

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA
ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD
EC CASE NO. 775-23

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS)
SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL)
PRACTICE BOARD,)
Petitioner,)
v.)
ASHLEY DANIELLE COBB)
(CADC-R No. 29440),)
Respondent.)

CONSENT ORDER

THIS MATTER is before a Panel of the Ethics Committee (“the Panel”) of the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board (“the Board”), pursuant to Chapter 150B, Article 3A of the North Carolina General Statutes; the North Carolina Substance Use Disorder Professional Practice Act; and Chapter 68 of the North Carolina Administrative Code. The Board, with a quorum present, and Respondent stipulate and agree to the entry of the following Consent Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner Board was established by the North Carolina General Assembly to credential and regulate substance use disorder professional in North Carolina, in accordance with Chapter 90, Article 5C, of the North Carolina General Statutes.
2. Respondent currently is a citizen and resident of Buncombe County, North Carolina; and is neither a minor nor an incompetent person.
3. On January 24, 2023, Respondent was registered before the Board as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (“CADC-R”) (CADC-R No. 29440), which will expire on January 23, 2028, if not renewed.

4. During all times relevant to this matter, Respondent was employed at the Julian F. Keith Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center (“JFK”) in Black Mountain, North Carolina, providing services in her capacity as a CADC-R.
5. On or about May 1, 2023, Respondent submitted a self-report to the Board of criminal charges of driving while impaired and felony possession of a controlled substance in prison/jail premises. The corresponding case number is 23-CR-282590, currently pending in Haywood County District Court, with a court date schedule for July 27, 2023.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6. Respondent is subject to the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Act and the rules promulgated pursuant to that Act. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding.

BASED upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and in lieu of further proceedings, Respondent wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte* whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written.

Whereas Respondent acknowledges that he read this entire document and understands it;

Whereas Respondent acknowledges that he enters into this Consent Order freely and voluntarily;

Whereas Respondent acknowledges that he had full and adequate opportunity to confer with legal counsel in connection with this matter;

Whereas Respondent understands that this Consent Order must be presented to the Board for approval; and

Whereas the Board has determined that the public interest is served by resolving this matter as set forth below.

THEREFORE, with the consent of Respondent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Respondent hereby voluntarily surrenders her registration before the Board as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC-R No. 29440).
 - a. Upon resolution of all criminal charges and probationary terms, Respondent shall be permitted to reapply for registration before the Board; and
 - b. Upon reapplication, none of the experience hours accumulated by the Respondent before the execution of this Consent Order may be used for a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor application before the Board.
2. The Board shall retain jurisdiction under Article 3A, Chapter 150B for all administrative hearings held in connection with or pursuant to this Consent Order. If the Board receives evidence that Respondent has violated any term of this Consent Order or any other law or rule enforced by the Board, the Board shall schedule a show cause hearing for a determination of the violations. If the Board determines that a violation has occurred, the Board may impose such disciplinary action as it determines is appropriate and is authorized by law.
3. This Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon its execution by the Board and Respondent and reflect the entire agreement between Respondent and the Board, there being no agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies, alters, or modifies this Consent Order.
4. No modification or waiver of any provision of this Consent Order shall be effective unless

it is in writing, adopted and approved by the Board, and signed by the parties affected.

5. Both the Board and Respondent participated in the drafting of this Consent Order. Any ambiguities herein shall not be construed against either party in any future civil or administrative proceeding.
6. Each party to this proceeding shall bear their own costs, and the Board shall bear its own costs of investigation.
7. Upon its execution by the Board and Respondent, this Consent Order shall become a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and shall be subject to public inspection and dissemination pursuant to the provisions thereof.

CONSENTED TO:

ASHLEY DANIELLE COBB

Ashley Cobb

Date:

6-6-23

By Order of the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board, this the
6th day of June, 2023.

By:

Nyi Myint
Nyi Myint, Ethics Chair

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the undersigned has this date served the foregoing **Consent Order** upon the Respondent by US mail, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

Ashley Danielle Cobb
19 Montgomery Street
Asheville, NC 28806

This the 7 day of June, 2023.

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