

WAKE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

BEFORE THE
ETHICS COMMITTEE
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD
EC-364-16

THE NORTH CAROLINA)
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL)
PRACTICE BOARD,)
) **Petitioner**)
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WALTER LYNDON BECK,)
) **Respondent**)

CONSENT ORDER

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 and Title 21 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, Chapter 68, Section .0600, and with the consent of Walter Lyndon Beck, (Respondent), Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC), #2220, to consider the entry of a Consent Order in lieu of an Administrative hearing.

Respondent is representing himself and has received a proposed Informal Resolution resulting from a review of this Complaint by the Ethics Committee Chairman. Committee Chairman, Mark Crabtree, presented the findings of the Board'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 Beck was credentialed by the Board as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor on or about September 17, 2007.
2. At all times relevant to this Order, Respondent Beck was engaged in practice as a CSAC in Union County, North Carolina while providing services as a substance abuse professional at Chemical Dependency Services, Inc. (CDS, Inc.) of Monroe, N.C. 28112.
3. Respondent Beck admits in a statement given to the Board that he was charged with a DWI on September 3, 2015 and continued to struggle with the issue and "situational depression" causing him to enter treatment at Rebound Behavioral Health in Lancaster, South Carolina on October 19, 2015.
4. Ms. Lynn Jones, DWI Services Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), reported to the Board that while undertaking his own treatment until he returned to his office on November 18, 2015, a number of his clients were left unattended. However, Respondent maintains he had a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS) and an Office Manager running the day-to-day operation of his Agency, CDS, Inc.; during this period of time.
5. Respondent maintains that because he failed to receive notice of his Agency's September 23, 2015 suspension by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to provide DWI

Services, he continued to complete 508 Reports to DHHS, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, until he received a later notice.

6. Respondent reports that he did provide DWI Services by completing 508s after the September 23, 2015 date that his Agency's authorization to provide DWI Services was suspended but only for those clients who had successfully completed treatment prior to the suspension date.

7. Respondent's conduct is mitigated by his willingness to pursue an assessment and treatment in addition to his cooperation with the Board in developing and accepting an informal resolution.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent is in violation of North Carolina General Statute 90-113.44 (a)(6), engaging in acts in violation of the Article 5C of the NCGS or the rules adopted pursuant to it; and NCGS 90-113.44 (a)(9), engaging in conduct that could result in harm or injury to the public; and Rule 21 NCAC 68 .0507 requiring that the Counselor protect the safety and welfare of the client.

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.

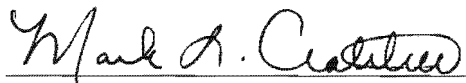
Based on the foregoing, and with the consent of the Respondent, IT IS THEREFORE
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ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

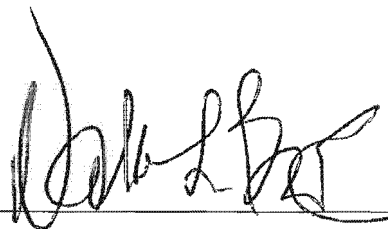
That Respondent Beck's CSAC credential be suspended for period of six (6) months, the time period to be initiated on the date of signing by both parties of this Consent Order, during which period of time the Respondent shall satisfy the following conditions:

1. The Respondent shall receive during the period of his suspension, one hour of face-to-face supervision per month by his Practice Supervisor.
2. The Respondent shall notify his Practice Supervisor in writing with a copy of the Complaint, that is the subject of this Consent Order, and its resolution as soon as it is practicable.
3. The Respondent shall follow his treatment plan resulting from the Board-approved assessment and assume all costs of his treatment and supervision.
4. The Respondent shall, at the end of each month, provide the Board with supporting documentation to verify his monthly supervision session and any other follow-up requirements as noted from his Board-approved assessment.
5. At the conclusion of the six month suspension, the Respondent shall resume practice as a CSAC, upon the Board's receipt of a statement from his Board-approved counselor attesting to his fitness to practice.
6. That the Respondent shall violate no rules adopted by the Board or any provision of the Board's Practice Act during the period of suspension.

This the 18th day of April, 2016.



Mark Crabtree, MHR, LCAS, CCS
Ethics Chairperson
NCSAPPB



Walter Lyndon Beck
Respondent