

IN THE MATTER OF \* BEFORE THE MARYLAND  
MICHELE L. SAMPSON, D.R.T. \* STATE BOARD OF DENTAL  
RESPONDENT \* EXAMINERS  
CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 17909 \* CASE NUMBER: 2011-087

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**FINAL ORDER OF REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATE TO PRACTICE DENTAL RADIATION TECHNOLOGY**

The State Board of Dental Examiners (the "Board") notified Michele L. Sampson, D.R.T. (the "Respondent"), Certificate Number: 17909, of the Board's intent to revoke the Respondent's certification to practice dental radiation technology under the Maryland Dentistry Act, Md. Health Occ. I ("H.O.") Code Ann. §§4-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol.) and Code of Md. Regs. tit. 10, §44.07.

Specifically, the pertinent provisions state:

Code of Md. Regs. tit., 10 §44.19.11 Penalties for Violations of These Regulations.

A. Subject to the hearing provisions of this chapter, the Board may deny a certificate to practice dental radiation technology, reprimand any certified dental radiation technologist, place any certified dental radiation technologist on probation, or suspend or revoke the certificate of any certified dental radiation technologist, if the holder of the certificate:

(12) Fails to comply with a Board order [.]

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Board finds that:

1. On or about April 10, 2010, the Respondent submitted an Application for Dental Radiation Technologist Certification (the "Application").

2. On or about June 6, 2012, the Board notified the Respondent of the Board's Intent to deny the Respondent's Application.

3. On or about November 16, 2012, the Board approved the Respondent's Application. As a condition of receiving her certification, the Respondent agreed to enter into a Consent Order (the "Order") with the Board.

4. The Respondent was issued her certification to practice dental radiation technology on or about February 22, 2013.

5. Once issued her certificate to practice radiation technology, the Respondent was required to abide by the conditions set forth in the Order dated November 16, 2012 (the "2012 Order").

6. The relevant terms and conditions of the 2012 Order state:

1. The Applicant shall enter into a signed and dated contract with the WBC within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order; <sup>1</sup>

2. The Applicant's contract with WBC shall be for a minimum of two (2) years.

3. The Applicant shall comply with all provisions set forth in her WBC contract.

4. The Applicant shall undergo random drug testing no less than every ninety (90) days. The Applicant's compliance will be monitored by WBC.

9. The Applicant shall submit a semi-annual written report that describes her progress during her probationary period. The Board shall receive the first report no later than six months from the effective date of this Order and every six (6) months thereafter.

7. On or about February 6, 2013, the Respondent signed a monitoring and advocacy agreement with WBC.

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<sup>1</sup> WBC is the Maryland Dental Well Being Committee.

8. The Respondent's agreement with the WBC was for a period of five (5) years.

9. In March 2014, the WBC reported to the Board that Respondent failed to maintain contact with her WBC monitor and/or counselor.

10. The WBC also reported to the Board that the Respondent tested positive for oxycodone and tramadol in February 2014.

11. In a letter dated March 24, 2014, Board staff informed the Respondent that the Board had not received progress reports that she was required to submit to the Board. The Respondent had not submitted report progress reports due on May 16, 2013 and November 16, 2013.

12. The March 24, 2014 letter also informed the Respondent that she must submit a progress report to Board no later than March 31, 2014.

13. In response to the March 24, 2014 letter, the Respondent submitted a progress report to the Board on March 28, 2014.

14. The Board has not received a progress report from the Respondent since March 28, 2014.

15. In or around March 2015, the Board received a report from the WBC stating that the Respondent failed to comply the terms and conditions set forth in her WBC agreement.

16. Specifically, the WBC reported that the Respondent: (1) failed to meet with her counselor and/or monitor on a monthly basis, (2) failed to attend 12 step meetings on a weekly basis, (3) failed to follow the prescribed methods of

treatment prescribed by WBC, and (4) failed to see healthcare providers for addiction evaluations.

17. The Respondent's five year agreement with WBC required that the Respondent meet with her monitor and/or counselor on a monthly basis.

18. WBC has had no contact with the Respondent since March 2015.

19. The Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, is a violation of the Act and the regulations.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent's conduct as set forth in the findings of fact is a violation of Code of Md. Regs. tit. 10, §44.19.11A(12).

#### ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 17<sup>TH</sup> day of AUGUST 2016, by a majority of the Board considering this case:

**ORDERED** that the Respondent's certification to practice as a dental radiation technologist shall be **REVOKED** and the Board will not accept from the Respondent any future application for licensure, certification, and/or registration; and it is further

**ORDERED** that for purposes of public disclosure and as permitted by Md. General Provisions §§4-101 *et seq.* (2014), this document consists of the

contents of the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, and is reportable to any entity to whom the Board is obligated to report.

Aug 17 2016  
Date ✓

Ronald F. Moser  
Ronald F. Moser, D.D.S.  
President  
State Board of Dental Examiners

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

Pursuant to Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. §4-319 (Repl. Vol. 2014), you have a right to take a direct judicial appeal. A Petition for Judicial Review must be filed within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this Order and shall be made as provided for judicial review of a final decision in the Md. State Govt. II Code Ann. §§10-201 *et seq.* (Repl. Vol. 2014), and Title 7, Chapter 200 of the Maryland Rules.