

BEFORE THE DENTAL BOARD OF THE STATE OF IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST

ERIN MCLAUGHLIN-HARKIN, D.D.S., RESPONDENT

URBANDALE, IOWA

#18-0203, #19-0028

STATEMENT OF CHARGES, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT and FINAL ORDER

(combined)

COME NOW the Iowa Dental Board (Board), and Erin McLaughlin-Harkin, D.D.S. (Respondent), and pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10 and 272C.3(4), enter into the following combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order (Order).

A. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

1. Respondent was issued dental license 08483 in the state of Iowa on June 25, 2007.
2. Respondent's dental license is current and will expire on August 31, 2020.
3. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 147, 153, and 272C (2018).

B. STATEMENT OF CHARGES

SECTIONS OF STATUTES AND RULES INVOLVED

COUNT I

4. Respondent is charged under Iowa Code section 153.34(8) and 650 IAC 30.4(16) with failing to maintain a reasonably satisfactory standard of competency in the practice of dentistry.

STATEMENT OF MATTERS ASSERTED

5. Respondent is a general dentist who, at all relevant times, was engaged in the practice of dentistry in Clive, Iowa.
6. The Board received complaints concerning Respondent's diagnosis and treatment in multiple areas of dentistry.
7. Records for multiple patients were obtained and reviewed by a consultant.
8. The consultant concluded that Respondent failed to meet the standard of care in relation to the diagnosis and treatment of dental disease.

C. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

9. Respondent is **CITED** for failing to maintain a reasonably satisfactory standard of competency in the practice of dentistry and **WARNED** that future violations may result in further disciplinary action, including license revocation.
10. Respondent voluntarily agrees to immediately place her dental license on **INACTIVE STATUS**. Respondent shall not engage in the practice of dentistry while her dental license is on inactive status. Respondent may apply for reactivation or reinstatement of her dental license, as applicable, upon submission of the following:

- a. Proof of completion of the Dentist Professional Review and Evaluation Program (D-PREP), sent directly from the evaluator to the Board.
 - b. Proof of successful completion of all remediation recommendations contained in the D-PREP report at a CODA accredited dental college, sent directly to the Board by the facilitator. A copy of the D-PREP report must be provided to the facilitator in advance of the remediation.
 - c. The name and curriculum vitae of a proposed practice monitor and proposed written practice monitoring plan for approval. The practice monitor must be an Iowa licensed dentist who can objectively review Respondent's practice.
11. The Board retains the sole discretion to determine whether Respondent's submission of the above information is sufficient to reactivate or reinstate her license to practice dentistry. When Respondent's license is reactivated or reinstated, Respondent's dental license shall be placed on **PROBATION**, the length and terms of which shall be established through further order of the Board.
 12. This Order constitutes the initiation and resolution of a contested case proceeding.
 13. This Order is voluntarily submitted by Respondent to the Board for consideration.
 14. 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.

15. By entering into this Order, Respondent voluntarily waives any rights to a contested case hearing and waives any objections to the terms of this Order.
16. Respondent understands that by entering into this Order, she cannot obtain a copy of the investigative file. Under Iowa Code section 272C.6(4), a copy of the investigative file may only be provided to a licensee after the initiation of a contested case proceeding and prior to its resolution.
17. Respondent acknowledges that she has the right to be represented by counsel in this matter.
18. Respondent understands that the Board is required by federal law to report this Order to the National Practitioner Data Bank.
19. Upon approval by the Board, this Order becomes a permanent public record available for inspection and copying, in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapters 22 and 272C.
20. This Order is subject to approval by the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Order, it shall be of no force or effect to either party.
21. Upon approval by the Board, this Order shall constitute a FINAL ORDER of the Board.


ERIN MCLAUGHLIN-HARKIN, D.D.S.
Respondent

This combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order is approved

by the Board on September 27th, 2019.



Chairperson, Iowa Dental Board