



KENTUCKY BOARD OF ALCOHOL & DRUG COUNSELORS

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July 28, 2020

Joe Larry Vaughan  
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*Via Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested*

Re: Revocation of Credential ico 2020-ADC-00005, Joe Larry Vaughan LCADC #168009

Dear Mr. Vaughan:

On June 5, 2020, the Kentucky Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors (Board) voted to issue a Disciplinary Notice against your LCADC credential. The basis for that decision is contained in the Board's letter to you dated July 7, 2020, a copy of which is enclosed. Under the terms of the Disciplinary Notice, the Board revoked your LCADC credential until May 15, 2022.

The Disciplinary Notice informed you of your right to request a hearing to appeal the Board's Disciplinary Notice within 20 days from the date of the Notice. That letter also stated that failure to request an administrative hearing would result in the revocation of your credential effective immediately upon the expiration of the 20-day time period. The Board received no request for a hearing, so, under 201 KAR 35:060, Section 4, the Disciplinary Notice took effect on July 28, 2020. That decision is now final. The revocation will last until May 15, 2022, after which time you may reapply for a credential.

KRS 309.0805 prohibits you from using the title or holding yourself out as a licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor during this revocation period. Under KRS 309.086, you may appeal the Board's decision in the Circuit Court where you reside. The action of the Board shall remain in effect pending any appeals unless the Board rescinds or modifies its order.

Please contact the Board Administrator by e-mail at [ADC@ky.gov](mailto:ADC@ky.gov) if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Cesario,  
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Enclosure



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July 7, 2020

Joe Larry Vaughan, LPCC, LCADC

*Via e-Mail*

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Re: Disciplinary Notice in Complaint No. 2020ADC00005, Joe Larry Vaughan, LCADC # 168009

Dear Mr. Vaughan:

The Kentucky Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors, through its Complaint Screening Committee, has reviewed the complaint, response, and reply filed in this case. After careful consideration, the Board voted to revoke your credential until May 15, 2022. The Board noted that this action is consistent with the action taken by the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors.

The Board has found the following facts support its decision:

- (1) From October 1, 2008 to February 9, 2020, you worked as an independent contractor at Lexington Counseling and Psychiatry. While there, you stole approximately \$40,000 from clients and the company through fraudulent billing practices. You admitted to the allegations and have begun making restitution.

The Board concluded that you engaged in unfair, false, misleading, or deceptive trade practices in violation of KRS 309.086(1)(c); willfully or deliberately disregarded professional standards of practice in violation of KRS 309.086(1)(d); failed to advance and protect the welfare of your clients under 201 KAR 35:030, Section 1(1)(a); and exploited the trust and dependency of your clients in violation of 201 KAR 35:030, Section 1(3)(b).

The discipline for those offenses shall be the revocation of your credential until May 15, 2022.

You have the right to request an administrative hearing to challenge the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and discipline. The administrative hearing shall comply with the requirements of KRS Charter 13B. Please submit your request for an appeal, in writing, within 20 days from the date of this notice to: Kentucky Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors, P.O. Box 1360, Frankfort, KY 40602 or by e-mail to [ADC@ky.gov](mailto:ADC@ky.gov). **Failure to request an appeal within 20 days of receipt of this Disciplinary Notice, will cause the Disciplinary Notice to become effect on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the date of this Notice.**

Sincerely,

Tim Cesario,  
Board Chair