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

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF:	Administrative Action
ANTHONY J. LEWIS License No. 22HI00927300	FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE
TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry upon receipt of information concerning Anthony J. Lewis ("Respondent"), which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Anthony J. Lewis, License No. 22HI00927300, was initially licensed to practice dental hygiene in this State on June 02, 2009.

2. Respondent did not renew his license to practice dental hygiene prior to its expiration on December 31, 2011, and has not renewed or attempted to renew his license since that time. Respondent's license has been administratively suspended pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b) since January 31, 2012.

3. On June 21, 2013, the Oregon State Board of Dentistry revoked Respondent's license to practice dental hygiene for failing to respond to a Notice of Proposed License Revocation action. The action was based on is guilty plea to two (2) counts

of sexual harassment, Class A Misdemeanors in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, which occurred while he was acting as a dental hygienist and treating two patients. The Oregon Order recounted the petition to plead guilty included three (3) years of probation, surrender of his Oregon and Idaho licenses and that he have no employment as a dental hygienist.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The above disciplinary action taken by the sister state of Oregon against Respondent's license to practice dental hygiene constitutes a basis for disciplinary action against his license in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(g), in that, his license to practice has been revoked by another State for reasons that would give rise to discipline in this State.

DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline (POD) was entered on August 11, 2016 and a copy served on Respondent to his address of record with the Board by regular and certified mail. Pursuant to the POD, his license in the State of New Jersey was to be suspended upon finalization of the order until his license to practice dental hygiene is in good standing in both Oregon and in Idaho.

The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry

unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

According to the United States Postal Service website tracking for certified mail with return receipt #7008 1830 0001 1350 8425 for the POD mailed to respondent, the mail was delivered and signed for on August 30, 2016. Therefore, the Board deems service to have been effected. To date, the Respondent has not submitted a response to the POD. Respondent was advised the matter would be finalized unless he requested modification or dismissal, and he failed to respond.

Accordingly, the Board considered the matter, determined that further proceedings were not necessary and the Provisional Order should be made final without modification.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 2nd day of November, 2016,

ORDERED that:

1. The license of Anthony J. Lewis, R.D.H., to practice dental hygiene in this State of New Jersey shall be suspended. Any practice of dental hygiene by Respondent in the State of New

Jersey during the period in which he does not hold an active license shall be deemed the unlicensed practice of dental hygiene, and shall subject Respondent to disciplinary action.

2. In the event that Respondent seeks reinstatement of his New Jersey license, at Board request he shall appear before the Board or a committee of the Board: to establish that he is fit to practice dental hygiene in this State, and to provide complete information concerning his guilty plea and the facts and circumstances regarding to two (2) sexual harassment counts and to provide complete information concerning the revocation of his licenses in Oregon and Idaho.

3. No reinstatement shall be granted unless and until respondent can demonstrate to the Board's satisfaction that he currently holds an active, unrestricted license to practice dental hygiene both in Oregon and in Idaho. Respondent is also required to demonstrate completion of continuing dental hygiene education for license renewal pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:6-10.1 and N.J.A.C. 13:30-5.2.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By: Nicholas DeRobertis, D.M.D.
Board President

DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE TO ANY DENTISTRY BOARD LICENSEE WHO IS SUSPENDED, REVOKED OR WHOSE SURRENDER OF LICENSURE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

A practitioner whose license is suspended or revoked or whose surrender of license has been accepted by the Board, shall conduct him/herself as follows:

1. Document Return and Agency Notification

The licensee shall promptly deliver to the Board office at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102, the original license and current biennial registration certificate, and if authorized to prescribe drugs, the current State and Federal Controlled Dangerous Substances Registration. With respect to suspensions of a finite term, at the conclusion of the term, the licensee may contact the Board office for the return of the documents previously surrendered to the Board.

2. Practice Cessation

The licensee shall cease and desist from engaging in the practice of dentistry in this State. This prohibition not only bars a licensee from rendering professional services, but also from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application, or representing him/herself as being eligible to practice. Although the licensee need not affirmatively advise patients or others of the revocation, suspension or surrender, the licensee must truthfully disclose his/her licensure status in response to inquiry. The disciplined licensee is also prohibited from occupying, sharing or using office space in which another licensee of this Board provides health care services. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, the disciplined licensee may contract for, accept payment from another licensee for or rent at fair market value office premises and/or equipment. In no case may the disciplined licensee authorize, allow or condone the use of his/her provider number by the practice or any other licensee or health care provider. In situations where the licensee has been suspended for less than one year, the licensee may accept payment from another professional who is using his/her office during the period that the licensee is suspended, for the payment of salaries for office staff employed at the time of the Board action.

A licensee whose license has been revoked, suspended for one (1) year or more or permanently surrendered must remove signs and take affirmative action to stop advertisements by which his/her eligibility to practice is represented. The licensee must also take steps to remove his/her name from all prescription blanks and pads, professional listings, telephone directories, professional stationery, or billings. If the licensee's name

is utilized in a group practice title, it shall be deleted.

