

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

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS)	
SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL)	
PRACTICE BOARD,)	
Petitioner)	
)	FINAL DECISION
v.)	
)	EC File No. 591-19
HARRISON HONEYCUTT,)	
CADC No. 25205)	
Respondent)	

THIS CAUSE came on before the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board (“the Board”) on April 23, 2021, on the Notice of Hearing dated February 10, 2021, for consideration of the Proposal For Decision entered in *North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board v. Harrison Honeycutt*, OAH File No. 20 SAP 01584 (“the OAH Contested Case”).

The Board, having reviewed the record in the OAH Contested Case; the Proposal For Decision; and having heard the arguments of counsel, adopts and 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.

2. Respondent Harrison Honeycutt (“Respondent”) is a citizen and resident of Buncombe County, North Carolina; and is neither a minor nor an incompetent person. Respondent has been certified by the Board, as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor - Intern (CSAC-I No. 25205), since August 20, 2019. [Certified Substance Abuse Counselors were re-titled, as of January 1, 2020, as Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselors (“CADCs”); and Respondent’s proper designation is CADC-I No. 25205.]

3. In January of 2019, C.B. moved to Buncombe County, North Carolina; where she enrolled in Sober Living, an intensive inpatient program where she addressed personal substance use disorder issues. (T. pp. 24-25).

4. In July of 2019, C.B. was discharged from Sober Living; moved in with a friend in East Asheville; and, in September of 2019, was hired as a behavioral health technician at Asheville Recovery Center ("ARC"). (T. pp. 25-26).

5. In September of 2019, Respondent was also employed by ARC, and C.B. and Respondent became casually acquainted. (T. pp. 26-28).

6. During the course of their conversations, C.B. and Respondent discussed their substance abuse history and recovery status (T. p. 28), and their general conversations led to expressions of interest to spend time together outside of work (T. p. 28).

7. On November 2, 2019, C.B. and Respondent began communicating by text; and, on November 8, 2020, Respondent invited C.B. and her dog to his apartment. (T. pp. 29-32; Pet. Ex. 8).

8. On November 8, 2020, C.B. took her dog to Respondent's apartment, arriving around 8:00 p.m. (T. pp. 32-33).

9. After arriving at Respondent's apartment, C.B. and Respondent engaged in conversation in the living room for 20 to 30 minutes; and after physical contact was initiated, Respondent invited C.B. to his bedroom; to which she agreed. (T. p. 34). Neither C.B. or Respondent were under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time. (T. p. 45).

10. Prior to engaging in sex, C.B. disclosed her boundaries to Respondent, and discussed the physical acts in which she was comfortable engaging. C.B. specifically said that she would not do anal sex. (T. pp. 34-35, 77). Respondent acknowledged that C.B. said that she did not want to do "butt stuff". (T. p. 121).

11. After entering the bedroom, C.B. and Respondent engaged in consensual oral and vaginal sex for 10 to 20 minutes. (T. pp. 34-35, 79-80, 82).

12. Thereafter, Respondent told C.B. that he had done bad things; that he was a bad person; and then he put his hand on her throat; choked her; pulled her hair behind her; turned her around and began to perform anal sex on C.B.; over her specific objections. (T. pp. 37, 54, 82).

13. After Respondent ejaculated onto C.B.'s back, he went to the bathroom, returned with some toilet paper and wiped off C.B.'s back, at which point she gathered her clothes, put them on, got her dog and left. (T. p. 38, 82).

14. On November 8, 2019, at 9:15 p.m., C.B. texted about the event to her friend. On November 9, 2019, C.B. continued to text with her friend about the event (T. pp. 82-83; Pet. Ex. 7).

15. C.B.'s text communications with her friend are consistent with what might be expected, under the circumstances, which include consensual sex with someone C.B. was interested in, being followed by non-consensual, and objected to, anal sex.

16. On November 9, 2019, C.B. sent to work at ARC, however, the circumstances, and specifically, the non-consensual anal sex with Respondent the night before, were too much for C.B. and C.B. resigned her employment. (T. pp. 47-48).

17. Subsequently, C.B. suffered a relapse from sobriety; and engaged in self harm by cutting her wrists. C.B. barely surviving that suicide attempt. (T. pp. 48-49, 52). In addition, C.B. could no longer bear to be in the Asheville area, and moved back to Texas. (T. p. 49).

18. C.B. was then admitted into Decision Point in Arizona, an intensive inpatient facility, from which she was discharged after 45 days. (T. p. 50).

19. C.B. did not make the underlying Ethics Complaint to the Board; but roughly a week after November 9, 2020, she did make a criminal complaint to the Buncombe County Sheriff. (T. p. 53). C.B.'s failure to make a criminal complaint immediately was due to a prior difficult experience in Texas where she was the survivor of a sexual assault. (T. p. 89).

20. Respondent has not been criminally charged for the November 8, 2019 incident. (T. p. 53).

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT, THE BOARD ADOPTS AND MAKES THE FOLLOWING:

CONCLUSIONS 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. Respondent's acts constitute conduct that could result in harm or injury to the public, in violation of N.C.G.S. Section 90-113.44(a)(9).

3. Respondent's acts constitute a failure to treat colleagues with respect, courtesy and fairness, in violation of 21 NCAC 68 .0510(a).

4. Respondent's acts demonstrate that he lacks the good moral character required

for certification as a CADC, as required by N.C.G.S. Section 90-113.40(a).

5. 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 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 – Intern (CDAC-I No. 25205).

6. Having considered all possible sanctions, the Board concludes that the appropriate discipline to impose, with respect to the acts found above, is permanent revocation of Respondent's certification as a Certified Alcohol And Drug Counselor – Intern, and any other status granted by the Board to Respondent.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

1. Respondent's certification as a Certified Alcohol And Drug Counselor – Intern (CDAC-I No. 25205) is permanently revoked.
2. Each party should bear its own costs incurred in connection with the Board's investigation and the Contested Case.
3. The record in this case, except for the Proposal For Decision; and this Final Decision, shall remain sealed.

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 Superior Court of the County where the entity is headquartered, or the individual resides.

This the 27 day of April, 2021.

**NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS
SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE
BOARD**

By: 
Flo Stein, Board Chair