

**BEFORE THE BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES LICENSING BOARD  
CAUSE NO: 2023 BHSB 0005**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSES OF:** )  
)  
**MICHAEL HAGEDORN, L.C.A.C., L.M.H.C.** )  
**LICENSE NO: 87001568A, 39003253A** )



**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT**

Petitioner, the State of Indiana, by counsel, Deputy Attorney General Ryan P. Eldridge, pursuant to Ind. Code § 25-1-7-7 and Ind. Code ch. 4-21.5-3, brings this Administrative Complaint before the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board against the Indiana L.C.A.C. and L.M.H.C. licenses of Michael Hagedorn (“Respondent”) for violations of Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4. In support, Petitioner states and alleges the following:

**FACTS**

**Parties**

1. The Office of the Attorney General (“OAG”) is empowered under Ind. Code § 25-1-7-7 to prosecute this action on behalf of Petitioner against Respondent’s license.
2. Respondent is a Licensed Clinical Addiction Counselor (L.C.A.C.) and holds license 87001568A, which was issued by the Board on August 1, 2016, and expired on April 1, 2024.
3. Respondent is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (L.M.H.C.) and holds license 39003253A, which was issued by the Board on April 13, 2018, and expired on April 1, 2024.
4. Respondent’s address on file with the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (“IPLA”) is 7006 Newburgh Road, Evansville, Indiana 47715.
5. Another known address for Respondent is Michael Hagedorn, DOC # 954823, Reception Diagnostic (RDC), 727 Moon Road, Plainfield, Indiana 46168.

## **Jurisdiction**

6. On or about January 18, 2023, the OAG received a consumer complaint filed against Respondent, and an investigation was then conducted as authorized by Ind. Code § 25-1-7-5(b)(4).

7. After investigation, the OAG determined that the complaint had merit, and, accordingly, a copy of the consumer complaint is being submitted to the Board herewith as Exhibit A.

8. The OAG having tendered a meritorious complaint, the Board has jurisdiction to hear this matter under Ind. Code § 25-1-7-5(b)(1).

9. Further, at all times relevant, Respondent was a “practitioner” as that term is defined by Ind. Code § 25-1-9-2.

10. As such, the Board has authority to hear this case and to impose any of the sanctions enumerated under Ind. Code § 25-1-9-9.

## **Respondent’s Misconduct**

**82D03-2301-F2-000325**

11. On or about January 18, 2023, Respondent was charged with Dealing in Methamphetamine, Level 2 Felony in Vanderburgh County. The Affidavit for Probable Cause alleged:

- i. Respondent was the owner of Now Counseling.
- ii. Respondent sold narcotics to people who received counseling services through Now Counseling.
- iii. Respondent was found at a traffic stop with a crystal substance in his vehicle identified as methamphetamine.

- iv. Respondent admitted to personal use of methamphetamine and that he “facilitated” drug deals for other people.
- v. During a search of Respondent’s home, police found nine (9) firearms, body armor, 28.3 grams of marijuana, three (3) digital scales, and a handwritten ledger.
- vi. The ledger contained entries from \$800 to \$43,000, over multiple entries for different people that owed Respondent money.
- vii. Respondent informed the police that he kept money in a safety deposit box at a local bank.

12. On or about April 19, 2023, Respondent was charged with the additional counts of Dealing in a Narcotic Drug, Level 2 Felony; and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Serious Violent Felony, Level 4 Felony.

13. On or about April 25, 2024, Respondent pled guilty to Dealing in Methamphetamine, Level 2 Felony; and Dealing in a Narcotic Drug, Level 2 Felony. The plea also involved a habitual criminal sentence enhancement.

14. On or about May 30, 2024, Respondent was sentenced to sixteen (16) years executed with the Indiana Department of Corrections.

**CHARGES**

15. Paragraphs one (1) through fourteen (14) are incorporated by reference.

**Count 1  
Conviction that Impacts Competency to Practice  
Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(2)(A)**

16. Respondent’s actions constitute a violation of Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(2)(A) in that Respondent has been convicted of a crime that has a direct bearing on practitioner's ability to

continue to practice competently as evidenced by Respondent's felony convictions for Dealing in Methamphetamine and Dealing in a Narcotic Drug.

