

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

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS	)	
SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE	)	
BOARD,	)	
Petitioner	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b>FINAL DECISION</b>
	)	
CHARLES W. ADAMS, JR.,	)	<b>EC No. 674-21</b>
Respondent	)	
CADC No. 10576	)	

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard before the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board (“the Board”) on October 22, 2021, on the Notice of Hearing issued on August 6, 2021.

The Board, having reviewed the record, and having heard the arguments of counsel and Respondent, 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. On March 26, 2021, Respondent was certified by the Board as a Certified Alcohol And Drug Counselor (CADC No. 10576). Respondent’s certification will expire on March 25, 2023, if now renewed.

3. On July 26, 2021, Respondent entered into a Plea Agreement in *United States Of America v. Charles Wilson Adams, Jr.*, United States District Court, Western District of Virginia (Abingdon), Case No. 1:21-cr-00040 (“the Criminal Case”). A true and accurate copy of the Plea Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and fully incorporated herein by reference.

4. In the Plea Agreement, Respondent pled guilty to conspiring to use, in the course of the distribution of controlled substances, a registration number issued to another, in violation of 21 USC §§ 846 & 843(a)(2) ("Count One").

5. In the Plea Agreement, Respondent also pled guilty to conspiring to distribute Suboxone (buprenorphine), a Schedule III controlled substance, without a legitimate medical purpose and beyond the bounds of the medical practice, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846 & 841(b)(1)(E) ("Count Two").

6. In the Plea Agreement, Respondent also pled guilty to conspiring to distribute oxycodone, hydrocodone, morphine, methadone, and fentanyl, Schedule II controlled substances, without a legitimate medical purpose and beyond the bounds of medical practice, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846 & 841(b)(1)(C) ("Count Three").

7. Respondent's plea constitutes conviction of any controlled substances law, in violation of 21 NCAC 68 .0601(5)(c), and is grounds for discipline by the Board. Furthermore, the acts to which Respondent has pled guilty are, without a conviction, grounds for discipline.

**BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT, THE BOARD 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. 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 the actions alleged above, is permanent revocation of Respondent's status as a CADC.

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

1. Respondent's certification as a Certified Alcohol And Drug Counselor (CADC No. 10576) is permanently revoked.

2. Each party shall bear their own costs incurred in connection with the Board's investigation and this action.

**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 22 day of October, 2021.

**NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST  
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD**

By:   
Flo Stein, Board Chair