

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

THE NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE)	
ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE)	
BOARD,)	
Petitioner)	
)	
v.)	CONSENT ORDER
)	
FELIPE KHRISTOPHER BLUE,)	EC No. 431-17
Respondent)	
(LCAS-A No. 2579))	

THIS MATTER is before a Panel of the Ethics Committee ("the Panel") 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 Felipe Blue ("Respondent"), Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist - Associate (LCAS-A No. 2579), for entry of a Consent Order ("the Order") to resolve issues raised in an Ethics Complaint filed on August 16, 2017 (EC No. 431-17) ("the Complaint"). Resolution under the terms of this Order is accepted by both the Board and Respondent Felipe Blue 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 Felipe Khristopher Blue has been licensed to practice, as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist - Associate (LCAS-A No. 2579), since March 10, 2016.

2. Respondent has engaged in inappropriate conduct with a number clients, resulting in dual relationships which could and did impair his professional judgment, and which increased the risk that Respondent would exploit his clients, all in violation of 21 NCAC 68 .0509.

3. Respondent's conduct is grounds for discipline under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-113.44 and 21 NCAC 68 .0101 *et seq.*, up to and including revocation of Respondent's license as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist - Associate ("LCAS-A No. 2579).

Based upon the Findings of Fact and with the consent of the parties hereto, the Board makes the following:

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.

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and with the consent of the parties, pursuant to the authority set forth in N.C. Gen. Stat. §90-113.33, it is ORDERED as follows:

ORDER

1. Respondent's license as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist - Associate (LCAS-A No. 2579) is SUSPENDED for a period of six (6) months, beginning on the date this Consent Order is executed by the Board.

2. The foregoing SUSPENSION is STAYED for a period of six (6) months, on the following conditions:

a. Respondent shall identify Respondent's employer. Respondent's employer shall provide quarterly reports to the Board in which Respondent's employer shall (a) evaluate Respondent's performance in the aggregate; (b) indicate if any complaints have been received regarding Respondent's performance; and (c) if complaint have been made, shall provide detail concerning the same. Reports shall be sent to: Barden Culbreth, Executive Director of the Board, P.O. Box 10126, Raleigh, NC 27605; Email: Barden@recanc.com.

b. Respondent shall meet with his Clinical Supervisor for at least one (1) hour out of every forty (40); and Respondent's Clinical Supervisor shall provide quarterly reports to the Board in which the Clinical Supervisor shall indicate the dates on which supervision sessions were conducted; and provide information concerning the topics of discussion. Reports shall be send to: Barden Culbreth, Executive Director of the Board, P.O. Box 10126, Raleigh, NC 27605; Email: Barden@recanc.com.

c. Respondent shall, in addition to any other required training, take six (6) hours of Ethics Training. The classes or other training shall be pre-approved by the Board. Respondent shall submit for pre-approval to Barden Culbreth, Executive Director of the Board, P.O. Box 10126, Raleigh, NC 27605; Email: Barden@recanc.com.

3. If Respondent, Respondent's employer, and Respondent's Clinical Supervisor, all comply with their obligations under decretal paragraphs 2 (a) (b) and (c), the SUSPENSION shall be lifted. If Respondent's employer and Clinical Supervisor fail to comply with their obligations under decretal paragraphs 2 (a), (b) and (c), the six (6) month SUSPENSION shall begin the 181st day after entry of the Consent Order.

4. During the period of any stayed or active Suspension under the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent shall not take the Advanced Alcohol And Drug Counselor Examination (also known as the LCAS - License Test).

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

This the 22nd day of January, 2017.8^c

North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional
Practice Board

BY: Mark L. Crabtree

NAME: Mark L. Crabtree

TITLE: Ethics Chair

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, Felipe Khristopher Blue, 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 16 day of January, 2018



FELIPE KHRISTOPHER BLUE