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Ms. Oriaku E. Hampton-Sowell
9814 Holly Park Drive
Charlotte, NC 28214

Re: Offer of Admonition
EC-419-17

Dear Ms. Hampton-Sowell:

Thank you for your cooperation with the Board's investigation of the Self-Report based on your conviction for Medicaid Fraud and attendant violations of the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Act. Your response to the questions presented in the course of the Investigation provides sufficient evidence for me to expedite this process. As Ethics Chairman I am in a position to offer an informal resolution.

This offer is based on your admission that you never verified the professional status of your supervisee, thus "...engaging in conduct that could result in harm or injury to the public[]" in violation of G.S. 90-113.44(a)(9). Furthermore, to promote your financial gain, you allowed Ms. Marible to submit claims through your Medicaid provider number, thus committing Medicaid fraud for which you were convicted. You were in violation of G.S. 90-113.44(a)(4), based on your felony conviction.

However, your general level of cooperation, both with Federal authorities and this Board, are mitigating factors. Following consideration of these factors, I am prepared to offer as an

informal resolution of this Investigation, an Admonition (it is "public" in that it will appear on the Board's website but not published in the Board's Newsletter).

Please respond within thirty (30) days from your receipt of this proposed informal resolution of the matter if you choose to decline the proposed resolution. If so, you may have an additional meeting before the full Ethics Committee to offer further evidence or request a full Board hearing. If you choose to accept the Admonition, your signature on the proposed Consent Order that is enclosed and its return within thirty (30) days from its receipt, will indicate your acceptance.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Barden Culbreth, Executive Director.

Very truly yours,



Mark Crabtree, MHR, LCAS, CCS
Ethics Committee Chairman

Cc: Mr. Harold Cogdell, Jr.

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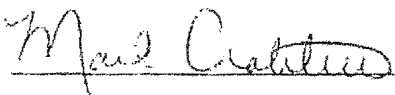
An Admonition, which is the least serious form of discipline authorized, is imposed in cases in which a substance abuse professional has committed a minor violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct given the measure of actual harm experienced and mitigating factors.

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 fully understand the spirit in which this duty is performed.


This action is based on findings that you failed to utilize due diligence to verify your supervisee's licensure status, that you pled guilty to a single count of Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud, a felony conviction pursuant to Federal Law, and that you engaged in conduct that could result in harm or injury to the public.

You are hereby admonished by the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board due to your professional misconduct. The NC Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board 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.

This the 21st day of July, 2017.



 Mark Crabtree, MHR, LCAS, CCS
 Ethics Chairperson
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 Oriaku E. Hampton-Sowell
 Respondent