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Executive Director

January 27, 2015

Mr. Manuel Valdez
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Valdez:

On January 14, 2016, the Board reviewed your application for licensure as a master social worker and determined that you are not eligible for licensure pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3275(6). Specifically, the Board found that you engaged in conduct that had you been licensed would have constituted grounds for disciplinary action. The Board determined that the disciplinary action invoked the following violations that were based upon the conduct referenced thereafter:

1. A.R.S. § 32-3251(15)(l), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice the licensee's profession.
2. A.R.S. § 32-3251(15)(a), conviction of a felony

These violations were based on the following findings:

1. On 11/02/14, you were arrested for DUI.
2. On 03/03/15, you pled guilty to the following:
 - a. Offense – Count 1: Endangerment, Class 6 Undesignated Felony.
 - b. Offense – Count 2: Driving or Actual Physical Control While Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor or Drugs, Class 1 Misdemeanor.
3. The officer's police report regarding your arrest indicated that:
 - a. Your BAC was measured as high as .131.
 - b. You were driving on a suspended driver's license.
4. As a result of your arrest, you were sentenced to 4 months in jail while participating in a work furlough program.
5. In addition, you were ordered to:
 - a. Complete 18 months of unsupervised probation.
 - b. Complete a MADD Victim Impact Panel.
 - c. Pay fines.
6. You indicated you will become eligible to apply for the reinstatement of your driver's license in 02/16, at which time you will require an ignition interlock device installed in your car for 1 year.
7. Although you indicated you take full responsibility for failing to pay your car insurance, it should be noted that your driver's license was also suspended for 6 months in 2010.

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 March 1, 2016, 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 social work 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tobi Zavala", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tobi Zavala
Executive Director