

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

SUZANNE N. MCCANN, R.D.H.            )  
(License Number 7889)                )

**CONSENT ORDER**

THIS MATTER is before the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners (Board) as authorized by G.S. § 90-231 for consideration of a Consent Order in lieu of a formal administrative hearing.

Subsequent to an investigation conducted by the Board's Investigative Panel and allegations arising therefrom having been presented to Suzanne N. McCann, R.D.H. (Respondent), at a settlement conference on June 5, 2009, the Respondent enters into this Consent Order. Respondent consents to the entry of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order of Discipline herein.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes (the Dental Hygiene Practice Act) and the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners.

2. Respondent is licensed to practice dental hygiene in North Carolina and is the holder of License No. 7889 originally issued by the Board on August 9, 2005 and duly renewed through the current year.

3. The respondent was at all times relevant hereto licensed to practice dental hygiene in North Carolina and was subject to the Dental Hygiene Practice Act and the rules promulgated there under.

4. The respondent voluntarily agreed to participate in a settlement conference and waived any and all objections to the Board being exposed to a forecast of the evidence.

5. The respondent was properly notified and the settlement conference was held on June 5, 2009 with due notice to all parties.

6. On February 26, 2005, Respondent applied to take the June 10-11, 2005, North Carolina dental hygiene licensure examination. Respondent disclosed on her application that she had participated in substance abuse counseling between April 2004 and August 2004 for Cocaine dependence.

8. On August 9, 2005, Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Board. The Order unsealed Respondent's dental hygiene licensure results. Upon receiving a passing score, Respondent's dental hygiene license was immediately suspended for an indefinite period of time. Respondent was required to immediately enter into a contract with the North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals (CDP) and

obtain the CDP's advocacy before the Board would consider the reinstatement of her license.

9. Respondent entered Intensive Outpatient treatment at Oakwood Place on October 12, 2005. She successfully completed the intensive phase of treatment on November 22, 2005. She subsequently completed twelve weeks of aftercare sessions at Oakwood Place on February 14, 2006.

10. On February 18, 2006, Respondent requested the reinstatement of her dental hygiene license. A settlement conference was held with the Respondent on March 3, 2006. The CDP advocated for the return of Respondent's license during this conference.

11. On March 29, 2006, Respondent entered into a second Consent Order with the Board. One of the provisions of that Order required Respondent to abide by all terms and conditions of her contract with the CDP. One of the provisions of Respondent's CDP contract required her to attend a minimum of four AA/NA meetings per week.

12. At a regional CDP meeting on April 15, 2009, Respondent announced that she had not been attending AA/NA meetings for the last 2 ½ years due to a conflict with

her religious beliefs. She further admitted to falsifying her paperwork and lying to her Peer Assistant about her lack of attendance at the meetings.

13. Respondent's failure to comply with her CDP contract places her in violation of her March 29, 2006 Consent Order, constituting a violation of Board rule 21 NCAC 16V .0102(10) and G.S. §90-229(a)(12).

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Respondent has stipulated that such allegations, if proven, are legally sufficient to support findings and conclusions that she has violated G.S. §90-229 as specified in the Findings of Fact. Furthermore, Respondent has stipulated that, solely for the purposes recited herein, Respondent will not contest the allegations set forth in this Order, which allegations are previously incorporated in this Order, as if fully set forth herein, as findings of fact.

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**WHEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority set forth in G.S. §90-229(a), it is ORDERED as follows:

1. License number 7889 issued to Respondent for the practice of dental hygiene in North Carolina is hereby is hereby revoked. Respondent shall

surrender her license and current renewal certificate to the Board at its offices immediately.

This the 22 day of April, 2010.

BY: Terry W. Friddle  
Terry W. Friddle  
Deputy Operations Officer

**STATEMENT OF CONSENT**

I, SUZANNE N. MCCANN, R.D.H., do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing Consent Order in its entirety and that I do freely and voluntarily admit, exclusively for the purposes of this disciplinary proceeding and any other disciplinary or licensure proceedings before this Board, that there is a factual basis for the allegations set forth therein, that these factual allegations, if proven, are legally sufficient to support findings and conclusions that I have violated 21 NCAC 16V .0102(10) and §90-229(a)(12), and I will not contest the factual allegations therein should further disciplinary action be warranted in this matter, and that I assent to the terms and conditions set forth therein. I hereby express my understanding that the Board will report the contents of this Consent Order to the National Practitioner Data Bank and that this Consent Order shall become a part of the permanent public record of the Board.

This the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2010.

Suzanne N. McCann  
SUZANNE N. MCCANN, R.D.H.