IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel., THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF DENTISTRY, Plaintiff)))	
vs.)	Case No: 19-130
CHELSI HOLLINSWORTH, DA Permit #1301, Respondent)	

AGREED ORDER ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY SUBMITTAL TO JURISDICTION

The cause came on for hearing before the Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry (the "Board") on January 17, 2020 at the meeting of the Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry, held at 2920 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma 73105, pursuant to notice given as required by law and rules of the Board.

Plaintiff, the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. the Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry by and through its Executive Director and attorney, Susan Rogers and the Respondent, Chelsi Hollinsworth, Dental Assistant permit #1301, who does not appear.

The Board en banc after hearing arguments of counsel, reviewing the exhibits admitted and the sworn testimony of witnesses, and being fully advised in the premises, found that there is clear and convincing evidence to support the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Orders:

AGREEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY RESPONDENT

By voluntarily submitting to jurisdiction and entering into the Order, Respondent accepts and pleads guilty to the complaint and citation filed herein as recommended by the investigation and review panel and acknowledges that a hearing before the Board would result in an initiation of an individual action and some sanction under the Oklahoma State Dental Practices Act.

Respondent, Chelsi Hollinsworth, states that she is of sound mind and is not under the influence of, or impaired by, any medication or drug and that she fully recognizes her right to appear before the Board for a formal initiation of an action and an evidentiary hearing on the allegations made against her. Respondent hereby voluntarily waives her right to a full hearing, submits to the jurisdiction of the Board and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the Order. Respondent acknowledges that she has read and understands the terms and conditions stated herein.

Respondent and Attorneys for the Board stipulate to the following findings of fact; The Board heard statements of counsel, reviewed the exhibits presented, and being fully apprised in the premises, finds that there is clear and convincing evidence of the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Orders:

STIPULATIONS AND AGREED FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. A complaint was received on or about November 25, 2019 regarding a dental assistant that had been working without a valid license for approximately 1 year. Dr. Howl assigned Dr. James Gore and Dr. Krista Jones to the investigative panel.
- 2. This investigation included one dental assistant, Chelsi Hollinsworth, and one dentist, Dr. Rachelle Beebe.
- 3. On November 25, 2019, Chelsi Hollinsworth (OK DA Permit #1301) called Board staff to advise she was unable to renew her dental assistant permit for 2020. Hollinsworth further advised that when attempting to do so she realized that she had not renewed her permit for 2019. Hollinsworth advised she had been working for Dr. Rachelle Beebe.
- 4. On November 26, 2019, Investigator Puckett contacted the office staff at Moore Dentistry & Braces, 1530 SW 119th OKC, OK and made contact with Dr. Beebe. Dr. Beebe advised she was unaware that Hollinsworth's dental assistant permit was expired and that she would not allow Hollinsworth to work in the back until her permit was current. Dr. Beebe was apologetic for the mistake advising she tried her best to follow all of the rules/laws.
- 5. Inv. Puckett asked Dr. Beebe how many hygienists she employed or if she had any other dental assistants and Dr. Beebe advised she had one other dental assistant and two hygienists adding one of the hygienists had just started and only worked one day a week. Dr. Beebe took Investigator Puckett to an area in the rear of the clinic where the permits were displayed. The permit being displayed for Hollinsworth had expired December 31, 2018. All of the other dental assistants had their permits and Hollinsworth's was the only one that was missing. Chelsi Hollingsworth sent an email to investigator Puckett stating that she would not work anywhere except the front desk until she had her permit updated.
- 6. Chelsi Hollingsworth renewed her dental assistant permit with the Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry on December 3rd including the late fees owed by Hollinsworth for 2019 and her renewal for 2020.
- 7. The Respondent has taken full responsibility for her actions and has fully cooperated with investigators.

- 8. The Respondent acknowledges the attached statement of complaint and admits violations of the following rules and laws:
 - Ct I WORKING AN UNLICENSED PERSON TO WORK AS A DENTAL ASSISTANT IN VIOLATION OF 59 O.S §328.32 (A)(24) Specifically for allowing Chelsi Hollinsworth to work during the year 2019 with no valid dental assisting permit.

Ct II – FAILURE TO DISPLAY PERMIT IN VIOLATION OF 59 O.S.§ 328.21, specifically for not displaying a current dental assisting permit for Chelsi Hollinsworth in 2019.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent the subject matter herein pursuant to the Oklahoma State Dental Act 59 O.S. § 328.1 et. seq and the Board of Dentistry Rules and Regulations, Title 195 et. seq.
- 2. Based on the foregoing facts and admissions, the Board finds that Respondent committed violations of
 - Ct I WORKING AN UNLICENSED PERSON TO WORK AS A DENTAL ASSISTANT IN VIOLATION OF 59 O.S §328.32 (A)(24) Specifically for allowing Chelsi Hollinsworth to work during the year 2019 with no valid dental assisting permit.
 - Ct II FAILURE TO DISPLAY PERMIT IN VIOLATION OF 59 O.S.§ 328.21, specifically for not displaying a current dental assisting permit for Chelsi Hollinsworth in 2019.
- 3. The Board en banc, hereby adopts the agreement of the parties in ther Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction.

AGREED ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry as follows:

- 1. There is NO ACTION against the license of Respondent, Chelsi Hollinsworth, Dental Assistant permit #1301 at this time.
- 2. Respondent shall pay an administrative fine of \$100.00, for count I. The fine must be paid no later than one year from the date of the order. Any action and/or administrative fine for Count II are hereby suspended for a period of

two years but may be reopened for a failure to complete the agreed order or a new violation.

- 3. Respondent will conduct her practice in compliance with all other State Laws and Regulations under the Oklahoma Dental Practices Act;
- 4. Respondent will not violate any State or Federal law;
- 5. Respondent will keep the Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry informed of her current address.

6. Failure to meet any terms of the Board Order will constitute cause for the Board to initiate additional proceedings to suspend, revoke or modify Respondent's license after due notice and hearing.

Mike Howl, D.D.S., Board President, OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

<u>Panel Members</u> Dr. James Gore Dr. Krista Jones

AGREED AND APPROVED:

Chelsi Hollinsworth, Dental Assistant

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