

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
OF THE STATE OF IOWA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
STATEMENT OF CHARGES
AGAINST**

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**TAMMY S. RHEA, D.D.S.
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NOTICE OF HEARING

Respondent

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COMES NOW the Iowa Board of Dental Examiners and files this Notice of Hearing pursuant to Iowa Code Section 17A.12(2). Respondent was issued Iowa dental license number 7433 on March 19, 1990. That license is active and will next expire on June 30, 2006.

A. TIME, PLACE AND NATURE OF HEARING

1. Hearing. A disciplinary contested case hearing shall be held on October 24, 2006, before the full Board of Dental Examiners. The hearing shall begin at 10:00 a.m. and shall be located in the conference room at the office of the Iowa Board of Dental Examiners office at 400 SW 8th Street, Ste D, Des Moines, Iowa.

2. Answer. Within twenty (20) days of the date you are served this Notice of Hearing you are required by 650 Iowa Administrative Code 51.12(2) to file an Answer. In that Answer, you should also state whether you will require a continuance of the date and time of the hearing.

3. Presiding Officer. The Board shall serve as presiding officer, but the Board may request an Administrative Law Judge make initial rulings on prehearing matters, and be present to assist and advise the Board at hearing.

4. Hearing Procedures. The procedural rules governing the conduct of the hearing are found at 650 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 51. At hearing, you will be allowed the opportunity to respond to the charges against you, to produce evidence on your behalf, cross-examine witnesses, and examine any documents introduced at hearing. You may appear personally or be represented by counsel at your own expense. If you need to request an alternative time or date for hearing you must review the requirements in 650 Iowa Administrative Code 51.18. The hearing may be open to the public or closed to the public at the discretion of the Respondent.

5. Prosecution. The office of the Attorney General is responsible for representing the public interest (the State) in this proceeding. Pleadings shall be filed with the Board and copies should be provided to counsel for the State at the following address: Theresa O'Connell Weeg, Assistant Attorney General, Iowa Attorney General's Office, 2nd Floor, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

6. Communications. You may not contact board members by phone, letter, facsimile, e-mail, or in person about this Notice of Hearing. Board members may only receive information about the case when all parties have notice and an opportunity to participate, such as at the hearing or in pleadings you file with the Board office and serve upon all parties in the case. You should direct any questions to Constance L. Price, Executive Director at 515-281-5157.

B. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

7. Jurisdiction. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 17A, 147, 153, and 272C (2005).

8. Legal Authority: If any of the allegations against you are founded, the Board has authority to take disciplinary action against you under Iowa Code Chapters 17A, 147, 153, and 272C (2005) and 650 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 51.

9. Default. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Board may enter a default decision or proceed with the hearing and render a decision in your absence, in accordance with Iowa Code Section 17A.12(3) and 650 Iowa Administrative Code 51.22.

C. SECTIONS OF STATUTES AND RULES INVOLVED

COUNT I

10. Respondent is charged under Iowa Code Section 153.34(4) (2005) with willfully or repeatedly violating a Board rule by failing to protect the health of patients by delegating auxiliary staff duties which cannot be legally delegated to them, which is in violation of 650 Iowa Administrative Code Section 27.5.

COUNT II

11. Respondent is charged under Iowa Code Section 153.34(4) and 650 Iowa Administrative Code 30.4(22) with employing or permitting an unregistered person to practice dental assisting.

12. The Board has reviewed this matter and has approved the short and plain Statement of Matters Asserted. A Statement of the Matters Asserted shall be furnished to

Respondent as an attachment to this Notice. However, this short and plain Statement of the Matters Asserted is not a public record.

13. Settlement. This matter may be resolved by settlement agreement. The procedural rules governing the Board's settlement process are found at 650 Iowa Administrative Code 51.19. If you are interested in pursuing settlement of this matter, please contact Constance L. Price, Executive Director.

14. On this 16th day of June, 2006, the Iowa Board of Dental Examiners found probable cause to file this Notice of Hearing.


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