

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

In The Matter Of:

MEGAN DOUGLAS, R.D.H.
(License No. 8694)

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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. The parties hereby consent to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set out herein and to the entry of the Order of Discipline.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Dental Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding pursuant to the authority granted to it in Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes, including the Dental Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners.
2. The Respondent, Megan Douglas, was licensed to practice dental hygiene in North Carolina on July 18, 2007 and holds license number 8694.
3. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was subject to the Board's rules and regulations.
4. In May 2013, the Respondent was convicted of felonious assault with infliction of serious bodily injury and was sentenced to 16 months in prison.
5. In March 2014, while the Respondent was in prison, her dental hygiene lapsed.

6. In October 2014, the Respondent applied for reinstatement of her hygiene license.

7. On February 18, 2015, during a deposition taken in her reinstatement case, the Respondent testified under oath that she had never used illegal drugs, including cocaine.

8. On April 1, 2015, the Board entered into a Consent Order (hereafter, April 2015 Consent Order), finding that the Respondent had violated N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-229(a)(3), by virtue of her felony conviction.

9. The April 2015 Consent Order provisionally restored the Respondent's hygiene license on condition, among other things, that she obtained an evaluation to determine if she was addicted to or dependent upon drugs or alcohol.

10. On April 2, 2015, the Respondent signed a five (5) year participation agreement with the North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals Program (CDP). Among other things, the Respondent's agreement required her to abstain from alcohol.

11. The Respondent obtained an evaluation from Pavillon in Mill Spring, North Carolina, as required by the April 2015 Consent Order.

12. During the Respondent's evaluation, she admitted that she had used cocaine numerous times before her incarceration and at least once after her release from prison.

13. On July 13, 2015, the Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Board (hereafter, July 2015 Consent Order) which found that she violated N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-229(a)(1) by lying under oath about her cocaine use.

14. The July 2015 Consent Order suspended the Respondent's hygiene license for five (5) years, with all but 15 days of the suspension stayed on various conditions.

15. On July 24, 2015, the Respondent tested positive for alcohol. She admitted consuming a six pack of beer two weeks before the test.

16. On August 4, 2015, the CDP terminated its participation agreement with the Respondent.

17. The Respondent is not currently being monitored and has indicated that she no longer wishes to practice dental hygiene.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and with the consent of the parties hereto, the Hearing Panel enters the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

2. By consuming alcohol in violation of her CDP contract, the Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct, in violation of G.S. § 90-229(a)(12) and 21 NCAC 16V .0102(10).

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and with the consent of the parties hereto, the Hearing Panel enters the following:

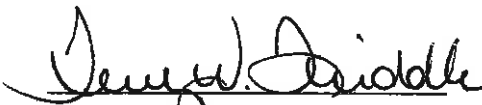
ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

1. Respondent's license to practice dental hygiene in North Carolina is hereby revoked.

2. Prior to seeking reinstatement of her North Carolina dental hygiene license, the Respondent must produce proof that the North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals program is advocating for the return of her license to practice dental hygiene.

This the 14 day of September, 2015.

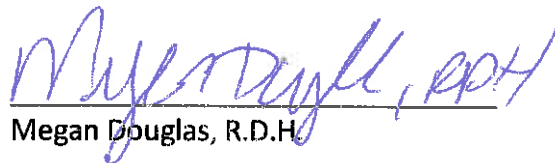
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By: 
Terry W. Friddle
Deputy Operations Officer

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, MEGAN DOUGLAS, R.D.H., 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 discipline 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 12th day of August, 2015.


Megan Douglas, R.D.H.