BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS)	
SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL PRAC	TICE)	
BOARD,)	
Petitioner)	
)	
v.)	FINAL DECISION -
)	SUSPENSION
BILLY PRODROMIDIS,)	EC No. 656-21
Respondent)	
CADC-I No. 26079)	

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard before the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board ("the Board") on July 23, 2021, on the Notice of Hearing dated June 1, 2021. Johnny Bass, Treasurer of the Board, presided.

The Board, having received the evidence, and having heard the arguments of counsel, 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.
- During all relevant times, Respondent Billy Prodromidis was a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor - Intern (CADC-I No. 26079). Respondent's status as an CADC-I will expire on July 31, 2024, if not renewed.
- On February 4, 2021, the Board received an Ethics Complaint ("the Complaint")
 against Respondent, the substance of which that while employed at a SA treatment center, he
 "has apparently been in relapse".
- On February 5, 2021, Michael McGuire, Ethics Committee Chairman, sent a copy of the Complaint to Respondent at its address of record, 2111 Stafford Street Ext., Monroe, NC

28110, demanding response, within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt, to the allegations contained therein.

- On March 17, 2021, Barden Culbreth, Executive Director of the Board, send an email to Respondent, demanding a response to the Complaint.
- 6. On March 17, 2021, the Board having received no response to the Ethics Complaint, counsel for the Board send an overnight letter to Respondent, demanding that Respondent respond to the Complaint within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the letter, and noting that failure to respond constituted a failure to cooperate with the Board's investigation, in violation of 21 NCAC 68 .0510, and grounds for discipline under 21 NCAC 68 .0601(7)(e). The letter was sent to the Board's address of record, and to two (2) additional addresses that the Board acquired through skip trace: 19 Ritter Lane, Newark, DE 19711 and 3121 Lake Road, Apt. 2, Horseheads, NY 14845.
- There is no evidence that Respondent has received any of the communications directed to him, and Respondent has made no response to the Complaint.
- Respondent has failed to notice the Board of any change in his address, within 60 business days after the change takes place, in violation of N.C.G.S. Section 90-113.41B.
- The Board served a Notice Of Service By Publication on June 8, 2021; June 15, 2021 and June 22, 2021. Good cause exists for service by publication.

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

- 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.
- 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 status as a CADC.
- 3. The appropriate discipline to impose, with respect to Respondent's failure to inform the Board of his change of address, is suspension of his certification as a CADC Intern until (a) he provides the Board with his new address; and (b) until final resolution of the issues raised in the Ethics Complaint.

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

 Respondent's certification as a CADC - Intern is suspended until (a) he provides the Board with his new address; and (b) until final resolution of the issues raised in the Complaint. Each party shall bear their own costs.

NOTICE

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

This the _______, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

By:

Johnny Bass, Treasure