

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF LICENSED CLINICAL
MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS

IN THE MATTER OF:

Noah Watson, LCMHCA
Respondent
No. A19709

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**CONSENT ORDER SUMMARILY
SUSPENDING LCMHCA LICENSE**

Based on the information obtained to date, the North Carolina Board of Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors ["the Board"] makes the following preliminary findings:

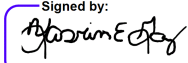
1. Respondent was at all times relevant to this cause a licensed clinical mental health counselor associate ["LCMHCA"] and is subject to the Board's jurisdiction pursuant to the North Carolina Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors Act, Chapter 90, Article 24 of the North Carolina General Statutes ["Counselors Practice Act"].
2. The Board issued an associate counseling license to Respondent on February 9, 2024, which is active through June 30, 2025.
3. Respondent also was credentialed with the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board ["NCASPPB"] as a Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist Associate ["LCAS-A"] on February 20, 2024.
4. This action is based on evidence obtained by the Board from NCPHP regarding a voluntary professional screening on June 2, 2025, in addition to a Consent Order with the NCASPPB actively suspending his LCAS-A license ["Suspension Order"].
5. Based on the evidence provided by NCPHP to the Board with Respondent's consent and consistent with the Suspension Order, probable cause exists that Respondent has demonstrated impairment by reason of use of alcohol or other substances in violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-340(a)(11).
6. The public health, safety, and welfare requires emergency action to prevent potential harm to the public.
7. The Board's Ethics Committee has concluded a preliminary review and investigation and has reached an agreement with Respondent to summarily suspend his LCMHCA license.
8. Pursuant to this agreement and Consent Order, Respondent shall not engage in the practice of counseling in North Carolina and temporarily surrenders his license.
9. Respondent agrees to service of the fully executed Consent Order to the email or to the last known address he provided to the Board and waives service by any other method.

Based on the results of the preliminary investigation, the above probable cause finding and the consent of Respondent, **the Board hereby Orders that:**

1. License number A19709 issued to Respondent is summarily suspended pursuant to G.S. 150B-3(c).
2. The Summary Suspension shall be effective upon entry and shall remain in effect until either a Final Agency Decision is rendered or the Board enters a subsequent order regarding the Summary Suspension.

This the ^{1st} day of July, 2025.

**NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF LICENSED
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS**

BY:  Signed by:

Dr. Yasmin Gay, LCMHCS
Board Chairperson


STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, Noah Watson, do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing Consent Order Summarily Suspending LCMHCA License and agree to it. By assenting to this Consent Order, I am not admitting to any potential violations of the North Carolina Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors Act or the Board's regulations. I understand that:

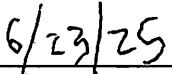
1. The Board shall maintain this Consent Order as a public record pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§132-1 and 90-340(f) and shall provide copies to the National Practitioner Databank and other agencies or individuals as required by law;
2. The investigation is still ongoing, no decision has been made about whether and when to issue a notice of contested case hearing and, as a result, I agree that no proceeding will be promptly commenced and determined pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 150B-3(c); and
3. I waive any ability or potential right to challenge, seek judicial review, or appeal the entry and enforcement of this Consent Order of Summary Suspension.

I freely and voluntarily enter into this Consent Order and acknowledge that I have not been forced or coerced to sign this Consent Order.

RESPONDENT:



Noah Watson



Date