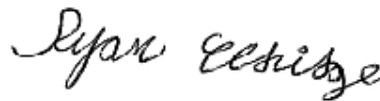
**REQUESTED RELIEF**

**ACCORDINGLY**, Petitioner requests that the Board to issue an order against Respondent that:

- I. Imposes one or more of the disciplinary sanctions authorized by Ind. Code § 25-1-9-9;
- II. Directs Respondent to pay all of the costs incurred in the prosecution of this case, as authorized by Ind. Code § 25-1-9-15;
- III. Directs Respondent to pay a fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) to be deposited into the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund pursuant to Ind. Code § 4-6-14-10(b); and
- IV. Provides any other relief the Board deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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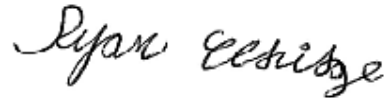
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Telephone: (317)-233-6247

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 30th day of July, 2024, a true and correct copy of this Administrative Complaint was served upon the below-listed party or parties:

Michael Hagedorn  
7006 Newburgh Road  
Evansville, Indiana 47715  
[mghagedorn70@gmail.com](mailto:mghagedorn70@gmail.com)  
**By U.S. Mail & E-Mail**

Michael Hagedorn, DOC # 954823  
Reception Diagnostic (RDC)  
727 Moon Road  
Plainfield, Indiana 46168  
**By U.S. Mail**



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Ryan P. Eldridge  
Deputy Attorney General  
Attorney No.: 34578-49



**CONSUMER COMPLAINT**  
Office of the Indiana Attorney General  
(R5 / 12-17)

State Exhibit A

**INSTRUCTIONS:** To prevent delay, please be sure to complete **both sides** of this form in full. Please print clearly or type. **Do not include your Social Security Number** on this form or in any accompanying documents. **Please note:** If you have already obtained a judgment, or there is pending litigation, we may be limited or unable to take further action on your complaint.

Section 1: Your Information			
Salutation <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Rev.		Street Address 402 West Washington, W072	
Full Name or Organization/Agency Cindy Vaught, Bd. Director		City Indianapolis	State IN
		Zip Code 46204	
If an Organization/Agency provide a Primary Contact Name PLA, Behavioral Health & Human Services Board		County	Daytime Phone 317/234-2003
Age Group <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 <input type="checkbox"/> 55-59 <input type="checkbox"/> 60+		Email Address cvaught@pla.in.gov	
		May we contact you by email? If yes, we will not contact you by regular mail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Are you or your spouse active military?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Section 2: Who is the Complaint Against?			
Individual/Business		Name of Individual/Representative you dealt with Michael Hagedorn, License No. 87001568A, 39003253A	
Street Address 7006 Newburgh Road		City Evansville	State IN
		Zip Code 47715	
County	Daytime Phone	Email Address	

Section 3: Transaction/Incident Details			
3-A: Date of Transaction/Incident		3-B: If a Transaction, what was the Transaction for? <input type="checkbox"/> My business <input type="checkbox"/> My family/household <input type="checkbox"/> My farm <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit/Church	
3-C: Where did the Transaction/Incident occur? (check box where applicable)			
<input type="checkbox"/> My home		<input type="checkbox"/> By Internet/Email	
<input type="checkbox"/> At the location of the business		<input type="checkbox"/> By Telephone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Away from the location of the business (work, convention, etc.)		<input type="checkbox"/> By Social Media	
<input type="checkbox"/> By Mail		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
3-D: What was the very first contact between you and the Individual/Business?			
<input type="checkbox"/> I telephoned the individual/business		<input type="checkbox"/> I received information in the mail	
<input type="checkbox"/> I responded to a TV/radio ad		<input type="checkbox"/> I went to the location of the business	
<input type="checkbox"/> A person came to my home		<input type="checkbox"/> I received a phone call from the business	
<input type="checkbox"/> I received information by email		<input type="checkbox"/> I responded to an offer on the internet	
<input type="checkbox"/> I responded to a printed advertisement		<input type="checkbox"/> Other, describe below: _____	
3-E: How did you Pay?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash		<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card/Pre-Pay	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check		<input type="checkbox"/> Installment Loan	
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid		<input type="checkbox"/> Medicare	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pay-Pal		<input type="checkbox"/> Private Insurance	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wire Transfer		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
3-F: What, if any, is the Dollar amount associated with your loss?		\$ _____	

