BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD, Petitioner	ALIST)
v.	CONSENT ORDER CONSENT ORDER CONSENT ORDER
PATRICE ADRIANNE BOUDREAUX, Respondent LCAS-A No. 25025) ADMONITION

THIS CAUSE is before the Ethics Committee of the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board ("the Board"), acting on behalf of 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 Patrice Adrianne Boudreaux, in lieu of a formal hearing on issues raised in that Ethics Complaint referenced above; and currently pending before an Administrative Law Judge appointed by the Office Of Administrative Hearings in North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board v. Patrice Adrianne Boudreaux, OAH File No. 21 SAP 04624 ("the Contested Case Proceeding").

The Board, acting through its Ethics Committee, and 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. Respondent Patrice Boudreaux is a citizen and resident of Buncombe County, North Carolina; and is neither a minor nor an incompetent person.
- 3. On February 12, 2019, Respondent was credentialed by the Board as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist Associate (LCAS-A No. 25025), which status will expire on February 11, 2024, if not renewed.

- 4. During the period from March 2, 2021 through March 9, 2021, Respondent was employed at Crossroads Treatment Center of Weaverville ("Crossroads"), seeing clients in connection with substance use disorder issues.
- Respondent's duties as an employee of Crossroads, and as a LCAS-A, during the applicable time, included keeping accurate records with respect to all of her client interactions.
- 6. During the period from March 2, 2021 through March 9, 2021, Respondent failed to meet the applicable standards of practice in connection with her client record keeping for three patient encounters, in violation of 21 NCAC 68.0601(6)(a). Among other things, Respondent failed to complete Case Notes prior to finalizing and submission of the same; and failed to enter full, complete and accurate information concerning her client interactions prior to finalizing and submission of the same. Failure to maintain complete and accurate client records exposes those clients to potential harm and injury.
- 7. Although Respondent failed to meet the applicable standards of practice as outlined above, there was no evidence of a pattern or prolonged practice of such failures, and there was no evidence of an intent to deceive or commit billing fraud.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.
- 10. Respondent and the Board agree that the appropriate discipline to impose, with respect to the facts and circumstances described herein, is ADMONITION, plus the completion by Respondent, within ninety (90) days, of six (6) hours of Board approved additional continuing education, focused on record keeping.

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

- 1. The Board has the power and authority to impose discipline on Respondent, and the resolution contained herein is an appropriate resolution of this case.
- 2. The Board should admonish Respondent for her failure to meet the applicable standard of care, and require Respondent to undergo an additional six (6) hours of continuing education, pre-approved by the Board, and focused on record keeping.
 - Each party should bear their own costs.

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

- 1. Respondent is hereby ADMONISHED for her failure to meet the applicable standard of care with respect to client record keeping, during the period from March 2, 2021 through March 9, 2021.
- 2. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days of execution of this Consent Order by the Board, take an additional six (6) hours of continuing education, focusing on record keeping, and pre-approved by the Board. Respondent shall seek pre-approval of the continuing education from Barden Culbreth, Executive Director of the Board, and shall provide proof of completion to the Executive Director within ninety (90) days of execution of this Consent Order by the Board. Failure to comply with this paragraph shall, in itself, be grounds for discipline by the Board.
- Upon entry of this Consent Order, the Board shall dismiss the Contested Case Proceeding as moot.

Each party shall bear their own costs.

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Cendra Davis, LCAS, CCS, CCJP

Ethics Chair

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, Patrice Adrianne Boudreaux 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, without admission, 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 is a public record under North Carolina law. I hereby waive any right to judicial review of the Consent Order, and to the discipline imposed therein.

This the 17 day of Douber, 2021.

Patrice Adrianne Boudreaux

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