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Jeff Pearcy, MPA, Executive Director

December 18, 1998

RE: Complainant: John P. Stoughton  
Respondent: Steven J. Anderson

To: Board of Directors  
Wisconsin Certification Board, Inc.

The Executive Committee having received the results of the investigation into the alleged misconduct of Steven J. Anderson and in conformity with its rules now makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

The respondent:

1. is presently an RADCI and was under WCB jurisdiction at the time of the alleged offense identified within the complaint;
2. stipulated to the complaint;
3. in March, 1998, the respondent informed John Stoughton that he was having a relationship with the client. The respondent was informed by Mr. Stoughton that he could not have any involvement with this client. On September 24, 1998, the respondent informed Mr. Stoughton that he had continued the sexual relationship with the client.

4. remains employed at Mooring Programs in Appleton, WI;

The respondent's clinical supervisor and employer testified that they believe there are mitigating circumstances regarding respondent's behavior which include:

1. the respondent and the client had a relationship which pre-dated her admission into Mooring Programs;
2. the client was treated at another location and was not under the care of the respondent;
3. the respondent voluntarily came forward with an admission of being involved with the client;
4. the respondent's actions may have been a result in not taking prescribed medications.

**CONCLUSION:**

Steven J. Anderson had signed the Counselor Code of Conduct. He knew or should have known that sexual involvement with clients of the agency was against the Code of Conduct. Mr. Anderson was forbidden by his employer to continue the relationship while the client was a part of Mooring Programs, but chose to continue the relationship.

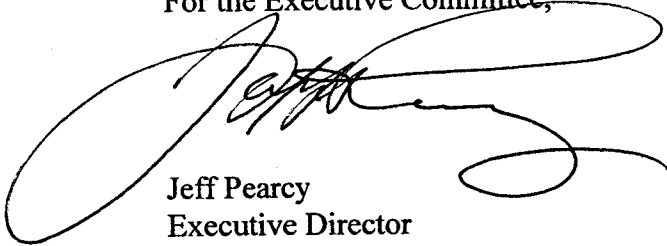
DECISION:

Steven J. Anderson has violated the Counselor Code of Conduct, Rule 4.1:

A counselor shall not engage in any form of sexual contact/behavior with clients, nor engage in any form of sexual contact/behavior with former therapy clients for two years after the cessation or termination of professional services within the client's continuum of care. The prohibition shall apply with respect to any client patient of the agency by which the counselor is employed, regardless of whether or not the client/patient is on the counselor's caseload.

Pursuant to section V(A)(3) in the Counselor Code of Conduct, "Action by the Executive Committee" the registration of Steven J. Anderson is suspended for a period of six months.

For the Executive Committee,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Jeff Percy, the Executive Director. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jeff Percy  
Executive Director