

Respondent, representing herself, has received a proposed Informal Resolution by the Ethics Chairman of the N. C. Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board resulting from a review and investigation of a Report by the Respondent of action taken by the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors. Committee Chairman, Mark Crabtree, and Board Counsel, Ann Christian, presented the findings of the 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 was credentialed by the Board as an Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist-Associate (LCAS-A) on or about September 16th, 2013.
2. At all times relevant to this Order, Respondent Wyatt was engaged in practice as an LCAS-A in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina while providing services as a substance abuse professional at Another Level Counseling and Consultants.
3. Respondent Wyatt admits to hospitalization in 2013 as a result of a number of very serious and ongoing mental health issues and the revocation of her Licensed Professional Counselor Associate credential in April of 2015.
4. Respondent's conduct is mitigated by the factors that she reported this matter to the Board and has also cooperated with the Board as it worked to resolve this matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent Wyatt is in violation of North Carolina General Statute 90-113.44 (a)(5) and (a)(9), as well as Rule 21 NCAC 68 .0503 (COMPETENCE).

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. 90-113.33 (2).

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

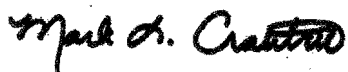
That Respondent Wyatt shall receive disciplinary action in the form of a suspension of her credential for one year, beginning April 21, 2015; one year from this date Respondent may apply for reinstatement.

Prior to her reinstatement, she shall provide an update on the status of her mental health by complying with the following:

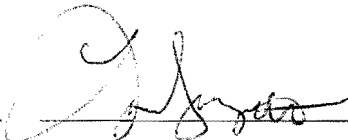
1. Obtain a psychological assessment from a Board-approved psychologist or psychiatrist to focus on the immediate issues requiring her hospitalization in 2013 as well as additional underlying issues that have been identified by the hospital physician and/or the Licensed Professional Counselor Board;

2. Following a review of this assessment by a Panel of the NCSAPPB, if, in the view of the Ethics Committee Chairperson substantial improvement has been obtained to the extent that there is clear and convincing evidence that Respondent can practice with confidence that she will not be “[e]ngaging in conduct that could result in harm or injury to the public[]];
3. Respondent shall notify her clinical supervisor of the Complaint and its resolution in writing while providing a copy of this notice to the Board.
4. Respondent shall violate no rules adopted by the Board or any provision of the Practice Act during the period of time she is completing the aforementioned requirements.

This the 21 day of September, 2015.



Mark Crabtree, LCAS, CCS
Ethics Chairperson
NCSAPPB



Leslie Ann Wyatt
Respondent