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BEFORE THE WISCONSIN CERTIFICATION BOARD

**APPEAL OF COUNSELOR CAROL J. HORWATH FROM A DECISION OF
THE WISCONSIN CERTIFICATION BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DATED AUGUST 17, 2001**

STIPULATION

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between Carol J. Horwath represented by her attorneys Boardman, Suhr, Curry & Field LLP represented by Gary L. Antoniewicz and the Wisconsin Certification Board represented by its attorneys Halling & Cayo, S.C. appearing by David B. Halling as follows:

1. Carol J. Horwath's credentials as a CADC II counselor shall be suspended for the period June 11 through and inclusive of December 11, 2001; reinstatement of the credential at the end of the suspension period shall be automatic and shall require no further action on the part of Horwath.

2. Horwath shall attend an ethic's workshop that in part is specific to boundary violations; that workshop shall be attended by Horwath within one year of the date of the signing of this agreement subject to course availability and approval of the course by the Wisconsin Certification Board.

3. The appeal presently pending before the Wisconsin Certification Board hearing panel pursuant to the Code of Conduct ¶ VI shall be dismissed.

Dated: ^{January} ~~December~~ 4, 200².

Dated: ^{January} ~~December~~ 15, 200².

WISCONSIN CERTIFICATION BOARD

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CERTIFICATION BOARD

August 17, 2001

Re: Complaint # 2001-02
Complainant: Patricia Pendowski, CADCH, CCSII
ARO Counseling Centers
Respondent: Carol J Horwath, CADCH

To: Board of Directors
Wisconsin Certification Board, Inc.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

Carol J Horwath:

1. acquired Wisconsin Certification Board, Inc. (WCB) certification as a Certified Alcohol/Drug Counselor II on June 2, 2000;
2. received counseling due to the death of her spouse in July, 2000;
3. was employed at ARO Counseling Centers
4. did not work in the same ARO facility where her friends, Michael Roddy & his spouse were receiving counseling;
5. stipulated to the allegation that she developed a romantic relationship with her long time friend, Michael Roddy, during his & his spouse's treatment at ARO Counseling; and the respondent allowed Michael Roddy to move into her home;
6. is maintaining her romantic relationship with Michael Roddy;
7. is suspended without pay from ARO Counseling Centers; and

CONCLUSION

The Executive Committee concludes that the respondent, Carol J Horwath, breached the following Rules within the *Counselor Code of Conduct* (Rev. 1996):

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.

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Complaint # 2001-02

DECISION

Pursuant to Section V(A)(3) of the WCB *Counselor Code of Conduct*, Action by the Executive Committee, Carol J Horwath's certification as an Alcohol/Drug Counselor II is hereby revoked.

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

For the Executive Committee,



Jeff Percy
Executive Director

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