

WAKE COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA

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

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THE NORTH CAROLINA )  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL )  
PRACTICE BOARD, )  
Petitioner )  
v. ) ADMONITION  
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)  
JOSEPHINE SMITH, )  
Respondent )

On January 17, 2014, a subcommittee of the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professionals Practice Board considered the grievance filed against you by Lynn Inman.

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, 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.

An Admonition, which is the least serious form of discipline authorized, is imposed in those cases in which a Substance Abuse Professional has committed a minor violation of the Rules of Ethics. Further consideration is also given or whether or not the violation 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 Reprimand.

The Ethics Committee was of the opinion that a Reprimand is not required in this case and issues this Admonition 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 Admonition and I am certain that you will understand fully the spirit in which this duty is performed.

It was determined that you provided and billed for substance abuse services outside of the scope of practice for the credential you held at the time of the investigation.

You are hereby admonished by the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board due to your professional misconduct. The Ethics Committee trusts that you will heed this Admonition, 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 14 day of March, 2014.



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Lynn Inman, CSAC CSAPC  
Chairperson, Ethics Committee  
North Carolina Substance Abuse  
Professional Practice Board