

**Subject:** Re: HEAL Mission Watch-List Removal Offer

**From:** Angela Smith

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**Date:** 12/28/2019, 7:18 PM

**To:** David Bolthouse <davidbolthouse@gmail.com>

Dear David,

Do you want me to include your message as feedback on the page at <http://www.churchofphilosophicalexploration.org/feedback.htm>? I understand that Bestboyshomes.com doesn't list Jack Patterson's programs, I thought Best Boys Homes might be a rebranding of his programs and thought I made that clear with my initial message. I'm glad you are not associated with Jack Patterson or disclaim any association with Patterson.

I don't think you have high standards. Honest marketing isn't among them. See, COPE Ministries doesn't support hypocrisy nor false advertising. And, it is my belief that false advertising in such a manner while offering conversion or treatment is itself a violation of the Nuremberg Code. See, you may think, "But, if we share our complaint and violation record, it would damage our reputation which is currently based on false advertising so would be counter-productive, I'm sure Angela understands." But, if truly Christian, which the homes you promote claim to be, it seems avoiding hypocrisy and being humble enough to share the whole truth would be the Christian thing and in not doing that you are proving to be a false prophet or promoting such from my perspective as a minister.

So, next you might say, "But, Angela, while I did promote Abundant Life Academy after it changed ownership and they were shut down in Virginia with life coaches and directors arrested for abusing the children mercilessly, I disagree with you in stating I've ever promoted such a thing. So, that proves I'm a self-negating liar who just accuses honest people of being false when I'm called out. And, the programs I promote all treat the kids exactly with the same arguable prejudice and draconian discipline you seem to be using on the programs. Doesn't that make you they hypocrite?" And, to you I say, I'm willing to accept and post both complimentary and critical feedback about all I do and I've welcomed that for years. And, the victims of abuse, trauma, torture, rape, exploitation, and human trafficking that I counsel and assist through the HEAL mission deserve to at least have justice in the court of public opinion where justice in the justice system is impracticable or impossible as a result of indemnity clauses and liability waivers programs make parents sign so the the parents would be sued and not the programs for the harms caused by the programs. And, I saw the huge disclaimer at [bestboyshomes.com](http://bestboyshomes.com) and appreciate you added that to the homepage.

So, I feel COPE Ministries and the HEAL Mission is being more than fair and reasonable and understand again why you may not make the changes or accept the offer. I am contacting all the programs on our watch-list directly with the offer. Also, it isn't blackmail or extortion. It would be if I said, "David, I have some really damning evidence about the programs you market that I'm sitting on and haven't posted to our consumer information pages on them yet. You will likely go to jail yourself or be sued once it is posted. I won't post it if you choose to accept the offer for honesty in

marketing to avoid further exposure by our ministry. And, make a donation." See, I don't personally benefit from the programs posting their own complaint record publicly. Arguably it means less work for me because I'm not doing all the research, waiting on public records/FOIA requests, and focusing on those who accept the offer. That's the only benefit I would get out of it. So, that's not blackmail nor extortion and you don't scare me at all with claiming it could be read that way. Not by someone who understands what extortion/blackmail actually looks like as a victim who has been extorted. It's a good faith offer to let Christian and secular programs (who claim Judeo-Christian morality or values) show their good faith and lack of hypocrisy by committing to the whole truth and accepting the offer for the sake of peaceful co-existence.

You did not expressly state that your e-mail was not feedback. So, I may post it with my reply to the Feedback page. If you would prefer I did not do that, you likely should've expressly stated it was not feedback in your reply as was expressly disclosed in my e-mail to you. But, out of consideration and respect that you even responded, I will respect your wishes if you reply and declare that your e-mail was definitively not feedback.

Happy Holidays,

Angela Smith  
Minister of COPE

PS Sincerely check out <http://www.churchofphilosophicalexploration.org/helpful.htm> as it offers solutions for troubled teens and addressing the homeless

crisis. FYI...

