

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

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

Petitioner)

v.)

CHASTA ELAINE CASH,)
Respondent)

CSAC-Registrant No. 21436)

CONSENT ORDER

EC No. 347-15

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 Chasta Elaine Cash ("Respondent"), Certified Substance Abuse Counselor Registrant (CSAC-R No. 21436), for entry of a Consent Order ("the Order") to resolve issues raised in Ethics Complaint No. 347-15). Resolution under the terms of this 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. On September 15, 2015, Respondent Chasta Elaine Cash registered for licensure as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC-R No. 21436).

2. The Board received an Ethics Complaint (EC No. 347-15), alleging that Respondent had a dual relationship with a client in violation of N.C. General Statutes § 90-113.44(a)(10); and the Board served the Ethics Complaint on Respondent on January 20, 2016.

4. Respondent failed to respond to the Ethics Complaint and, on June 27, 2016, the Board administratively suspended Respondent's registration as a CSAC.

5. On February 22, 2018, Respondent contacted the Board to resolve the issues raised in the Ethics Complaint.

6. Respondent acknowledges that, during a period from approximately February of 2015 through May 2016, she was involved in a dual relationship with an existing (and then former) client ("the Client").

7. Respondent acknowledge that, during the period from approximately January of 2016 through March of 2017, she consumed controlled substances to such an extent that her professional competency was impaired.

8. Respondent relationship with the Client is grounds for discipline under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-113.44(10) and 21 NCAC 68 .0101 *et seq.*, up to and including revocation of Respondent's registration as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor ("CSAC-R No. 21436).

9. Respondent's use of controlled substances to such an extent that her professional competency was impaired is grounds for discipline under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-113.44(2) and 21 NCAC 68 .0101 *et seq.*, up to and including revocation of Respondent's registration as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC-R No. 21436).

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 was, at the time the Ethics Complaint was made, a CSAC Registrant (CSAC-R No. 21436), 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 registration as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC-R No. 21436) is SUSPENDED for a period of five (5) years, beginning on June 26, 2016 (the date her registration was initially administratively suspended).

2. The balance of the foregoing described five (5) year SUSPENSION shall be STAYED, beginning June 26, 2019, on the following conditions:

a. Respondent shall complete, prior to June 26, 2019, twelve (12) hours of Ethics training, which shall be pre-approved by the Board. which shall not be credited or used for any other purpose. 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. Confirmation or certification of completion of this additional Ethics training shall be, prior to June 26, 2019, sent to: Barden Culbreth, Executive Director of the Board, P.O. Box 10126, Raleigh, NC 27605; Email: Barden@recanc.com.

b. Respondent's Case Manager at Safe Harbor shall provide quarterly reports to the Board, on July 1, 2018; October 1, 2018; January 1, 2019 and April 1, 2019, indicating (a) whether Respondent is still in the program; and (b) providing the results of Respondent's most recent random drug test. Quarterly 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 inform the Board immediately when she is no longer a resident at Safe Harbor; and when she is no longer a resident, Respondent agrees to submit to random drug testing, at her cost and expense, though and at a facility selected by the Board.

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

This the 18th day of May, 2018.

North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional
Practice Board

BY: Mark L. Crabtree

NAME: Mark L. Crabtree

TITLE: Ethics Chair

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, Chasta Elaine Cash, 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 08 day of may, 2018..



CHASTA ELAINE CASH