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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF

Christine Tunnicliffe, R.D.H.
License No.: HI007772

LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

CONSENT ORDER GRANTING
UNRESTRICTED LICENSE

This matter was opened to the State Board of Dentistry (Board) upon the application of Christine Tunnicliffe, R.D.H., ("Respondent") for an unrestricted license. The Board previously entered a Consent Order Imposing Restrictions on License to Practice Dental Hygiene filed December 5, 2008, which restricted Respondent's license to practice as a registered dental hygienist subject to conditions.

Respondent had been dismissed from her employment at the University of Pennsylvania Health System on or about November 14, 2007, following its investigation into allegations that she had obtained prescription pads from that facility and used

prescription blanks to obtain controlled dangerous substance for personal use. Information available to the Board also revealed that on or about November 15, 2007, Respondent was arrested in Brookland, New Jersey, and charged with acquiring or obtaining and possession of controlled dangerous substances by misrepresentation, fraud, forgery, deception, or subterfuge, on more than one-hundred occasions during the period of early 2007 through the date of her arrest.

Pursuant to the 2008 Consent Order, Respondent was to notify employer(s) of the Consent Order, abstain from the use of alcohol and controlled dangerous substances, enroll in the Professional Assistance Program (PAP), comply with recommendations for treatment, and submit to random urine screenings once a week. By a Consent Order Modifying Restrictions on License, Respondent's weekly urine screenings were reduced to once a month. Pursuant to that Order, Respondent could continue practicing dental hygiene as long as the 2008 Consent Order terms were followed. Respondent represents that she will continue to be monitored by PAP.

On March 31, 2014, Dr. Louis E. Baxter, Executive Medical Director of PAP wrote a letter in support of Respondent's application for unrestricted license indicating Respondent's compliance with all monitoring requirements and that Respondent has been in good standing with the PAP.

The Board is satisfied that Respondent has complied with the 2008 Consent Order, fulfilled all recovery program requirements and participated appropriately in urine testing. The Board

having determined that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety, and welfare, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS ON THIS 16th DAY OF April, 2014,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Christine Tunnicliffe, R.D.H., is hereby granted an unrestricted license to practice dental hygiene in the State of New Jersey.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By: Shirley Birenz, RDH
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