

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

Amber Lineberry Spach, RDH  
(License Number 6330)

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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 or welfare requires emergency action and hereby summarily suspends License Number 6330 issued to Amber Lineberry Spach, RDH (Respondent), effective upon service of this Order. This action is being taken based on the following evidence and information: On June 2, 2016, Respondent reported to work impaired and with irrational fears about animals being in and surrounding her home. She left the office abruptly and failed to treat her remaining patients. Based on her bizarre behavior, her employing dentist required her to submit to a drug test and complete a psychiatric evaluation prior to resuming clinical duties. Respondent refused to submit to the drug test and evaluation and left this employment.

On August 18, 2016, in a meeting with the Board's Investigator, Respondent admitted to illicit drug use, but could not recall the last date of use. She also agreed to contact the CDP for drug testing and an assessment. Respondent subsequently failed to comply with the Investigative Panel of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners' request and recommendation that she undergo a psychiatric and substance abuse assessment through the North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals Program

(CDP) after displaying behavior indicative of an active addict. Despite the efforts of the Investigative Panel and the CDP, Respondent continues to have various excuses as to why she could not even have an initial meeting with or follow through with the CDP's evaluation process. Based on the information received, the Board finds and concludes that Respondent constitutes a threat to the public health, safety or welfare, requiring the prompt suspension of her license. 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.

Formal proceedings in this matter will be commenced and determined promptly if Respondent submits a written request for a formal hearing to the Board. Absent such a written request, a formal hearing will be scheduled as soon as practicable. Respondent will be served with a Notice of Hearing containing the allegations to be heard in accordance with G.S. 150B-38(b).

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE  
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

  
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Casie S. Goode  
Assistant Director of Investigations