

Respondent is representing himself and has received a proposed Informal Resolution resulting from a review of this Complaint by the Committee. Board Attorney, E. Ann Christian, presented the findings of the Committee's investigation into these matters to the Respondent. Both parties stipulate and agree to the findings of fact and conclusions of law recited in this Consent Order and to the discipline imposed. Based upon the consent of the parties the Ethics Committee hereby enters the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Pittman was credentialed by the Board as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS) on or about November 11, 1998, and a Certified Clinical Supervisor (CCS) on or about September 6, 2006.
 2. At all times relevant to this Order, Respondent Pittman was engaged in practice as an LCAS and a CCS in Robeson County and Scotland County, North Carolina while providing services as an employee at Southeastern Regional Medical Center.
 3. Respondent Pittman admits that on or about November of 2009, he forged a patient's signature on three to five continuing care plans for patients who had left before completing the course of their treatment and who were no longer available to sign for themselves.
 4. Respondent Pittman admits on another occasion after the physician who had been serving as the facility's medical consultant had come to the facility to see patients and sign documents overlooked co-signing a counselor's discharge summary, he forged the physician's name to the document.
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5. Respondent's conduct is mitigated by his cooperation with the Board with this investigation and the fact that he has practiced for 26 years while volunteering in service to the substance abuse community.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent Pittman is in violation of North Carolina General Statute 90-113.44 (a)(9) and 90-113.44 (a)(6) in that he violated Rule 21 NCAC 68 .0601 (2).

The Respondent admits that sufficient violations of the laws governing the substance abuse profession exist for the Board to take action as authorized by G.S. 90-113.44.

The Respondent waives any further Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in these matters.

Based on the foregoing, and with the consent of the Respondent, IT IS
THEREFORE THE

ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

1. That Respondent Pittman's LCAS credential be suspended for period of six (6) months, beginning the date Respondent shall cease or ceased working in the substance abuse field in a credentialed capacity.
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2. That upon Respondent's reinstatement and resumption of practice as an LCAS, he shall be supervised by a Board-approved supervisor for a period of two (2) years at the rate of two (2) hours per month.
 3. That Respondent Pittman's CCS credential be suspended simultaneously with the suspension of his LCAS but for a period of two (2) years beginning the date Respondent shall cease or ceased working in the substance abuse field as a CCS.
 4. That upon Respondent's reinstatement and resumption of practice as a CCS, he shall be supervised for a period of one year at the rate of one (1) hour per month.
 5. That Respondent shall complete fifteen (15) hours of Board-approved ethics/supervision training in addition to the standard continuing education hours required for re-credentialing.
 6. That Respondent shall resign any position with the Board wherein he serves as an employee or volunteer.
 7. That the Respondent shall violate no rules adopted by the Board or any provision of the Practice Act.
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This the 6 day of July 2011, 2010.

Bert Bennett, Ph.D.

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Ethics Chairperson, NCSAPPB

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Respondent