



5. Client X was, during times relevant to this matter, a client of those programs in halfway house in Hickory, North Carolina, as part of a recovery focused case plan.

6. During the time when Client X was a client in the programs, Carver and Client X engaged in, and are engaged in, an emotional and physically intimate relationship. Carver and Client X are no longer engaged in a relationship of any kind.

7. Carver and Client X attempted to hide their relationship from Carver's co-workers and program participants.

8. The facts and circumstances set forth above, constitute failure to follow the standards of skill and competence possessed and applied by professional peers credentialed in this State acting in the same or similar circumstances, in violation of 21 NCAC 68 .0601(6)(a); participating in or soliciting sexual activity or sexual contact with a current or former client of client of one's agency, in violation of 21 NCAC 68 .0601(4)(b); and engaging in conduct that an ordinary, reasonable, and prudent person could foresee would result in harm or injury to the public, in violation of 21 NCAC 68 .0601(6)(e).

9. 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.

10. 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 all of Respondent's licenses and certifications.

11. The parties have agreed, rather than proceed with a previously filed Contested Case, currently with the Office of Administrative Hearings as *North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board v. Ryan Daniel Carver*, OAH File No. 22 SAP 00884 ("the Contested Case"), to the consent resolution contained herein. More specifically, the parties agree: (a) Carver's certification as a CADC should be suspended for five (5) years; and (b) the suspension may be lifted after six (6) months years upon Carver's completion of eight (8) hours of Board approved continuing education units focused on boundary issues. The CEU units required in section 12(b) can be used for no other purpose.

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

1. The Board has the power and authority to suspend or revoke Carver's certification as a Certified Alcohol And Drug Counselor; to suspend Carver's certification; to condition lifting of the suspension as provided for herein.

2. The resolution provided for in this Consent Order is the appropriate resolution of

this matter.

3. Each party should bear its own costs incurred in connection with the Board's investigation.

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACT and CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, and with the consent of the parties, pursuant to the authority set forth in N.C.G.S. § 90-113.33, *et seq.*, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Carver's certification as a Certified Alcohol And Drug Counselor (CADC No. 23761), is hereby suspended for a period of five (5) years.

2. The suspension provided for in decretal paragraph 1 shall be lifted if more than six (6) months have passed since entry of this Consent Order, and if Carver has completed six (6) hours of Board approved continuing education units focusing on boundary issues. Preapproval for the continuing education units shall be sought from Barden Culbreth, Executive Director of the Board.

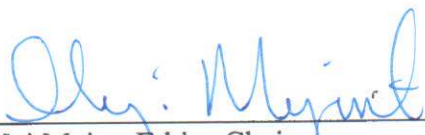
3. The Board shall dismiss the Contested Case within five (5) days of entry of this Consent Order.

4. Each party to this proceeding shall bear their own costs, and the Board shall bear its own costs of investigation.

This the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS  
SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL  
PRACTICE BOARD

By:

  
Nyi Myint, Ethics Chair

**STATEMENT OF CONSENT**

I, Ryan Daniel Carver, 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 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 are a public record under North Carolina law.

Ryan Daniel Carver  
Ryan Daniel Carver

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this the 29th day of March, 2022.

Melody Chapman  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 03/27/2023

