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BEFORE THE EIHICS COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

| THE NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESS PRACTICE BOARD, | SIONAL) |) | |
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| | Petitioner |) | |
| V. | |) | REPRIMAND |
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| AMY A BEAM, |) Respondent |) | |

On September 11, 2014, a subcommittee of the Ethics Committee of the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professionals Practice Board considered the grievance filed against you by Lynn Jones.

Pursuant to the statutory authority provided the Board, the subcommittee conducted a meeting for the purpose of seeking an informal resolution. After considering the information available to it, including your response to the Letter of Notice and evidence before the Committee, the Ethics Committee found the Complaint was "with merit."

The rules provide that if after a finding of "with merit" to the Complaint, the Ethics Committee may determine that a hearing before the Board is not required and the Ethics Committee may issue various levels of discipline depending upon the misconduct, the actual or potential injury caused, and any aggravating or mitigating factors. The Ethics Committee may issue an Admonition, Reprimand, or Censure to the Respondent Substance Abuse Professional.

A Reprimand is a written form of discipline more serious than an Admonition issued in cases in which a Substance Abuse Professional has violated one or more provisions of the Rules of Ethics and has caused harm or potential harm to a client; the field or substance abuse prevention, intervention and treatment; the profession; or a member of the public; but the misconduct does not require a Censure.

The Ethics Committee Chair was of the opinion that a Censure is not required in this case and issues this Reprimand to you. As Chairperson of the Ethics Committee of the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board, it is now my duty to issue this Reprimand and I am certain that you will understand fully the spirit in which this duty is performed.

The subcommittee determined that you continued to practice substance abuse counseling with an expired credential after being notified multiple times to cease practice and renew your credential.

You are hereby reprimanded by the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board due to your professional misconduct. The Ethics Committee trusts that you will heed this Reprimand, that it will be remembered by you, that it will be beneficial to you, and that you will never again allow yourself to depart from adherence to the high ethical standards of the profession.

Done and ordered, this the <u>17</u> day of <u>September</u>, 2014. Uppen Comman

Lynn Inman, CSAC CSAPC Ethics Chairman NCSAPPB