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Executive Director

June 24, 2015

Antonieta Estrada
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Dear Ms. Estrada:

On June 4, 2015, the Board found that you are not eligible for licensure pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3275(7) based on its determination that you violated the following:

1. A.R.S. § 32-3251(12)(l), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice the licensee's profession.

These violations were based on the following findings:

1. You were previously licensed as a Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor ("LISAC").
2. In 08/09, you signed a Consent Agreement for the voluntary surrender of your license which acknowledged various unprofessional practice violations with a 16-year-old minor client ("Client") including:
 - a. A.R.S. § 32-3251(k), any conduct or practice that constitutes a danger to the health, welfare or safety of a client.
 - b. A.R.S. § 32-3251(l), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice the licensee's profession.
 - c. A.R.S. § 32-3251(p), failing to conform to minimum practice standards as developed by the Board, relating to client documentation.
3. The conduct described in the findings of fact of the Consent Agreement included:
 - a. Failing to document the therapeutic purpose of late night excursions when you took Client out of the facility.
 - b. Allowing Client to stay in your hotel room for at least two nights when you accompanied Client and her family out of the country.
 - c. Mailing gifts to Client and Client's family after you returned to the United States.
 - d. Sending written communications to Client containing highly inappropriate language.
4. In 08/14, you submitted a LISAC application and marked "yes" to the following background questions:
 - a. Question 5: Have you ever voluntarily surrendered, allowed to lapse, cancelled or resigned your license, certificate, registration or membership in lieu of disciplinary proceedings or sanctions?
 - b. Question 8: Have you ever been or are you currently a defendant in any type of civil or criminal action related to any professional services (i.e., malpractice)?

5. You indicated the following in regard to your rehabilitation efforts since surrendering your license:
 - a. You have educated yourself on ethical issues and professionalism.
 - b. You have completed 92.5 hours of continuing education, including 32.5 hours in professional ethics.
 - c. You are aware of the scope, meaning, impact, and importance of the standards the Board found you to have violated.

In addition, on March 19, 2015, the Substance Abuse Credentialing Committee ("SACC") determined that you did not establish that you qualify for licensure based on the following:

1. You did not establish that you meet the clinical supervision requirements set forth in A.A.C. R4-6-706.
2. You did not establish that you meet the supervised work experience requirements as set forth in A.A.C. R4-6-705¹.

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 July 27, 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

cc: Professional's attorney

¹ Pursuant to A.A.C. R4-6-706(c), the time span covered by the performance evaluations shall be the same as that for the supervised work experience required in R4-6-705.