BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECI PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD, Petitioner	ALIST))	
v.)	CONSENT ORDER EC No. 652-21
ANGELA C. WILCOX, Respondent)	
CADC No. 20107	,	

THIS MATTER is before a Panel of the Ethics Committee 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. Section 90-113.44; with the consent of Respondent Angela C. Wilcox ("Respondent"), in lieu of a formal hearing on the issues raised in that Ethics Complaint filed against here on January 14, 2021 (EC No. 652-21) ("the Ethics Complaint").

The Board, with the consent of Respondent, 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 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 3, 2020, Respondent was certified as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor ("CADC"), CADC No. 20107. Respondent's certification as a CADC will expire on August 2, 2022, if not renewed.
- 3. On January 14, 2021, the Board received an Ethics Complaint ("the Complaint") alleging, among other things, that Respondent had engaged in dual relationships with clients in the Catawba County Detention System, and/or other units within the Prison System, potentially of a sexual nature; and that she had provided confidential client information to other inmates. In

fact, Respondent acknowledges and agrees that she engaged in inappropriate dual relations with clients within the Prison System.

- 4. The foregoing described and admitted conduct constitutes professional incompetency and failure to meet standards of practice, in violation of 21 NCAC 68 .0601(6)(a); engaging in conduct that an ordinary, reasonable and prudent person could foresee would result in harm and injury to the public, in violation of 21 NCAC 68 .0601(6)(e); entering into dual relationships in violation of 21 NCAC 68 .0601(4)(a) and (b); and 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. 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.
- 6. 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 certification as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, as well as any and all other licenses and certifications issued by the Board.
- 7. The appropriate discipline to impose, with respect to the actions alleged above, is permanent revocation of all of Respondent's licenses and certifications.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT, THE BOARD CONCLUDES AS A MATTER OF LAW: (1) The Board has the power and authority to discipline Respondent, and the resolution provided for herein is an appropriate resolution of this matter; and (2) each party should bear their own costs incurred in connection with this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Respondent's certification as a Certified Alcohol And Drug Counselor (CADC No. 20107) is permanently revoked, as of the date of full execution of this Consent Order. Each party shall bear their own costs.

This the 17 day of March, 2021.

THE NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

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STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, Angela C. Wilcox, 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 Monday of March, 2021.

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