

**NORTH CAROLINA
CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

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

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST)
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD.)

Petitioner)

v.)

ANNIE R. HASAN,)
Respondent)

**CONSENT ORDER
SUSPENSION
EC-534-19**

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 Annie R. Hasan ("Hasan"), in lieu of a formal hearing on issues raised in that ethics complaint filed, against her on February 19, 2019 (EC No. 534-19).

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

1. Petitioner North Carolina 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. The Board was, until January 1, 2020, known as the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board.

2. On April 23, 2015, Respondent was licensed as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist ("LCAS"), LCAS No. 3083.

3. On February 19, 2019, the Board received an Ethics Complaint ("the Complaint") alleging, among other things, that Respondent had engaged in fraudulent billing practices; which may constitute engaging in conduct that could result in harm and injury to the public, in violation of N.C.G.S. § 90-113.44(a)(9); or pursuing an illegal practice, in violation of 21 NCAC 68 .0601(2)(c); or being an accessory to or participating in dishonesty, fraud, misrepresentation or

any other illegal act involving a client or person serviced, in violation of 21 NCAC 68 .0601(5)(c).

5. In fact, Hasan acknowledges that she engaged in fraudulent billing practices; which may constitute engaging in conduct that could result in harm and injury to the public, in violation of N.C.G.S. § 90-113.44(a)(9); or pursuing an illegal practice, in violation of 21 NCAC 68 .0601(2)(c); or being an accessory to or participating in dishonesty, fraud, misrepresentation or any other illegal act involving a client or person serviced, in violation of 21 NCAC 68 .0601(5)(c).

6. Pursuant to the provisions of the 21 NCAC 68 .0101 *et seq.*, and the provisions of the General Statutes cited above, grounds exist to discipline Hasan relating to the facts and circumstances set forth above, up to and including permanent revocation of her license as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist.

7. On or about March 4, 2019, Hasan surrendered her license as an LCAS; and the Board accepted the surrender and dismissed the Ethics Complaint, with the caveat that, if she wanted to reapply for licensure, the Ethics Complaint file would be re-opened and the Ethics Complaint itself would have to be resolved.

8. On or about April 21, 2020, Hasan reapplied for licensure as an LCAS; and the Board re-opened this matter for response; investigation, and appropriate disposition.

9. Hasan and the Board agree that the appropriate discipline to impose, with respect to the actions admitted above, is a six (6) months suspension of her license as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist, effective upon execution of this Consent Order.

**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 Hasan, 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 that Hasan's license as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist, LCAS No. 3083, is suspended for a period of six (6) months commencing with the date of full execution of this Consent Order.

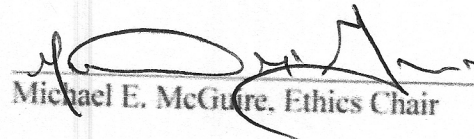
Upon completion of the six (6) month suspension, Hasan shall be permitted to re-apply for licensure by the Board.

Each party shall bear their own costs.

This the 8 day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

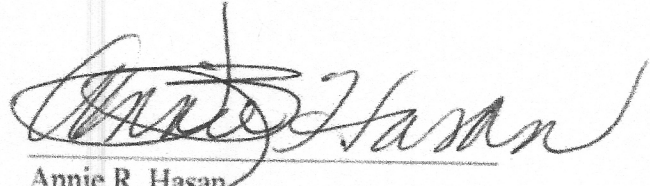
By:

 LCSW, LCAS
Michael E. McGuire, Ethics Chair

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, Annie R. Hasan, 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 1st day of September, 2020.


Annie R. Hasan