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Executive Director

April 3, 2015

Ms. Michelle Easson


Dear Ms. Easson:

On March 5, 2015 the Board reviewed additional information pertaining to your eligibility for licensure and voted to incorporate the findings into your original denial of November 16, 2012. (See Attachment 1). Please be advised that in addition to the reasons set forth in Attachment 1, the Board found that you are not eligible for licensure pursuant to § 32-3275(6) based on the following findings:

1. A violation of A.R.S. § 32-3251(15)(I), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice the licensee's profession; and
2. A violation of A.R.S. § 32-3251(15)(ii), violating any federal or state law, rule or regulation applicable to the practice of behavioral health as it relates to A.R.S. § 32-3208(B) which requires an applicant for licensure as a health professional who has been charged with a misdemeanor involving conduct that may affect patient safety or a felony after submitting the application must notify the regulatory board in writing within ten working days after the charge is filed.

These violations were based on the following findings:

1. On January 27, 2014, you were detained by a loss prevention officer ("Security") when attempting to leave a department store with unpaid for merchandise.
2. The police were contacted and reported to the scene.
3. Security reported:
 - a. You left the store with 3 sweaters worth \$305.00.
 - b. You swung at Security with a closed fist and hit her on the face and neck.
 - c. You resisted being placed into handcuffs, and a second loss prevention officer had to assist.
4. Security notified the police officer ("Officer") that you had defecated on one of the sweaters in your purse.
5. Upon transportation to jail, you informed Officer that you had defecated on your clothing.
6. While at the jail, an additional police staff member located a small container in your purse containing four different prescription medications.
7. There were also 2 small green straws with white powder residue in your possession.
8. You were charged with the following:
 - a. Possession of paraphernalia
 - b. Prescription other than original container

- c. Petit theft
 - d. Resisting and obstructing an officer.
9. On March 27, 2014, you pled guilty to:
- a. Prescription other than original container
 - b. Petit theft
10. As an applicant for licensure, you were required to report these charges within ten working days after the charges were filed.

Per A.R.S. §41.1092.03.B, you may request a Formal Hearing by notifying the agency in writing within thirty-five (35) days from the date of this letter. If you do request a Formal Hearing, you also have the right, pursuant to A.R.S. §41-1092.06, to request a settlement conference. If you do not request a Formal Hearing by the close of business on May 8, 2015, your file will be closed without further recourse to appeal and the licensure denial will be reported to the federal data banks that record this information. If you desire licensure at a later date, you must submit a new application and fee.

PLEASE BE FURTHER ADVISED that, pursuant to the Board's new licensure statute, as of July 1, 2004, only persons holding licenses to practice professional counseling may do so unless they are exempt from licensure pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3271.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (602) 542-1617.

Sincerely,



Tobi Zavala
Executive Director