



KENTUCKY BOARD OF ALCOHOL & DRUG COUNSELORS

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Via Certified Mail and U.S. Postal Mail

Shawn Hankins

Re: ADC Board Complaint No. 17-09 A/B ico Shawn Hankins, TCADC #168536

Dear Mr. Hankins:

The Kentucky Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors ("Board"), through its Complaint Screening Committee, has reviewed the subject complaint, your response, and the additional materials gathered. After careful consideration, the Board voted to **SUSPEND** your TCADC credential for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days.

The Board finds the following facts support its decision:

- (1) You were employed as Temporary Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor (TCADC) at The Healing Place in Campbellsville, Kentucky, providing alcohol and drug counseling services. As such, you were bound by the Board's Code of Ethics contained in 201 KAR 35:030;
- (2) 201 KAR 35:030, Section 1(3) prohibits an alcohol and drug counselor from engaging in a dual relationship with a client, including a client of the facility where the counselor provides alcohol and drug counseling. A dual relationship is defined as, among other things, a social, business, or personal relationship that may impair the counselor's judgment;
- (3) Among these prohibited dual relationships is a romantic or sexual relationship with a current or former client of the counselor's or of the facility where the counselor provides alcohol and drug counseling;
- (4) Additionally, 201 KAR 35:030 requires that a counselor must notify the Board of any arrest or conviction, felony or misdemeanor, in any jurisdiction within thirty (30) days of the arrest or conviction;
- (5) By your own admission, you engaged in a prohibited dual relationship, to wit: you engaged in a romantic and intimate relationship with a current and/or former client of The Healing Place of Campbellsville while you were providing drug and alcohol counseling services there; and
- (6) By your own admission, you failed to report a felony charge received in California in 2015 to the Board.
- (7)

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Accordingly, your conduct as described above violates 201 KAR 32:030 and constitutes a violation of KRS 309.086(1)(d) and (h). The discipline for this offense shall be a suspension of your TCADC credential for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days.

You have the right to request an administrative hearing to appeal this suspension. The administrative hearing shall comply with the requirements of KRS Chapter 13B. A request for an appeal must be submitted, in writing, within twenty (20) days from the date of this notice to: Kentucky Board of Alcohol and Drugs Counselors, P.O. Box 1360, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by hand-delivering your written request to: 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Failure to request an appeal within the twenty (20) days will result in the suspension of your credential becoming effective immediately upon the twenty-first (21st) day.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey Wilson
Board Chairperson
Kentucky Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors

Cc: R. Quincy Ward, Board Counsel