BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

In The Matter Of:

AMANDA THOMPSON, R.D.H.  }  CONSENT ORDER
(License No. 10892)   }

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, Amanda Thompson was licensed to practice dental hygiene in North Carolina at all times relevant hereto and is subject to the Dental Board’s rules and regulations.

3. On January 16, 2015, the Respondent signed a three year service contract with the North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals (CDP).

4. Respondent was aware that her CDP contract required her to abstain from alcohol.
5. On March 6, 2015, the Respondent tested positive for alcohol. She admitted consuming alcohol on February 28, 2015.

6. Upon learning that the Respondent had tested positive for alcohol, CDP recommended that she sign a five year contract with CDP and attend in patient treatment.

7. Respondent declined to comply with the CDP’s recommendations.

8. On March 10, 2015, the CDP terminated its service contract with the Respondent.

9. The Respondent admitted consuming alcohol on one or two additional occasions after the termination of her CDP contract.

10. In April 2015, the Respondent obtained an evaluation from Dr. Phillip Hillsman, a Raleigh psychiatrist. Dr. Hillsman opined that the Respondent could safely practice hygiene provided she completed outpatient treatment and signed a one to three year monitoring contract with the CDP.

11. The Respondent has refused to sign a monitoring contract with the CDP.

12. 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 Petitioner'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. License number 10892 issued to Respondent for the practice of dental hygiene in North Carolina is hereby suspended indefinitely. Respondent shall surrender her original license and current renewal certificate to the Board office immediately.

This the 20 day of October, 2015.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

By: ____________________________
   Terry W. Friddle
   Deputy Operations Officer
STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, Amanda Thomspn, R.D.H., do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing Consent Order in its entirety and that I do freely and voluntarily consent to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order of Discipline and the terms and conditions set forth herein. By signing this Statement of Consent I hereby express my understanding that the Board will report the contents of this Consent Order to the National Practitioner Data Bank and that this Consent Order shall become a part of the permanent public record of the Board.

This the 15 day of September, 2015.

[Signature]
Amanda Thompson, R.D.H.