

**BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**GREGORY J. KEISER, D.M.D.  
(License No. 10984)**

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) **CONSENT ORDER OF**  
) **INDEFINITE SUSPENSION**  
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**THIS MATTER is before the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners ["Board"] as authorized by G.S. § 90-41.1(b) for consideration of a Consent Order of Indefinite Suspension at the request of Gregory J. Keiser, D.M.D. ["Dr. Keiser" or "Respondent"] in lieu of a formal administrative hearing. Respondent acknowledges that the Board has significant and sufficient evidence to prove and establish the findings of fact and conclusions of law and to warrant the order of discipline. Respondent represented himself. Douglas J. Brocker and Whitney S. Waldenberg represented the Investigative Panel of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners. Based upon the consent of the parties hereto, the Board enters the following:**

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

**1. The 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. Gregory J. Keiser, D.M.D. was licensed to practice dentistry in North Carolina on May 24, 2018 and holds license number 10984. Respondent has remained licensed to practice dentistry in North Carolina and was subject to the Dental Practice Act and the Board's Rules and Regulations at all times relevant hereto.**

3. At all relevant times, Respondent was an oral surgeon employed with North Carolina Oral Surgery and Orthodontics, which is affiliated with Lane and Associates Family Dentistry.

4. On September 19 and 20, 2018, several employees of North Carolina Oral Surgery and Orthodontics or Lane and Associates Family Dentistry witnessed evidence of Respondent abusing nitrous oxide during clinical practice hours.

5. Upon learning from staff members that Respondent was abusing nitrous oxide during clinical practice hours, Dr. Raleigh Wright, the CEO and Clinical Director of Lane & Associates Family Dentistry in North Carolina, confronted Respondent about the staff members' allegations.

6. In response to Dr. Wright's questions, Respondent initially denied abusing nitrous oxide. However, in a later conversation with Dr. Wright, Respondent eventually admitted that he had used nitrous oxide during clinical hours.

7. Dr. Wright suspended Dr. Kelsner immediately, pending an ongoing investigation.

8. On October 3, 2018, the Dental Board found that the public health, safety, and welfare required emergency action related to Respondent's conduct and summarily suspended Respondent's dental license.

Based on the above Findings of Fact and the Consent of the Parties, the Hearing Panel reaches the following:

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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

2. Respondent is a chronic or persistent user of alcohol or drugs to the extent that his ability to practice dentistry is impaired, in violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-41(a)(2).

3. Respondent's conduct indicates that he has engaged in acts or practices violative of the provisions of the Dental Practice Act or violative of the rules and regulations promulgated by the Board in violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-41(a)(6).

4. In light of the information received regarding Respondent's inability to safely practice dentistry, protection of the public requires that Respondent's dental license be suspended indefinitely unless and until he can demonstrate that he is safe to resume practice.

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

## **ORDER OF DISCIPLINE**

1. The dental license in North Carolina of Respondent, Gregory J. Keiser, D.M.D., is hereby **INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED**.

2. Respondent may petition to lift the indefinite suspension of his North Carolina dental license by demonstrating, by clear and convincing evidence that he:

- (a) is not impaired and can safely practice dentistry in the state of North Carolina;

- (b) has entered into a Participation Agreement with the North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals Program [" NC CDP"] and has complied fully with its terms for at least for the 12 months immediately preceding his petition to lift the suspension of his North Carolina license; and**
- (c) has obtained the support and advocacy of NC CDP, including that Respondent is not impaired and can practice dentistry safely in the state of North Carolina.**

**3. The Board may impose probationary terms and conditions of reinstatement deemed necessary for the protection of the public, if the Board later reinstates Respondent's dental license in North Carolina, including but not limited to the following requirement that Respondent shall:**

- (a) not violate any provision of the Dental Practice Act or the Board's rules and regulations;**
- (b) remain in the NC CDP and abide by all terms and conditions of his Participation Agreement with the NC CDP and all addenda thereto and any succeeding Agreement;**
- (c) neither direct nor permit any employee to violate any provision of the Dental Practice Act or the Board's rules and regulations; and**
- (d) allow the Board or its authorized agents to inspect and observe his office, conduct random patient chart reviews, and interview his employees and co-workers at any time during regular office hours.**

4. The Board shall retain jurisdiction of this matter and Respondent to enforce the provisions herein or enter orders as necessary in the future.

This the 17 day of JANUARY, 2019.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE  
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

BY: Betty A. Sines  
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Investigations Coordinator



STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, Gregory J. Keiser, D.M.D., 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, that I will not contest the findings of fact, the conclusions of law, or the consent order of discipline in any future proceedings before or involving the Board, including if future disciplinary proceedings or action is warranted in this matter. I knowingly waive any right to appeal or otherwise later challenge this Consent Order once entered. 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. I further acknowledge that this required reporting may have adverse consequences in other contexts and any potential effects will not be the basis for a reconsideration of this Consent Order. I have had the opportunity to consult with an attorney prior to signing this Consent Order

This the 25 day of December 2018.

  
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 Gregory J. Keiser, D.M.D.