

NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL
PRACTICE BOARD

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

v.)

LISA LYN HARGROVE,)
Respondent)

CONSENT ORDER
EC-513-18

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; with the consent of Respondent Lisa Lyn Hargrove ("Hargrove"), in lieu of a formal hearing on issues raised in that Ethics Complaint filed October 31, 2019.

The Board, with the consent of Hargrove, makes the following
FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. Petitioner North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board ("the Board"), was established by G.S. 90-113.32, and is recognized as the registering, certifying, and licensing authority for substance abuse professionals described in the Practice Act. The Board was established to safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare, to protect the public from being harmed by unqualified persons, to assure the highest degree of professional care and conduct on the part of credentialed substance abuse professionals, to provide for the establishment of standards for the education of credentialed substance abuse professionals, and to ensure the availability of credentialed substance abuse professionals of high quality to persons in need of these services. The Board, under authority granted by the Practice Act regulates Board-credentialed persons offering substance abuse counseling services, substance abuse prevention services, or any other substance abuse services for which the Board may grant registration, certification or licensure.

2. Hargrove is a citizen and resident of Wake County, North Carolina; and is neither a minor nor an incompetent person. Hargrove currently resides at 235 Sugar Maple Avenue, Wake Forest, NC 27587.

3. On May 8, 2013, Hargrove was certified as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor ("CSAC"); CSAC No. 2978. On June 30, 2017, Hargrove's certification, as a CSAC, expired.

4. On October 1, 2015, Hargrove was licensed as a Licensed

Clinical Addictions Specialist ("LCAS"); LCAS No. 21906. Absent revocation or renewal, Hargrove's LCAS credential will expire on September 30, 2019.

5. On October 31, 2018, the Board received an Ethics Complaint (EC No. 513-18), in which the Complainant asserted that Hargrove had been charged with (1) Conspiracy to Traffic in Cocaine; and (2) Continuing Criminal Enterprise ("the Pending Charges").

6. The alleged acts on which the Pending Charges are based would, if true, be grounds for discipline, including permanent revocation of Hargrove's license as an LCAS.

7. The parties have agreed, rather than proceed with a Contested Case in which the Board would seek to revoke Hargrove's license on the alleged and denied acts subject to the pending charges, to the informal resolution contained herein.

8. More specifically, the parties agree: (a) Hargrove's license as an LCAS should be suspended for so long as the described charges are pending; (b) Hargrove's license as an LCAS should be permanently revoked if she is convicted of the Pending Charges, or any lesser included offence; and (c) the suspension should be lifted if all of the currently pending charges are dismissed.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT, THE BOARD CONCLUDES AS A MATTER OF LAW:

1. The Board has the power and authority to suspend Hargrove's license as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist; to condition lifting of the suspension on dismissal of the Pending Charges; to revocation if Hargrove is convicted of any of the Pending Charges (or lesser included offense), and the resolution contained herein is an appropriate resolution of this case.

2. Each party should bear its own costs incurred in connection with the Board's investigation.

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.G.S. § 90-113.33, et seq., it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The credentials granted to Hargrove by the Board, including her license as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS No. 21906), are hereby suspended.

2. The suspension provided for in decretal paragraph 1 shall be lifted when and if the Pending Charges are dismissed.

3. Upon conviction of any of any of the Pending Charges, or any lesser included offense, the credentials granted to Hargrove by the Board, including her license as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS No. 21906), will be permanently revoked.

4. Each party to this proceeding shall bear their own costs, and the Board shall bear its own costs of investigation.

This the 1st day of February, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

By:


Dale Willetts, Ethics Chair

STATEMENT OF CONSENT


I, Lisa Lyn Hargrove, do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing Consent Order in its entirety, that I have consulted with counsel concerning the contents and effect of the same (or have had the opportunity to consult with counsel and have not done so), and that I voluntarily accept that there is a factual basis for the findings of fact set forth herein; and that those findings of fact are legally sufficient to support the findings, conclusions and discipline provided for therein, and that I assent to the terms of the Consent Order. I further express my understanding that the contents of this Consent Order shall become a part of my record with the Board, and are a public record under North Carolina law.

This the 25th day of January, 2019.



Lisa Lyn Hargrove

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this the 25th day of January, 2019.



Notary Public

My commission expires: 10-7-19