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January 19, 2023

Ms. Taylor Godsil

Dear Ms. Godsil:

On January 13, 2023, the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners (“Board”) reviewed your application for licensure as a licensed associate substance abuse counselor and determined that you are not eligible for licensure pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3275(A)(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(16)(l), engaging in 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. In 02/19, Applicant received her LASAC license.
2. In 05/19, a complaint was received indicating Applicant kept in contact with a former client (“Client”) of the agency, and after providing evidence, she admitted to a dual relationship with that client.
3. Applicant represented the following in her investigative interview:
  - a. After Client’s discharge they ran into each other at a bar.
  - b. They stayed in contact through social media, and approximately two weeks later they met up.
  - c. They were both intoxicated when they were physical with each other.
4. On 06/20/19, Applicant signed a consent agreement for the surrender of her license because during her employment at a behavioral health agency, Applicant provided behavioral health services to an adult male client, whom she engaged in sexual intercourse with.
5. Effective 07/15/19, Applicant’s license was voluntarily surrendered, which is considered a revocation of the license.
6. On 05/31/22, Applicant applied for a licensed associate substance abuse counselor license, in which she disclosed a substance use history the Board was not previously aware of.
7. Applicant represented the following in her written statements:
  - a. Applicant has been engaged in therapy focused on the decision making which resulted in the license surrender.
  - b. In 05/19, Applicant began and maintained her sobriety.
  - c. Applicant did not go to a rehabilitation facility, but began participating in Alcoholics Anonymous.
8. During the time Applicant was licensed with the Board, she had an obligation to report her substance use issues, and ultimately the Board did not become aware of this until her 05/22 application.
9. In 07/20, approximately a year after the surrender of her license, Applicant attended an Accelerated Resolution Therapy session with the goal to reduce symptoms related to past traumas.
10. After Applicant’s one and only session, Applicant was discharged as she reached out to the provider

- reporting no negative sensations and would not require future sessions.
11. Applicant represented the following in her investigative interview:
    - a. Applicant's session focused on being able to rework past traumas so she did not feel the need to numb anymore, as that was the reason she was drinking.
    - b. The incident that occurred was discussed during the therapy session.
    - c. The type of therapy Applicant participated in rewires how one thinks about memories, and it can be done in one session.
    - d. Applicant believes she addressed her issues sufficiently.
  12. From 01/20 to 08/21, Applicant received medication management services, and Applicant represented she was checked in on regarding her substance use.
  13. Despite Applicant indicating the reason for her inappropriate relationship with a client was due to her alcohol use, Applicant did not seek out therapeutic or rehabilitation services outside of participation in AA.

Notice of Appealable Agency Action:

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41.1092.03 (B), you may request a formal hearing by notifying the Board, in writing, within 35 days from the date of this letter. The hearing will be held within 60 days after the Board receives your request. (A.R.S. § 41-1092.05)(A)) At the hearing, you will have the burden of proof to demonstrate that you are qualified for licensure regarding the matters set forth above. The Office of the Attorney General will represent the State of Arizona at the hearing. In addition, if you request a hearing, you have the right to request a settlement conference. (A.R.S. § 41-1092.06) Please note that if you do not request a hearing by the close of business on **February 23, 2023**, your file will be closed without recourse to appeal. If you desire licensure in the future you will be required to submit a new application and fee. Please be further advised that pursuant to the Board's licensure statutes only persons holding licenses to practice behavioral health may do so unless they are exempt from licensure pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3271.

Notice to Licensure Applicant:

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1093.01, an agency shall limit all occupational regulations to regulations that are demonstrated to be necessary to specifically fulfill a public health, safety or welfare concern. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1093.02 and A.R.S. § 41-1093.03, you have the right to petition this agency to repeal or modify the occupational regulation or bring an action in a court of general jurisdiction to challenge the occupational regulation and to ensure compliance with A.R.S. § 41-1093.01.

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

Sincerely,



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Executive Director