

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

AMBER N. LEFLER, R.D.H.
(License Number 8991)

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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 and welfare requires emergency action and hereby summarily suspends License Number 8991 issued to Amber N. Lefler, R.D.H. (Respondent), effective upon service of this Order. This action is being taken based on evidence that Respondent: (a) failed to comply with her participation agreement, and was subsequently terminated from participation in, the North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals (CDP), (b) violated several provisions of her July 27, 2018 Consent Order of Conditional Reinstatement, and has a lengthy history of substance abuse, addiction, and relapse.

Respondent's CDP agreement and the 2018 Conditional Reinstatement Order required her to abstain from all mood, altering substances and submit to random urine and/or blood tests. Respondent tested positive for Amphetamines on August 21, 2018 and for Phosphatidyl Ethanol on September 26, 2018. Respondent entered treatment on October 5, 2018 and was discharged from treatment on November 5, 2018.

Upon being discharged from treatment, Respondent's providers determined that Respondent was not safe to resume practice until she demonstrated sustained, long-term recovery for a period of one year, including remaining in compliance with all

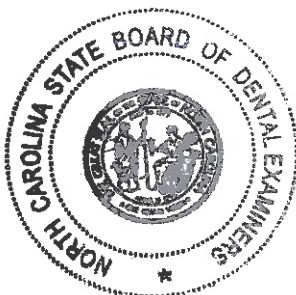
monitoring requirements pursuant to her CDP agreement and her final continuing care plan. Respondent's agreement with CDP was terminated for non-compliance on November 9, 2018. Respondent's actions violate several provisions of her Consent Order of Conditional Reinstatement entered on July 27, 2018, which related to a lengthy history of substance abuse, addiction and relapse. Respondent appears to have violated this recent Conditional Reinstatement Order in several material respects, beginning less than a month after its entry.

Based on the above facts and other evidence and information provided, the Board concludes that Respondent constitutes a threat to the public health, safety and welfare. 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 promptly commenced and determined 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 5th day of December 2018

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS



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