Section 4: Actions Taken by Consumer			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	4-A: Did you sign a written agreement or contract? If yes, please attach a copy of the documentation.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	4-B: Have you hired a private attorney?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	4-C: Have you started a court action? If yes, please attach a copy of all court papers.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	4-D: Have you sued, or have you been sued, over this incident/transaction? If yes, please attach a copy of all court papers.		

**Section 4 Actions Taken by Consumer - continued**

Yes  No 4-E: Have you complained to the Individual/Business?  
 Yes  No 4-F: Have you filed a complaint with any other agency? If yes, list other agency:

**Section 5 Transaction/Incident Details – attach additional pages if necessary**

Please remember to attach a copy of all documentation involved (order blank, warranty, credit card receipt and statement, invoice, contract or written agreement, advertisement, cancelled check, correspondence etc). Please print clearly or type. **Do Not include your Social Security Number.**

If you answered "Yes" to 4-E or 4-F above, please include those details also with your description of the Transaction/Incident.

On 1/12/2023, arrested and charged with dealing methamphetamine in Evansville, Indiana. Copy of news article attached.

**Section 6 How would you like your Complaint resolved?**

**Section 7 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

**The Consumer Protection Division will send a copy of your complaint to the respondent individual/business or licensed professional.** This office cannot disclose your complaint against a licensed professional to the public unless this office files a disciplinary action against the licensed professional. This office represents the State of Indiana and is limited in the remedies it can pursue. You may be entitled to compensation or other rights that we cannot pursue for you. In addition to filing this complaint, you may want to consider contacting a private attorney or your local small claims court.

**Section 8 Mail Completed Forms to:**

Office of the Indiana Attorney General  
 Consumer Protection Division  
 Government Center South, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 302 W. Washington Street  
 Indianapolis, IN 46204  
 317-232-6330 (phone) • 317-233-4393 (fax)  
 www.IndianaConsumer.com

**Section 9 Consent and Verification**

Do you consent to disclosing the following information to the public? →  Yes  No The nature of the complaint and the individual/business name  
 Yes  No Your name  
 Yes  No Your phone number

I affirm, under penalties for perjury, that the foregoing representations are true. I consent to the Consumer Protection Division obtaining or releasing any information in furtherance of the disposition of this complaint. I consent to the release of information included in this complaint to other public agencies attempting to discover ongoing fraudulent patterns or practices and for the purpose of law enforcement. I understand that I should not include my Social Security Number in any information submitted to the Consumer Protection Division. If I do provide my Social Security Number, I expressly consent to the disclosure of my Social Security Number in accordance with Indiana Code § 4-1-10-5(2).

Candy A. Velt Your signature 1/18/2023 Date

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## Addiction counselor arrested on meth dealing charge



Newscast Recording

By Jill Lyman

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EVANSVILLE, Ind. (WFIE) - The former owner of an Evansville addiction counseling center has been arrested on a meth dealing charge.

Evansville Police arrested 52-year-old Michael Hagedorn Thursday and charged him with dealing methamphetamine. A year ago, he stepped away from his position as agency director for Now Counseling in Evansville, offering addiction recovery services.

Police were surveilling 52-year-old Michael Hagedorn at a property he owns on Second Avenue. Evansville Police say they received tips that he was selling drugs there while offering counseling services. Police observed what they believed to be a drug deal, then pulled Hagedorn over after he left.

Police say he wouldn't cooperate at first, but they say after they found meth on the driver's seat, Hagedorn admitted to using it, as well as having more drugs in the car, at the house he'd come from, and at his home.





