STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD EC CASE NO. 571-19

NORTH CAROLINA ADDICTIONS)
SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL)
PRACTICE BOARD,)
Petitioner,)
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v .)
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CHRISTOPHER J. MACEMORE)
(LCAS-A No. 23958))
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.
- Respondent currently is a citizen and resident of Wilkes County, North Carolina; and is neither a minor nor an incompetent person.
- On July 17, 2018, Respondent was credentialed by the Board as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist Associate ("LCAS-A") (LCAS-A No. 23958), which was suspended on January 27, 2020.

- 4. On August 19, 2019, the Board received an Ethics Complaint formally submitted against Respondent, alleging misconduct for forging a prescription for Oxycodone, designated as Ethics Complaint ("EC") Case No. 571-19, which was set for hearing before the Board on January 24, 2020. Despite receiving notice of such, Respondent failed to respond to the Complaint or appear at the hearing.
- 5. On January 27, 2020, the Board issued an Order in EC Case No. 571-19, suspending Respondent's credential (LCAS-A No. 23958) for a period of five (5) years due to Respondent's non-response to the Ethics Complaint and noncooperation. Per the Order, "the Board may lift the stay if Respondent responds to the Ethics Complaint, and if the Board, after reasonable investigation, and hearing, determined that the stay should be lifted."
- 6. On or about August 20, 2023, Respondent submitted a response to EC 571-19. In the response, Respondent stated "I did attempt to forge the signature on the prescription."
- 7. On March 28, 2024, Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Board which ordered as follows: "Per the January 27, 2020 Board Order, Respondent's LCAS-A credential (LCAS-A No. 23958) shall be suspended for five (5) years from the execution date of the Order. As such, Respondent's credential shall remain suspended until January 27, 2025. Prior to reinstatement of Respondent's LCAS-A credentials, Respondent shall appear at a meeting with the Board's Quality Assurance Committee to provide sufficient evidence of his rehabilitation and current ability to practice, in accordance with the Board's statutes and rules."

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 At this time, Respondent is seeking reinstatement of his LCAS-A credential before the Board.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

 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's LCAS-A credential (LCAS-A No. 23958) is hereby reinstated, as of the effective date of this Consent Order.

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- a. If Respondent violates any of the Board's rules or laws, Respondent's LCAS-A (LCAS-A No. 23958) credential shall be automatically revoked at that time.
- Respondent shall submit to random drug screening for a period of two (2) years, as follows:
 - No later than thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall register with a substance use monitoring program, to include random drug testing at Respondent's own expense.
 - No later than thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall provide the Board with information, in writing, as to the substance use monitoring program with which Respondent registers, including the name of the program and contact information for the program;
 - iii. Respondent shall participate in the above-referenced substance use monitoring, to include random drug testing, for a minimum period of two
 (2) years from the effective date of this Consent Order, at Respondent's own expense; and
 - iv. Respondent agrees that the results of any drug panels and/or random testing shall be provided to the Board. Respondent agrees to provide the results of any such testing directly to the Board within ten (10) days of receipt of results. Respondent agrees to authorize the release of medical records associated with any such testing to the Board.
- c. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to any current clinical supervisor(s).

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- d. Respondent's current clinical supervisor(s) shall submit quarterly reports to the Board detailing Respondent's current circumstances as a supervisee and Respondent's progress in supervision as an LCAS-A.
 - i. The above-referenced quarterly reports must be drafted by Respondent's current supervisor, on the supervisor's official letterhead, and the reports must be signed and dated by the supervisor. The reports must be transmitted directly from the supervisor to 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

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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:

CHRISTOPHER J. MACEMORE ____ Date: 3/

By Order of the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board, this the

2nd day of April , 2025.

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Kathy S. Allen, Ethics Chair

(Keep 1 his Copy for Your Records)

I understand that my use of controlled prescriptions is monitored and regulated by state agencies. While I am in treatment, I will strive to prevent problems in my controlled-substance record. Specifically, I agree that:

1. I will not request early refills of controlled substances.

2. I will keep regular office visits and receive refills at scheduled office visits rather than by phone or through automated pharmacy refill systems.

3. In rare cases when I am unable to keep an office visit, I will provide one week's notice for refills of controlled substances to allow time to check the state database.

4. If I think I need to change the dosage or type of controlled substance I am taking, I will schedule an office visit rather than trying to make changes on my own or by telephone.

5. I will not allow others to use my medication.

6. I will not receive prescriptions for benzodiazepines or other controlled substances from other providers without informing Zen Again Therapy and Wellness (unless it is part of a hospital stay).

7. Urine drug screens and in-person visits will be conducted annually and at the discretion of the provider. Also prior to the initial prescription of a controlled substance a urine drug screen must be on file.

8. Special notes: Some states may not honor out-of-state prescriptions for controlled substances. Controlled substances will show up on urine drug screens.

Client Signature and Consent to all statements in this contract:

Date: