

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

ERIN DANKO, R.D.H.
(License Number 8639)

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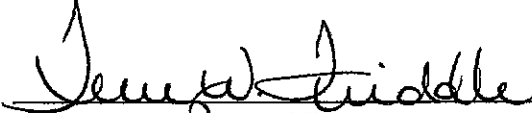
**ORDER SUMMARILY
SUSPENDING LICENSE**

Pursuant to G.S. 150B-3(c), the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners (Board) finds that the public health, safety and welfare requires emergency action and hereby summarily suspends License Number 8639 issued to Erin Danko, R.D.H. (Respondent), effective upon service of this Order. This action is being taken based on evidence that Respondent failed to comply with, and subsequently withdrew from participation in, the North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals Program (CDP). Respondent's CDP s contract required her to abstain from all mood altering substances, attend at least four meetings per week of a CDP-approved abstinence-based program of therapy, submit to random urine and/or blood tests and submit to additional treatment recommendations made by the CDP. Respondent tested positive for alcohol on April 12, 2011, May 17, 2011 and May 19, 2011 and declined to undergo intensive outpatient treatment although directed to do so by the CDP. It is the Board's opinion that Respondent constitutes a threat to the public health, safety and welfare. Therefore, Respondent shall immediately cease the practice of dental hygiene in North Carolina and surrender her license and current renewal certificate pending further order of the Board.

Respondent has a right to a formal hearing before the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners. This matter will be heard by the Board on November 5, 2011 at the Board's offices in Morrisville, North Carolina. Respondent has already been served with a Notice of Hearing in accordance with G.S. 150B-38(b) scheduling the hearing and containing the allegations to be heard.

This the 26th day of August, 2011.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS


Terry W. Friddle
Deputy Operations Officer