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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF : Administrative Action
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CHRISTINE TUNNICLIFFE, R.D.H. : CONSENT ORDER
License # HI 007772 : MODIFYING RESTRICTIONS
: ON LICENSE
LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTAL :
HYGIENE IN THE STATE OF :
NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon the application of Christine Tunnicliffe, R.D.H. ("respondent"), to modify the terms of the Consent Order Imposing Restrictions on License to Practice Dental Hygiene entered on December 5, 2008 based on her long history of arrests for possession of controlled dangerous substances and drug paraphernalia. Pursuant to the Order, respondent agreed to enroll in and comply with the recommendations of the Professional Assistance Program (PAP), including but not limited to, face-to-face contact

with PAP representatives, attendance at support groups including NA or AA, and random weekly urine monitoring.

Subsequent to the entry of the Order, a Final Order of Automatic Suspension was entered on August 5, 2009 by the Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry ("PA Board") automatically suspending respondent's license to practice dental hygiene in the State of Pennsylvania retroactive to July 13, 2009. The basis for the PA Board suspension was respondent's guilty plea in Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division Camden County, Criminal on or about November 19, 2008 to one count of Obtaining a CDS by Fraud in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-13, 3rd degree. Respondent was sentenced on January 16, 2009 to serve one year of probation and was required to undergo a substance abuse evaluation and random substance abuse monitoring.

In support of her current application for modification of the terms of the 2008 New Jersey Order, respondent provided two letters dated December 17, 2009 and January 11, 2010 from Dr. Louis E. Baxter, Executive Medical Director, PAP, attesting to her compliance with the monitoring program and with the terms of the Order. Dr. Baxter noted that respondent has undergone the required urine screens all of which were negative for the presence of psychoactive

substances, attends three to four AA meetings a week, and is seen for follow-up by a clinical PAP staff member every two months. Dr. Baxter, noting that respondent has been in continuous documented recovery for over two years, supports a reduction in her monitoring from one time per week to a minimum of twice per month.

Having reviewed respondent's request and her submissions, it appears to the Board that modification of the term of the Order requiring respondent to submit to random weekly urine monitoring may at this time appropriately be reduced to twice per month monitoring. The Board will continue the other restrictions set forth in its December 5, 2008 Consent Order Imposing Restrictions. Respondent may seek modification of other terms of that 2008 Order not sooner than six (6) months from the date of the entry of this Order.

IT IS ON THIS 5th DAY OF May, 2010

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Christine Tunnicliffe, R.D.H., may continue to practice dental hygiene in this State pursuant to the terms of this Consent Order.

2. Respondent must continue to submit to urine monitoring of a minimum of twice monthly until further order of the Board.

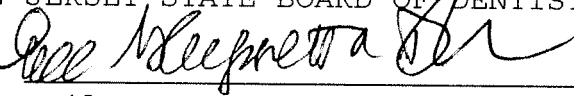
3. Respondent shall comply with all other terms of the Consent Order entered on December 5, 2008.

4. Respondent may seek modification of the terms of this Order not sooner than six (6) months from date of its entry. The Board reserves the right to require respondent's appearance prior to any modification or removal of restrictions set forth in this Consent Order and the December 5, 2008 Consent Order Imposing Restrictions on License.

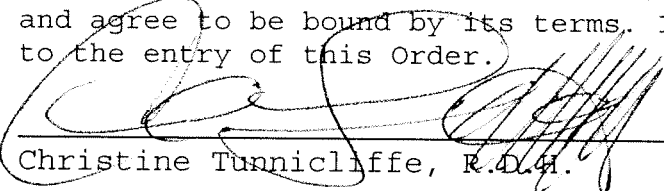
5. Respondent shall be subject to an order of automatic suspension of her license upon the Board's receipt of any information that the Board, in its sole discretion, deems reliable demonstrating that respondent has failed to comply with any of the conditions set forth in this Consent Order or in the 2008 Consent Order Imposing Restrictions, including but not limited to report of a confirmed positive urine, or a prima facie showing of a relapse or recurrence of alcohol or drug abuse. Respondent shall have the right to apply for removal of the automatic suspension on five (5) days notice, but in the case of urine testing, shall be

limited to a showing that the urine tested was not hers or was a false positive, or that other information was false.

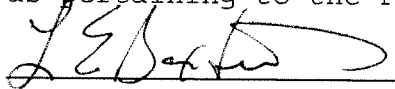
NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By: 
Emil G. Cappetta, D.M.D.
Board President

I have read and understand this Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

 4-1-10
Christine Tunncliffe, R.D.H. Date

I have read the terms of this Consent Order and agree on behalf of the Professional Assistance Program to comply with its terms and those of the December 5, 2008 Order as pertaining to the Professional Assistance Program.

 4/19/10
Louis E. Baxter, M.D. Date