

WAKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

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

THE NORTH CAROLINA)	
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL)	
PRACTICE BOARD,)	
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Petitioner)	
v.)	REPRIMAND
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)	
Earl Stroughton,)	
)	
Respondent)	

On November 20, 2012 the Ethics Committee of the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professionals Practice Board considered the grievance filed against you by Michael DiSieno.

Pursuant to the statutory authority provided the Board, the Ethics Committee conducted a meeting for the purpose of seeking an informal resolution. After considering the information available to it, including your response to the offer of informal resolution 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.

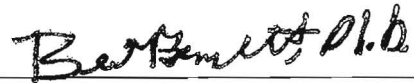
The Ethics Committee was of the opinion that a Censure is not required in this case and issues this Reprimand to you. As Chairperson of the Ethics Committee of the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board, it is now my duty to issue

this Reprimand and I am certain that you will understand fully the spirit in which this duty is performed.

This Reprimand is based on your admission and documentation from witnesses providing evidence to support their allegations regarding your failure to require attendance as well as billing for time you were not present to provide services.

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 19th day of December, 2012.



Bert Bennett, Ph.D.
Chairperson, Ethics Committee
North Carolina Substance Abuse
Professional Practice Board