

SUBJECT: Consideration of Review for Laurie Lagemann, Case No. C-2012-071-R

SUBMITTED BY: Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: May 2, 2013

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Laurie Lagemann applied for a Substitute Certificate on September 27, 2012.

Ms. Lagemann answered “yes” to having any professional certificate or license revoked or suspended and having received disciplinary action involving a professional certification or license. Her Arizona Licensed Professional Counselor License was revoked by the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners (“ABBHE”) on September 15, 2008. The ABBHE alleged that Ms. Lagemann released confidential client information to other clients without authorization and failed to prepare written treatments plans, progress notes or client records. The Board further alleged that Ms. Lageman, through her attorney, sent a letter to two complainants threatening to seek monetary damages and publicly release treatment notes if they did withdraw their complaints.

Ms. Lagemann answered “no” to having been arrested for any offense for which she was fingerprinted. Ms. Lagemann was arrested in 2007 on suspicion of Driving Under the Influence. She was convicted of Reckless Driving.

Ms. Lagemann was advised that her application required a review by the Professional Practices Advisory Committee (“PPAC”) of the State Board of Education (“State Board”).

On April 9, 2013, the PPAC conducted a review of Ms. Lagemann’s application. Ms. Lagemann stated that the allegations brought against her by the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners are false.

The PPAC found that the following conduct occurred:

- Failure to answer “yes” on application regarding an arrest
- 2007 arrest on suspicion of Driving Under the Influence (reduced to Reckless Driving)
- 2008 revocation of Arizona Licensed Professional Counselor License
- In May 2005, Ms. Lagemann, through her attorney, sent the complainants a letter threatening to file a lawsuit against them if they did not “cease and desist” from filing a complaint against her with the Board. The letter threatened to make public her confidential treatment notes and threatened to seek money damages and attorney fees.

The PPAC found the following aggravating factors:

- None

The PPAC found the following mitigating factors:

- Ms. Lagemann was under substantial personal duress during the time of the revocation proceedings by the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners.
- No evidence of unprofessional conduct prior to Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners revocation procedures

- Circumstances giving rise to Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners proceedings were unusual professional circumstances involving potential threat to physical safety of client and Ms. Lagemann and her client.

By a vote of 4 to 0, the PPAC recommended that the State Board **deny Laurie Lagemann's** application for certification.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [] ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW:

That the Board accept(s) the findings of facts, conclusions of law, and the recommendation of the PPAC to **deny Laurie Lagemann's** application for certification.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [] NO []