

**BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL
PRACTICE BOARD**

THE NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS)
SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE)
BOARD,)

Petitioner)

v.)

VICTORIA LEWIS)
Respondent)
LCAS-A No. 22082)

FINAL DECISION

EC No. 592-19

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard before the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board (“the Board”), on April 17, 2020, at 1046 Washington Street, Raleigh, NC 27605, on the Notice of Hearing issued March 3, 2020, as supplemented by that letter dated April 6, 2020.

The Board, having heard the evidence, and having reviewed the record, makes the following **FINDINGS OF FACT**:

1. Petitioner North Carolina Substance Addictions Specialist 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. On August 24, 2016, Respondent was credentialed as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist - Associate (LCAS-A No. 22082). Respondent’s license as an LCAS-A expires on August 3, 2020, if not renewed.

3. On November 12, 2019, the Board received an Ethics Complaint (“the Complaint”) against Respondent.

4. On November 12, 2019, Elizabeth Ramos, Ethics Chair of the Board, sent a letter to Respondent, enclosing the Complaint, and asking for a response, within thirty (30) calendar days of the letter, to the allegations contained therein.

5. On January 22, 2020, no response having been received to the Complaint, counsel sent a follow up letter, demanding response by February 22, 2020, and noting that failure to respond by that time would in itself be grounds for discipline.

6. On February 22, 2020, Respondent contacted counsel, asking for an additional month's time, through March 22, 2020, to respond to the Complaint.

7. On February 22, 2020, counsel for the Board replied to Respondent's email, demanding that response be made by February 27, 2020.

8. Respondent has not made a written response, or any substantive response, to the Complaint, although the time for response has expired.

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

1. Respondent is subject to the North Carolina Addictions Specialist 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.

2. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 68.0601 and other provisions of the 21 NCAC 68.0101 *et seq.*, grounds exist to discipline Respondent relating to the facts and circumstances set forth above, up to and including permanent revocation of Respondent's license as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist – Associate.

3. The appropriate discipline to impose, with respect to the actions alleged above (failure to respond to the Complaint despite repeated demand), is permanent revocation of Respondent's license as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist – Associate (LCAS-A No. 22082).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED
as follows:

1. Respondent's license as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist – Associate (LCAS-A No. 22082), is permanently revoked.

2. This Order is effective upon the date executed by the President of the Board.

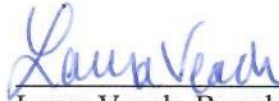
NOTICE

To obtain judicial review of this Final Decision, the entity or individual seeking review must file a petition within thirty (30) days after service of a written copy thereof, with the Clerk of the Superior Court of the County where the entity is headquartered, or the individual resides.

This the 17th day of April, 2020.

THE NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

By:



Laura Veach, Board President

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, being first and duly sworn, deposes and says that he served a copy of the Final Decision upon Respondent by depositing a copy thereof in the United States mail, first class postage pre-paid, and addressed as follows:

Ms. Victoria Lewis
130 West Cornish Road
Blowing Rock, NC 28605

This the 20th day of April, 2020.



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