

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
MELANIE R. CASEY, D.D.S.) CONSENT ORDER
(License Number 9335))

Pursuant to G.S. 150B-3(c) the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners (the Board) on November 18, 2016 found that the public health, safety and welfare required emergency action and entered into a Consent Order summarily suspending license number 9335 issued to Melanie R. Casey, D.D.S. (Respondent). The Order was entered into based on a report received by the Board through the North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals Program (CDP), and a subsequent confidential evaluation, concluding that Respondent was not safe to practice dentistry. Respondent fully cooperated with the Board and the CDP and consented to the Summary Suspension. Respondent now consents to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set out herein and to the entry of this Consent Order of Discipline.

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 Practice Act) and the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners (Dental Board).
2. The Respondent was licensed to practice dentistry in North Carolina in 2012 and held license number 9335 at all times relevant hereto.

3. On November 18, 2016, the Respondent entered into a Consent Order summarily suspending her license number 9335.

4. Following the entry of the Consent Order of Summary Suspension, Respondent sought and received assistance from the CDP.

5. Since entering into the care of the CDP respondent has consistently followed all treatment recommendations and remains under the care of the CDP.

6. The CDP advocates that Respondent's license number 9335 be reinstated.

7. Respondent also received treatment from Lance Reger, MD, a Diplomate of the American Board of Addiction Medicine.

8. In his report to the Board, Dr. Reger stated that Respondent is demonstrating a good recovery and is able to safely and competently practice dentistry.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and with the consent of the parties, the Dental Board enters the following

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and over the person of the Respondent.

2. The Respondent has carried her burden of proving that she can safely resume the practice of dentistry in North Carolina, provided that she remains on probation and continues to be monitored by CDP until released from their care.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and with the consent of the parties hereto, it is ORDERED as follows:

ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

1. With the Respondent's consent, her North Carolina dental license is hereby conditionally reinstated provided that for as long as the Respondent holds an active North Carolina dental license she complies with the following terms and conditions:

- (a) Respondent shall violate no provision of the Dental Practice Act or the Board's Rules.
- (b) Respondent shall neither direct nor permit any of her employees to violate any provision of the Dental Practice Act or the Board's Rules.
- (c) Respondent shall allow the Board or its authorized agent to inspect and observe her office, conduct random patient chart review, and interview her employees and co-workers at any time during regular office hours.
- (d) Respondent shall remain under contract with the CDP for as long as the CDP deems necessary. Respondent shall provide the Board with a copy of her contract and aftercare contract with the North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals Program. Respondent shall abide by all conditions of her contract(s) with the North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals Program. Respondent shall renew her aftercare contract in sufficient time prior to its expiration in order to provide continuous coverage. Respondent shall promptly provide copies of any amended CDP contracts to the Board. The Respondent agrees that if at any time inpatient treatment is

recommended, she will abide by such recommendation and will not function as a dentist during any such inpatient treatment.

- (e) Respondent shall not possess or use any controlled substances, alcohol or any other mood altering substance unless prescribed for her in the usual course of professional treatment.

2. If Respondent fails to comply with any provision of this Order or breaches any term or condition thereof, the Board shall promptly schedule a public show cause hearing to allow Respondent an opportunity to show cause why Petitioner's license should not be immediately suspended pursuant to the terms of this Order. If, as a result of the show cause hearing, the Board is satisfied that Respondent failed to comply or breached any term or condition of this Order, the provisional restoration of Respondent's license shall be rescinded and upon written demand, Respondent shall immediately surrender her license and current renewal certificate to the Board. This sanction shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any sanction the Board may impose as a result of future violations of the Dental Practice Act or of the Board's Rules.

This the 31st day of May, 2017.

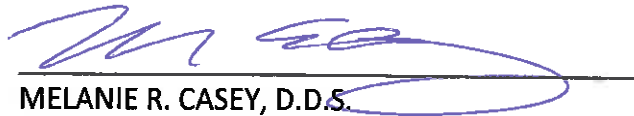
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BY: Casie S. Goode
Casie S. Goode
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STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, MELANIE R. CASEY, DDS, do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing Consent Order in its entirety. I assent to its terms and conditions set out herein. I freely and voluntarily admit that there is a factual basis for the findings of fact herein, that the findings of fact support the conclusions of law and that I will not contest the findings of fact, the conclusions of law, or the order of conditional reinstatement on appeal or if further disciplinary action is warranted in this matter. I understand that the Board will report the contents of this Consent Order to the National Practitioner Data Bank and that this Consent Order will become part of the Board's permanent public record.

This the 26 day of May, 2017.


MELANIE R. CASEY, D.D.S.