

NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY

**NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS
SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL
PRACTICE BOARD,**

Petitioner

v.

ANTHONY P. PORRETT,

Respondent

LCAS No. 827

CCS No. 239

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

CONSENT ORDER

EC No. 685-21

THIS MATTER came on before 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. Section 90-113.44; with the consent of Respondent Anthony P. Porrett ("Porrett"), in connection with the ethics complaint filed against him, referenced above.

The Board, with the consent of Porrett, 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 June 14, 2002, Porrett was credentialed by the Board as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist (LCAS No. 827). Porrett's license as an LCAS will expire on July 1, 2022, if not renewed.

3. On April 3, 2001, Porrett was credentialed by the Board as a Certified Clinical Supervisor (CCS No. 239). Porrett's certification as a CCS will expire on July 1, 2022, if not renewed.

4. On September 14, 2021, Porrett was arrested and charged with felonious possession of over 28 grams of opiod, and trafficking, in violation of N.C.G.S. 90-95(H)(4) (Wake County File No. 21 CR 214522) ("the Criminal Action"). The Criminal Action remains pending.

5. On October 11, 2021, the Board, believing that the facts and circumstances surrounding Porrett's arrest might constitute grounds for discipline, demanded that Porrett provide information relating to the facts and circumstances surrounding his arrest, and the Criminal Action.

6. Responding to the Board's demand for information, and any potential Contested Case involving the Board, would complicate Porrett's defense in the Criminal Action.

7. Porrett has agreed, without making any admission, of any type, to a suspension of his license as an LCAS, and his certification as a CCS, pending final resolution of the Criminal Action.

8. The Board has agreed that it will not seek additional information from Porrett, or pursue its investigation of this matter, until the Criminal Action has been resolved by dismissal, diversion or similar agreement, conviction or plea ("a Final Resolution").

**BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT, THE BOARD
CONCLUDES AS A MATTER OF LAW as follows:**

1. The Board has the power and authority to impose discipline on Porrett, however, as of the date of this Consent Order, it has not pursued its investigation to the extent that it has found probable cause to seek discipline.

2. It is appropriate to suspend Porrett's license as an LCAS, and his certification as a CCS, pending a Final Resolution of the Criminal Action.

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

1. Porrett's license as an LCAS (LCAS No. 827), and his certification as a CCS (CCS No. 239), are suspended pending a Final Resolution of the Criminal Action.

2. Porrett shall inform the Board within five (5) days of any Final Resolution of the Criminal Action.

3. The Board shall not pursue its investigation of the issues raised in the Ethics Complaint until a Final Resolution of the Criminal Action.

4. This Consent Order shall be posted on Learning Builder, and is a matter of public record.

This the 5th day of ^{November} ~~October~~, 2021

THE NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS
SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

By:

M. Kendra Davis

~~Michael McGuire, LCAS, CCS~~

Kendra T. Davis LCAS, CCS, CCSP, MAC, CSOTS
D. Min, M. Div. MSRC

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, Anthony P. Porrett, 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, 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 of fact, conclusions of law, and decretal provided for therein; and that I assent to the terms of the Consent Order. I further express my understanding that the contents of the Consent Order shall be part of my record with the Board, and are a public record under North Carolina law.

This the 23 day of October, 2021.

Anthony P. Porrett
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