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**BY EMAIL: quincystephens@nc.rr.com
AND OVERNIGHT MAIL**

Mr. Quincy Stephens
209 North Pearl Street
Rocky Mount, NC 27804

Re: EC File No. 567-19

Dear Mr. Stephens:

Enclosed please find a duplicate original of the Consent Order executed by the Board on January 24, 2020, pursuant to which terms the above referenced matter has been resolved.

The Board will promptly dismiss the pending Contested Case before the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Should you want the stay with respect to your LCAS lifted, you will need to take the extra ethics hours; having secured pre-approval of the specific hours by Barden Culbreth, Executive Director of the Board.

Very truly yours,

HARRIS & HILTON, P.A.



Nelson G. Harris

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Barden Culbreth (by email) (w/ Enclosure)
Ms. Elizabeth Ramos (by email) (w/ Enclosure)

NORTH CAROLINA
JOHNSTON COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA
ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST)
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD,)
Petitioner)
v.)
QUINCY STEPHENS,)
Respondent)

CONSENT ORDER
EC-567-19

THIS MATTER is before a Panel of the Ethics Committee ("the Panel") of the North Carolina Addictions Specialist 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 Quincy Stephens ("Stephens"), in lieu of a formal hearing on issues raised in that ethics complaint filed against him, on August 9, 2019 (NC Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board Ethics Complaint No. 567-19).

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

1. Petitioner North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board, formerly known as "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. Stephens is a citizen and resident of Johnston County, North Carolina; and is neither a minor nor an incompetent person.
3. On June 11, 2004, Stephens received from the Board the Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist credential (LCAS No. 986), which will expire on July 1, 2020, if not renewed.
4. On May 6, 2009, Stephens received from the Board the Certified Clinical Supervisor ("CCS") credential (CCS No. 450), which will expire on June 30, 2021, if not renewed.

5. On August 9, 2019, the Board received an Ethics Complaint against Stephens; alleging inadequate supervision by Stephens, while employed at MACTA, LLC, and billing fraud by MACTA, LLC.

6. Stephens, for purposes of this Consent Order only, admits that he failed to adequately supervise Board licensees subject to his supervision; that his failures caused harm or injury to the public; and that he is subject to discipline under N.C.G.S. § 90-113.44(a)(9).

7. The parties have agreed, rather than proceed with a Contested Case with respect to the issues raised in the Ethics Complaint, to the informal resolution contained herein

8. Stephens and the Board agree that the appropriate discipline to impose, with respect to Stephens' acts and omissions, is (1) permanent revocation of Stephens' license as a Certified Clinical Supervisor; and (2) suspension of Stephens' license as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist with the suspension to be lifted upon conditions.

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

1. The Board has the power and authority to impose discipline on Stephens, 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. Stephens' license, as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS No. 986), is suspended for a period of five (5) years.

2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the suspension of Stephens' license as an LCAS shall be lifted upon the latter of: (a) 90 days after entry of this Consent Order, or (b) Stephens completion of six (6) hours of Board approved ethics training (which may not be used by Stephens for any other purpose).

3. Notwithstanding any lifting of the suspension of Stephens' license as an LCAS, Stephens is permanently barred from providing supervision to any license of the Board.

4. Stephens' license, as a Certified Clinical Supervisor (CCS No. 450), is permanently revoked.

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

This the 24th day of January, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

By: Elizabeth Ramos
Elizabeth Ramos, Ethics Chair

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, Quincy Stephens, 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 21st day of JANUARY, 2020.

Quincy Stephens
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