

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

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

**BETH A. NEAL, D.H., RESPONDENT**

**KALONA, IOWA**

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**STATEMENT OF CHARGES, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER**

**(combined)**

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**COMES NOW** the Iowa Dental Board (the Board), and Beth A. Neal D.H. (Respondent), on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, and pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 17A.10(2) and 272C.3(4), enter into the following combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

1. A hearing on this matter will not be held as the Board and Respondent have entered into the following combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order.
2. Respondent was issued license number 01961 to practice dental hygiene in the state of Iowa on May 9, 1988.
3. Respondent's Iowa dental hygiene license is currently lapsed.

## **LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION**

4. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 147, 153 and 272C.

## **STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

### **SECTIONS OF STATUTES AND RULES INVOLVED**

#### **COUNT I**

5. Respondent is charged under Iowa Code Section 153.34(4)(2013) and 650 Iowa Administrative Code 30.4(15) with performing duties for which a valid license or registration is required.

### **STATEMENT OF MATTERS ASSERTED**

6. Iowa law requires that a person engaged in the practice of dental hygiene, or dental assisting have an active license or registration.
7. Pursuant to Iowa Administrative Code Section 14.5(1)(c) failure of a licensee to renew a license prior to November 1 following expiration shall cause the license to lapse and become invalid. A licensee whose license has lapsed and becomes invalid is prohibited from practicing.
8. Respondent's Iowa dental hygiene license lapsed in 1994.
9. In April 2013 the Board received information that Respondent was performing dental assisting duties at an office in Iowa.
10. Respondent is not a registered dental assistant in Iowa.

## **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

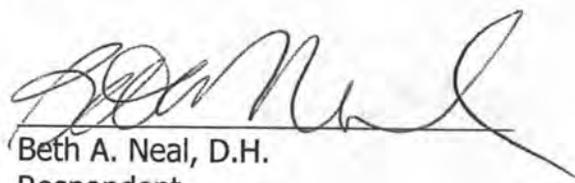
**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent is hereby **CITED** for engaging in the practice of dental assisting without an active license or registration and **WARNED** that future violations may result in further disciplinary action.

10. Respondent agrees to submit a civil penalty in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to the Iowa Dental Board within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order made payable to Treasurer, State of Iowa, and deposited in the general fund.

## **FINAL ORDER**

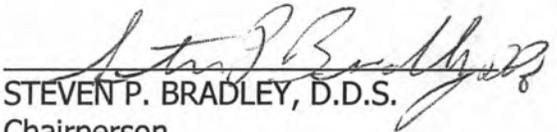
11. This combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order constitutes the resolution of a contested case proceeding.
12. By entering into this combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order, Respondent voluntarily waives any rights to a contested case hearing on the allegations contained in the Statement of Matters Asserted, and waives any objections to the terms of this Settlement Agreement.
13. Respondent understands that by entering into this combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order, she cannot obtain a copy of the investigative file. Under Section 272C.6(4), a copy of the investigative file may only be provided to a licensee after a Statement of Charges is filed but before the final resolution of those charges.
14. This combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order, is voluntarily submitted by Respondent to the Board for consideration.

15. Respondent acknowledges that she has the right to be represented by counsel in this matter.
16. This combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order becomes public record available for inspection and copying upon execution of this agreement in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code Chapters 17A, 22 and 272C.
17. Respondent understands that the Board will report this Order to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.
18. Respondent acknowledges that no member of the Board, nor any employee, nor attorney for the Board, has coerced, intimidated, or pressured her, in any way whatsoever, to execute this Order.
19. This combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order, is subject to approval of the Board. If the Board fails to approve this combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order, it shall be of no force or effect to either party.
20. The Board's approval of this combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order shall constitute a **Final Order** of the Board.



Beth A. Neal, D.H.  
Respondent

This combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order is approved by the Board on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

  
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