

IN THE MATTER OF

CASSIE MITCHELL, CSC-AD

CERTIFICATE NO. SC0285

Respondent

BEFORE THE STATE

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL

COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

Case Number: 2003-14

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**ORDER OF REVOCATION OF CERTIFIED SUPERVISED COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL  
AND DRUG (CSC-AD) CERTIFICATE**

Pursuant to Md. State Govt. Code Ann. ("S.G.") § 10-226(c)(1) (2004 Repl. Vol.) and the Maryland Professional Counselors and Therapists Act, codified at Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 17-101, et seq., ("the Act") (2000 Repl. Vol. and 2004 Supp.), the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists ("the Board") hereby **REVOKES** the Certified Supervised Counselor-Alcohol and Drug certificate of Cassie Mitchell, CSC-AD ("the Respondent"), Certificate Number SC0285.

**FACTS THAT WARRANT THE REVOCATION OF THE RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATE**

1. At all times relevant, the Respondent was certified by the Board to practice supervised counseling-alcohol and drug in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was initially certified on June 4, 2001, and last renewed her certificate on December 6, 2002. The Respondent's certificate expired on December 31, 2004.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed by the Worcester County Health Department as an addiction counselor from April 18, 2001, until her resignation, in lieu of termination, on July 30, 2003.

3. The Respondent was assigned to counsel inmates at the Worcester County Jail. The Respondent was supervised by Ms. Moxley.

4. One of the inmates counseled by the Respondent was Patient A<sup>1</sup>. On May 13, 2003, Ms. Moxley received an anonymous letter advising her that the Respondent and Patient A, a former inmate/client, were involved in a relationship and had been observed together in the Respondent's vehicle, with Patient A driving same. The letter also indicated that the Respondent and Patient A were seen at the local mall together. When Ms. Moxley confronted the Respondent about the information in the letter, the Respondent denied it, and Ms. Moxley did not pursue it any further.

5. On or about June 26, 2003, a coworker of the Respondent went to the bank with the Respondent. The Respondent withdrew money and gave it to Patient A, who had met them at the bank after the Respondent contacted him in order to get her coat out of her car. When the coworker asked about this transaction, the Respondent stated that she and Patient A had been "seeing each other."

6. On or about June 30, 2003, the coworker contacted Ms. Moxley and advised her what had occurred earlier regarding the Respondent and Patient A. Ms. Moxley urged the coworker to have the Respondent call her and be honest with her. Later that evening, the coworker called Ms. Moxley again and indicated that the Respondent wanted to talk to her. The Respondent then disclosed that she was involved with Patient A,

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<sup>1</sup> The patient's name is confidential, but may be disclosed to the Respondent by contacting the Administrative Prosecutor.

whom she described as a "former" patient. The Respondent acknowledged that she had lied to Ms. Moxley previously about the relationship.

7. As a result of said disclosure, the Respondent resigned on July 30, 2003, in lieu of termination.

8. In April 2004, the Respondent gave birth to Patient A's child.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Board finds that the Respondent violated Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 17-313:

(4) Violates the code of ethics adopted by the Board;

(9) Violates any rule or regulation adopted by the Board[;].

The Board further charges the Respondent with a violation of its Code of Ethics, Code Md. Regs. tit. 10.58.03.09 (October 1, 2001):

#### **C. Relationship with Former Clients.**

(1) Except as set forth in §C(3) of this regulation, a counselor may not engage in sexual behavior with a former client.

(2) A counselor may not terminate professional services or a professional relationship with a client in order to enter into a nonprofessional, social, or sexual relationship with a client or an individual with whom a client has a close personal relationship.

(3) A counselor may enter into a relationship with an individual with whom a counselor's prior professional contact was brief, peripheral, consultative, or indirect, and did not constitute a therapeutic relationship.

**ORDER**

Based on the foregoing Facts that Warrant Revocation of the Respondent's Certificate and Conclusions of Law, by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board present, it is hereby

**ORDERED** on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2005, that the Respondent's certificate as a Certified Supervised Counselor—Alcohol and Drug in the State of Maryland be and is hereby **REVOKED**; and be it further

**ORDERED** that this is a Final Order of the Maryland Board, and as such is a public document pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act, codified at State Govt. Code Ann. § 10-611, et seq., (2004 Repl. Vol.).

  
Joanne Faber, M.Ed., LCPC, Chair  
State Board of Professional Counselors and  
Therapists

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

Pursuant to Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 17-315 (2000 Repl. Vol. and 2004 Supp.), you have a right to take a direct judicial appeal. A Petition for Judicial Review must be filed within thirty days of your receipt of this executed Order, and shall be made as provided for judicial review of a final decision in the APA, codified at State Govt. Code Ann. § 10-201, et seq., (2004 Repl. Vol.).