Prescription pads bearing the licensee's name shall be destroyed. A destruction report form shall be obtained from the Office of Drug Control (973-504-6558) and filed with that office. If no other licensee is providing services at the practice location, all medications must be removed and returned to the manufacturer (if possible), or destroyed or safeguarded. In situations where the licensee has been suspended for a period of less than one year, prescription pads and medications must be secured in a locked place for safekeeping.

3. Practice Income Prohibitions/Divestiture of Equity Interest in Professional Service Corporations

A licensee shall not charge, receive or share in any fee for professional services rendered by him/herself or others while barred from engaging in the professional practice. The licensee may be compensated for the reasonable value of services lawfully rendered and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf prior to the effective date of the Board action.

A licensee whose license is revoked, surrendered or suspended for a term of one (1) year or more shall be deemed to be disqualified from the practice, and shall be required to comply with the requirements to divest him/herself of all financial interest in the professional practice pursuant to Board regulations contained in N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.21. Such divestiture shall occur within 90 days following the entry of the Board Order. Upon divestiture, a licensee shall forward to the Board a copy of documentation forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Commercial Reporting Division, demonstrating that the interest has been terminated. If the licensee is the sole shareholder in a professional service corporation, the corporation must be dissolved within 90 days of the licensee's disqualification.

4. Patient Records

If, as a result of the Board's action, a practice is closed or transferred to another location, the licensee shall ensure that during the three (3) month period following the effective date of the disciplinary order, a message will be delivered to patients calling the former office premises, advising where records may be obtained. The message should inform patients of the names and telephone numbers of the licensee (or his/her attorney) assuming custody of the records. The same information shall also be disseminated by means of a notice to be published at least once per month for three (3) months in a newspaper of general circulation in the geographic vicinity in which the practice was conducted. At the end of the three month period, the licensee shall file with the Board the name and telephone number of the contact person who will have access to patient records of former patients. Any change in that individual or his/her telephone number shall be promptly reported to the Board. When a patient or his/her representative requests a copy of his/her patientl record or asks that the record be forwarded to another health care provider, the licensee shall promptly provide the record without charge to the patient.

5. Probation/Monitoring Conditions

A disciplined practitioner whose active suspension of license has been stayed in full or in part, conditioned upon compliance with a probation or monitoring program, shall fully cooperate with the Board or its designated representatives, including the Enforcement Bureau of the Division of Consumer Affairs, in ongoing monitoring of the licensee's status and practice. Such monitoring shall be at the expense of the disciplined practitioner.

(a.) Monitoring of practice conditions may include, but is not limited to, inspection of professional premises and equipment, and inspection and copying of patient records (confidentiality of patient identity shall be protected by the Board) to verify compliance with Board Order and accepted standards of practice.

(b.) Monitoring of status conditions for an impaired practitioner may include, but is not limited to, practitioner cooperation in providing releases permitting unrestricted access to records and other information to the extent permitted by law from any treatment facility, other treating practitioner, support group or other individual or facility involved in the education, treatment, monitoring or oversight of the practitioner, or maintained by the rehabilitation program for impaired practitioners. If bodily substance monitoring has been ordered, the practitioner shall fully cooperate by responding to a demand for breath, blood, urine or other sample in a timely manner and by providing the designated sample.

6. Reports of Reimbursement

A disciplined practitioner shall promptly report to the Board his/her compliance with each directive requiring monies to be reimbursed to patients to other parties or third party payors or to any Court.

7. Report of Changes of Address

A disciplined practitioner shall notify the Board office in writing within ten (10) days of change of address.

NOTICE OF REPORTING PRACTICES OF BOARD REGARDING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(3), all orders of the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry are available for public inspection. Should any inquiry be made concerning the status of a licensee, the inquirer will be informed of the existence of the order and a copy will be provided if requested. All evidentiary hearings, proceedings on motions or other applications which are conducted as public hearings and the record thereof, including the transcript and documents marked in evidence, are available for public inspection upon request.

Pursuant to Public Law 101-191, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, the Board is obligated to report to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank any adverse action relating to a dentist:

(1) Which revokes or suspends (or otherwise restricts) a license; or

(2) Which censures, reprimands or places on probation, or restricts the right to apply or renew a license; or

(3) Under which a license is surrendered.

In accordance with an agreement with the American Association of Dental Examiners, a report of all disciplinary orders is provided to that organization on a monthly basis.

Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order may appear on the public agenda for the monthly Board meeting and is forwarded to those members of the public requesting a copy. In addition, the same summary will appear in the minutes of that Board meeting, which are also made available to those requesting a copy.

On a periodic basis the Board disseminates to its licensees a newsletter which includes a brief description of all of the orders entered by the Board. In addition, the same description may appear on the Internet Website of the Division of Consumer Affairs.

From time to time, the Press Office of the Division of Consumer Affairs may issue releases including the summaries of the content of public orders.

Nothing herein is intended in any way to limit the Board, the Division or the Attorney General from disclosing any public document.