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: 24-12 (B)
SAVANNAH MCCUDDY, DA#5808)
Respondent)

STATEMENT OF COMPLAINT

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED on the following charges made against you.

GENERAL BACKGROUND

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over the Defendant 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. **SAVVANAH MCCUDDY, DA#5808** is licensed to practice dentistry in the State of Oklahoma. McCuddy's dental assisting permit is currently in full force and effect and was originally issued in 2014. The actions relevant to this Statement of Complaint occurred in and around Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- 3. The acts and omissions, which constitute the allegations contained in this Statement of Complaint, occurred during the period from January 1, 2022, through September 16, 2024, but at all times relevant to the State Dental Act and Oklahoma State laws. The requirements of the State Dental Act and the Rules and Regulations of the Board to regulate the conduct herein were in effect for all times appropriate to the actions described in this Statement of Complaint.

SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS

Each of the paragraphs, as stated above, are incorporated and adopted by reference herein for each specific allegation.

1. A complaint was received on February 5, 2024, regarding WILLIAM G. REEVES, D.D.S., and an allegation of unsanitary conditions in his office.

- 2. Dr. Carmen assigned Dr. Shawn Scott and Dr. Stan Crawford as the review panel, and Investigator Steve Lowe and Deputy Director were assigned to the case.
- 3. Patient V.T. made a complaint regarding unsanitary conditions at Dr. Reeves' clinic in OKC. Patient V.T. alleged that instruments were not being sanitized correctly and Dr. Reeves passed gas in her face while she was lying in the chair.
- 4. The basis of the initial complaint was deemed to be unsubstantiated by the review panel, however, the investigation did reveal licensing violations of Oklahoma State Statute as it pertains to the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) and unlicensed personnel.
- 5. During the investigation, investigators found that the dental assistant permit displayed for Savannah McCuddy #DA5808 had expired on December 31, 2021. Dental Board records confirmed that DA McCuddy's permit had expired on December 31, 2021, and that she did have two expanded function permits, Coronal Polishing and X-ray.
- 6. DA McCuddy stated she thought she had renewed her permit and admitted to working chairside and taking x-rays. DA McCuddy advised she was the hygiene coordinator, so she didn't work chairside every day. DA McCuddy advised she only took one or two x-rays a month and denied placing sealants or assisting with nitrous.
- 7. When questioned about DA McCuddy not having a valid dental assisting permit, Dr. Reeves stated he had been dealing with an ailing family member for the last nine months that had recently passed and that had caused some of the issues. Dr. Reeves advised he would get McCuddy's permit updated as soon as possible.

The above acts and omissions set forth above constitutes violations of the State Dental Act and may include violations of State and Federal laws

CT. 1.—3; FAILURE TO SECURE AN ANNUAL RENEWAL AND PRACTICING WITHOUT A VALID DENTAL ASSISTING PERMIT; 59 O.S. §328.41. Specifically, for not renewing a dental assisting permit and working as a dental assistant in 2022, 2023, and 2024.

POTENTIAL SANCTION(S)

The Board is authorized, after notice or opportunity for a hearing pursuant to Article II of the Administrative Procedures Act, to issue an order to impose sanction(s) whenever the Board finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that a licensee has violated the State Laws or Rules in regard to their license. The minimum to maximum sanction in this matter ranges from no action to revocation of license and an administrative fine of up to \$1500 per violation. We request for this matter to be set for hearing on the next Board Agenda.

ATTORNEY'S FEES

The Board is authorized, after notice or opportunity for a hearing pursuant to Article II of the Administrative Procedures Act, to request the costs of prosecution and attorney's fees be recovered from the Respondent. The Board is requesting costs and attorney's fees.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Rogers, Esq.

Executive Director

Date

Panel Members

Dr. Shawn Scott

Dr. Stan Crawford

Investigators

Deputy Director Jeff Puckett

Investigator Steve Lowe

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