Police say it's not common for recently-arrested people to be so forthcoming.

"Certainly it happens, but not very often, so this is one of those times where for whatever reason he wanted to talk to the detectives and be honest and open about what was going on, and we certainly appreciate that because sometimes we have to do more digging," said Evansville Police Sergeant Anna Gray.

At Hagedorn's home, police say they found guns, body armor, marijuana, digital scales, and a hidden room with a safe and ammunition. Police say they also found hand-written ledgers showing the names of people who owed him as much as \$43,000.

At the Second Ave home police say they contacted 27-year-old Kyle Dersch and 25-year-old Sidnee Roberts, and charged them both with dealing drugs. Police say they also found meth, cocaine, fentanyl, heroin, and more.

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Police say it can be difficult to investigate people like Hagedorn, who at one time were a positive force in the community.

"We try not to judge people on who they are, and we treat everyone fair," said Gray. "And if someone is a role model in the community and they get caught doing something illegal, they're going to go to jail just as much as someone who maybe has a long criminal history."

The owner of Now Counseling says Hagedorn stepped away from the company to deal with family issues. They say it's hard for them to see what's happened with Hagedorn, but their focus remains on their work and the community.

They say they hope this helps people see how damaging addiction can be.

"This tells us, as a community as a whole, how real the disease of substance use disorder is, and how serious it is, and that as a community we should take that priority seriously and make sure that people have access to the services that they need," said Now Counseling Owner and Executive Director Jordan Milby.

Police say all of this started with anonymous tips, and they encourage people to reach out if they have any information that could help police in the investigation.

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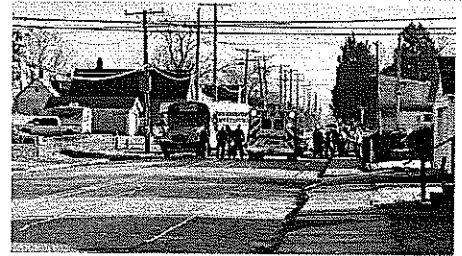
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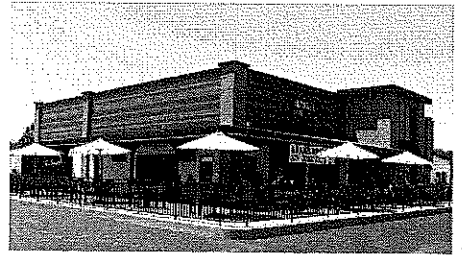
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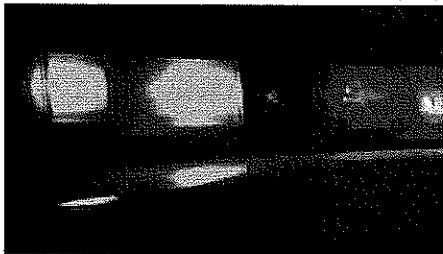


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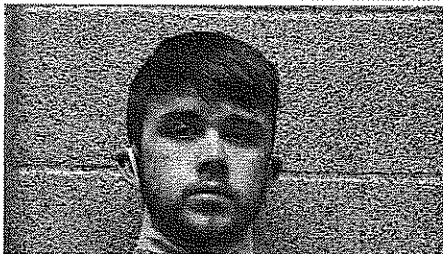




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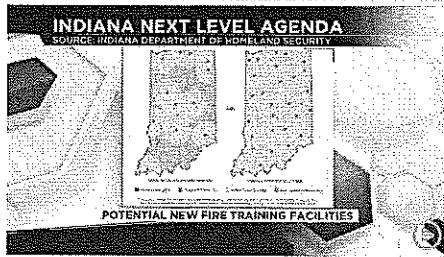
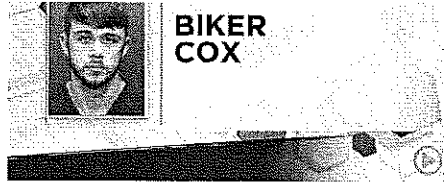
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