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## CERTIFICATION BOARD

June 12, 2004

**Re:** Complaint #: 2004-04  
Complainant: Pam Haukeness  
Respondent: April L. Stendahl

**To:** Board of Directors  
Wisconsin Certification Board, Inc.

The Executive Committee having received the results of the investigation into the alleged misconduct of April L. Stendahl and in conformity with its rules now makes the following:

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- April L. Stendahl:
  - became a Registered Alcohol/Drug Counselor I on May 14, 2002 and her credential lapsed on May 14, 2004;
  - was under Wisconsin Certification Board (WCB) jurisdiction at the time of her alleged misconduct;
  - resigned her position at Arbor Place, Inc. on 2/24/2004;
  - admitted to making "mistakes...bailing out [the Arbor Place former client]" and transporting him to Madison. Ms. Stendahl's rationale for her actions with the Arbor Place's former client was: "I was stressed. He needed to be bailed out. I was going through depression, anorexia, and a stress induced psychosis." The respondent went on to state that she "was hospitalized". The Arbor Place's former client was not the respondent's client.
  - denied any sexual contact/behavior with the Arbor Place's former client.
  - denied any form of contact with the Arbor Place's former client since February, 2004;
  - was under the care of John A. Bartholow, M.D. for depression and anxiety and was taking prescribed medications Trazodone to assist in sleeping and Paxil for depression and anxiety;
  - is not working as a counselor and is currently in school working toward her Baccalaureate degree.
- Arbor Place's former client did not respond to this investigators attempt to contact him.

### CONCLUSION

The Executive Committee concludes that the respondent's conduct, "bailing out" the former Arbor Place client from jail, was conduct contrary to the generally accepted standards of practice for substance use disorder counselors. Therefore, the Executive Committee finds that the respondent did breach the *Counselor Code of Conduct* Rule 2.2 which states: "A counselor shall not engage in conduct which does not meet the generally accepted standards of practice."

### DECISION

Pursuant to Section V(A)(3) of the WCB *Counselor Code of Conduct* (Rev. 1996), Action by the Executive Committee, April L. Stendahl receives a Public Reprimand.

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

For the Executive Committee,

  
Eloiza Altoro-Acevedo  
Executive Director

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