On 12/28/2019 10:49 AM, David Bolthouse wrote:

Angela,

As you can see for yourself, the bestboishomes.com website does not list, nor do I have anything to do with the program you mentioned in your email. I know nothing about them and I have never heard of Jack Patterson, nor would I work with or promote such a person or program with such a bad history. I have high standards in regard to who I work with -- and I have never worked with or promoted "fraudulent and abusive programs" as you suggest. If you think I do, then you just don't know me nor understand why I got involved in this industry.

You are right, many programs pop up around the country that do not fit the most basic standards for providing good therapy. Many are in it just for the money. Some claim to be "therapeutic" but have no therapy at all, and that is a real problem. If they want to be a client of mine, they must have a good therapy team and clear and humane standards in place, or I will have nothing to do with them. The bad programs tend to eventually go out of business, partly because I refuse to promote them.

That's my way of doing what you are attempting to do (to shut down the bad programs), since the only reason I got into this business was due to my own experience with my son going to BOTH a bad program first (where he was almost killed) and a

good one after he recovered physically (where he flourished). By the way, he went to both programs voluntarily, since he knew he needed help. I thereafter focused my marketing talents on getting the good ones lifted up. I believe there is a place for the good ones since a good one with great therapists saved my son from sure disaster. But that is where we differ -- you tend to want ALL such therapy programs for teenagers shut down and have gone on the record as such. Perhaps you have never experienced a really good program, and that is unfortunate.

As for any other programs on your list, whether they are my past or current clients or not, I cannot speak for them, nor can I represent you in regard to recommending that they in any way connect with you in regard to your offers. You will have to connect with them directly. I can tell you this, however, that taking a negative and threatening approach with them, and spreading falsehoods about them won't help your cause. If it sounds like blackmail to them, or that they must agree to and come along any other organization's idea of how they should operate, they will have no part in it. A more positive way of doing what you are wanting to do is to have therapy standards like CARF, where they could proudly display such an icon meaning that they meet the independent 3rd party's criteria for what a good program should be like.

I hope you have a Happy New Year!

Dave

On 12/27/19 10:08 PM, Angela Smith wrote:

Dear David,

So, perhaps you are semi-retired or still actively engaged in marketing for fraudulent and abusive programs on the HEAL Mission watch-list. I'm referring to this:

<https://www.bestboyshomes.com/contact/>. Now, I happened upon that site today because I needed to double-check to see if Redemption Boys Ranch aka Reclamation Ranch most recently operating in Dearborn, MI after being exposed and concerned about new regulations thanks to HEAL Missionaries in Alabama that may impact their program as run in Empire, AL. So, my question for you is this, is Best Boys Homes association with Jack Patterson as featured at <http://www.heal-online.org/recranch.htm>? Now, beyond this keep reading and feel free to share <http://www.churchofphilosophicalexploration.org/standards.htm> with any program on the HEAL watch-list for which you currently market or with which you are associated.

As a result of complaints submitted to our ministry and mission regarding alleged abuses at your locations, your programs are on our watch-list of suspected and/or confirmed fraud and abuse.

And, HEAL is our mission to expose false prophets (regardless of storefront or cultural influence) in the segregated congregate care, academic, and healthcare fields. Your programs are on our watch-list at <http://www.heal-online.org/thelist.htm>. And, attached are two and 1/2 offers you can

accept at any time to be removed from our watch-list or provide feedback. Please see attachment for details.

If you choose to provide feedback and forego the first offer (with option), please understand we will reply to your feedback and any and all dialogue will be posted to our Feedback page at <http://www.churchofphilosophicalexploration.org/feedback.htm>. If you do not wish for our dialogue to be posted to the Feedback page do not identify it as Feedback and expressly state it is not Feedback. In such a case, we may not read it and the purpose is to highlight and show our humility and willingness to admit imperfection because only God is perfect. If you choose not to participate or feel it would be hypocritical to do so after reading and declining the attached offer, I understand.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope you had a meaningful Christmas with a happy new year to follow.

Sincerely,

Angela Smith  
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