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Jeff Pearcy, MPA, Executive Director

February 17, 2001

Re:

Complaint #:

2000-10

Complainant:

Jon M. Theisen, Esq.

Respondent:

Patricia K. Schultz, CADCIII

To:

Board of Directors

Wisconsin Certification Board, Inc.

The Executive Committee having received the results of the investigation into the alleged misconduct of Patricia K. Schultz, CADCIII and in conformity with its rules now makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The respondent has been a certified counselor in good standing since 6/19/1983 and is currently under Wisconsin Certification Board (WCB) jurisdiction.
- 2. The complainant is legal counsel for Elm Crest.
- Elm Crest is the agency that the respondent was employed and co-owned with her spouse, John Schultz.
- 4. The respondent was suspended from working at Elm Crest.
- 5. On 3/28/2000, the respondent signed Mark Dolan's RADCI application as clinical consultant and agency director.
- 6. Mark Dolan, RADCI, an employee at Elm Crest, performed substance use disorder counseling under the supervision of the respondent.
- 7. The respondent stipulated to having sexual contact/behavior with a former Elm Crest client after the client's discharge from Elm Crest on or about 10/23/2000.

CONCLUSION

The respondent's sexual contact/behavior with a discharged Elm Crest client was within the two year time frame after the cessation or termination of professional services within the client's continuum of care. Therefore, the Executive Committee concludes that the respondent, Patricia Schultz, breached the following Counselor Code of Conduct (Rev. 1996) Rules:

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.

Rule 6.1 - A counselor shall not develop, implement, or maintain exploitative relationships with current or past clients.



Complaint #: 2000-10 (cont.)

DECISION

Pursuant to Section V(A)3 of the WCB Counselor Code of Conduct (Rev. 1996) Patricia Schultz's certification as a Certified Alcohol/Drug Counselor III (CADCIII) is hereby Revoked.

If this respondent chooses not to appeal this Executive Committee's Decision and pursuant to Section VII, Procedures and Reinstatement Following Disciplinary Action, of the WCB Counselor Code of Conduct, the respondent shall return the CADCIII credential certificate and the WCB identification card to the WCB office no later than twenty-one days after the Revocation takes effect. The WCB credential certificate and identification card remain the property of the WCB.

Please be advised of your rights to appeal, hearing, and reinstatement as outlined within the *Counselor Code of Conduct* in Sections VI and VII.

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Jeff Pearcy
Executive Director

For the Executive Committee,