

**BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL
PRACTICE BOARD**

THE NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE)
ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE)
BOARD,)

 Petitioner)

 v.)

DIANN SOLOMON a/k/a DIANN)

DOWDY MURPHY,)

 Respondent)

 LCAS No. 2557)

 CCS-I No. 20670)

CONSENT ORDER

EC No. 459-18

THIS MATTER is before the Ethics Committee ("the Committee") of the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board ("the Board"), pursuant to Chapter 150B of the North Carolina General Statutes; 21 N.C.A.C. 68.0600, and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-113-44, and with the consent of Diann Solomon a/k/a Diann Dowdy Murphy ("Respondent"), Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS No. 2557), Certified Clinical Supervisor - Intern (CCS-I No. 20670) for entry of a Consent Order ("the Order") to resolve issues raised in an Ethics Complaint filed on January 12, 2018 (EC No. 459-18) ("the Complaint").

Resolution under the terms of this Consent Order is accepted by both the Board and Respondent in lieu of an administrative hearing on the issues raised by the Complaint.

Based upon the record herein, and with the consent of Respondent, the Board makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Diann Solomon a/k/a Diann Dowdy Murphy has been licensed to practice, as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS No. 2557), since May 17, 2016.

2. Respondent has been registered as a Certified Clinical Supervisor - Intern (CCS-I No. 20670) since June 20, 2016.

3. On January 12, 2018, an Ethics Complaint (EC No. 459-18) was filed against Respondent, alleging various facts and raising concerns about Respondent's ethics, ability to supervise, responsiveness to clients, and for the public safety.

4. In fact, Respondent documented false attendance to counseling sessions; sent false completion and participation letters to counsel, and attempted to cover up those falsification in a number of ways, including by having clients sign group sign in sheets. Respondent also inappropriately filed out intake documents without a clinical interview; failed to secure required releases for confidential information; and gave full attendance credit to clients even when all the clients did was appear for the session, sign in, and leave.

5. Respondent acknowledges numerous paperwork and other errors, although she contends that her errors were without any fraudulent intent. Nevertheless, Respondent agrees that the Board could prove facts consistent with Finding of Fact number 4, and agrees, for purposes of this Consent Order only, to Finding of Fact 4, and to the discipline imposed herein.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Chapter 90, Article 5C of the North Carolina General Statutes (the "North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Act") and the corresponding Rules at 21 North Carolina Administrative Code ("NCAC"), Chapter 68.

2. Respondent is licensed and certified to practice substance abuse counseling in North Carolina and is subject to the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Act and the

rules promulgated thereunder. The Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding.

3. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 68.0601 and other provisions of the 21NCAC 68.0101 *et seq.*, grounds exist to discipline Respondent relating to the facts and circumstances set forth above, up to and including revocation of Respondent's license as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS No. 2557) and registration as a Certified Clinical Supervisor - Intern (CCS-I No. 20670).

4. In particular, Respondent's acts, as described above, constitute:

a. Fraud or misrepresentation to the public by knowingly making misleading, deceptive, false or fraudulent misrepresentations in the practice of the profession, in violation of 21 NCAC 68.0601(2)(a); and

b. Being an accessory to or participating in dishonesty, fraud, misrepresentation or any other illegal act involving a client or person serve, in violation of 21 NCAC 68.0601(5)(C); and

c. Failing to follow the standards of skill and competence possessed and applied by professional peers certified in this State acting in the same or similar circumstances, in violation of 21 NCAC 68.0601(6)(a).

5. The appropriate discipline to impose with respect to the matters covered by this Consent Order is:

a. Permanent revocation of Respondent's registration as a Certified Clinical Supervisor - Intern (CCS-I No. 20670).

b. Suspension of Respondent's license as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS No. 2557) for a period of three (3) years, beginning on the effective date of this Consent Order. Suspension of Respondent's license as an LCAS (LCAS No. 2557) shall be stayed, so

long as Respondent: (a) does not own any interest in an entity providing substance abuse counseling [other than an entity in which she is the only individual providing substance abuse counseling]; (b) does not employ an individual providing substance abuse counseling; (c) does not supervise any individual providing substance abuse counseling; and (d) within the next ninety (90) days, completes six (6) additional hours of ethics training.

Respondent waives further Findings Of Fact and Conclusions Of Law.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and with the consent of Respondent, IT IS THEREFORE, THE

ORDER OF THE BOARD

1. Respondent is hereby disciplined, under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-113.44 and 21 NCAC 68 .0101 *et seq.*, by permanent revocation of Respondent's registration as a Certified Clinical Supervisor - Intern (CCS-I No. 20670) .

2. Respondent is further disciplined, under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-113.44 and 21 NCAC 68 .0101 *et seq.*, by suspension of her license as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS No. 2557) for a period of three (3) years. This suspension is stayed on condition that Respondent: (a) does not own any interest in an entity providing substance abuse counseling [other than an entity in which she is the only individual providing substance abuse counseling]; (b) does not employ an individual providing substance abuse counseling; (c) does not supervise any individual providing substance abuse counseling; and (d) within the next ninety (90) days, completes six (6) additional hours of ethics training.

3. This Order is effective upon the date executed by the Board.

This the 30th day of May, 2018.

North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional
Practice Board

BY: Mark L. Crabtree

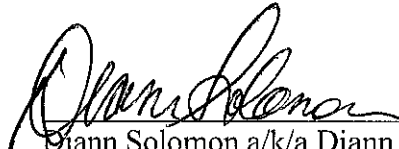
NAME: Mark L. Crabtree

TITLE: Ethics Chairperson

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, Diann Solomon a/k/a Diann Dowdy Murphy, do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing Consent Order in its entirety and that I do freely and voluntarily accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order provided for therein.

This the 17 day of May, 2018.



Diann Solomon a/k/a Diann Dowdy Murphy