



June 4, 2013

Steve Ferris, MA
Pathways Psychological Center
207 South Street
Bluefield, WV 24701

FORMAL LETTER OF REPRIMAND

Ethical Inquiry #2012-13 – Steve Ferris, MA

Dear Mr. Ferris:

As denoted in the 5/2/2013 Consent Decree, you are hereby reprimanded for violating the Board's Ethical Code [The American Psychological Association Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct], specifically ethical standards 3.09, and Principle C.

Ethical standard 3.09 states that psychologists must "cooperate with other professionals in order to serve their clients effectively and appropriately." Principle C states, "psychologists seek to promote accuracy, honesty and truthfulness in the practice of psychology...to not intentionally misrepresent the facts. Psychologists try to keep their promises and to avoid unwise or unclear commitments."

In regard to ethical standards 3.09 and Principle C, it is expected that in the future you shall promptly and in a timely manner submit psychological reports and other documents to the referent, court, or pertinent party. In this way, it is expected that you shall keep your promises and cooperate with other professionals in the best interest of your clients.

According to W.Va. Code R. § 30-21-10, it is expected that you shall comply with the Code of Conduct.

Finally it is required that you shall pay the fee according paragraph 3.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Harlow, Ph.D.", written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey Harlow, Ph.D.
Executive Director

CC: Ethics file #2012-13
Lesley Reeves, Complainant
Chris Dodrill, Assistant Attorney General