a response.
- 13. August 16, 2021, the BOC called and left a voicemail. The BOC did not receive a response.
- 14. August 24, 2021, the BOC sent a Charge letter electronically via Eversign. Per Eversign records, you did not view the documents.
- 15. September 12, 2021, USPS returned the Charge letter as Notice Left (No Authorized Recipient Available).
- 16. September 12, 2021, the BOC mailed the Charge letter via first-class USPS certified mail. The BOC did not receive a response.

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 2.2 and 3.8 of the COPR section of the BOC Standards of Professional Practice:

Code 2.2: The BOC certified athletic trainer complies with the most current BOC recertification policies and requirements.

Code 3.8: The BOC certified athletic trainer ensures that any information provided to the BOC in connection with exam eligibility, certification recertification or reinstatement including but not limited to, exam applications, reinstatement applications or continuing education forms, is accurate and truthful.

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 mark "ATC" 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 2018-2019 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.

Nathan, 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 Chief Executive Officer. For details regarding the appeal process, please see the enclosed procedures.

Sincerely,

Shannon Fleming, MA, AT Ret.

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Vice President of Credentialing

cc: BOC Professional Practice and Discipline Committee

BOC Counsel

Florida Department of Health Board of Athletic Trainers

Enclosures: BOC Standards of Professional Practice

Professional Practice and Discipline Guidelines and Procedures