

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

MELISSA COMBS, R.D.H.
(License Number 7820)

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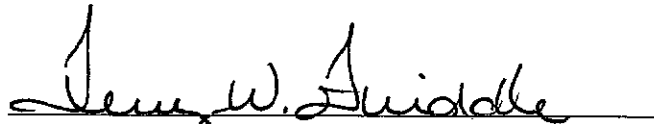
**ORDER SUMMARILY
SUSPENDING LICENSE**

Pursuant to G.S. 150B-3(c), the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners (Board) finds that the public health, safety and welfare requires emergency action and hereby summarily suspends License Number 7820 issued to Melissa Combs, R.D.H. (Respondent), effective upon service of this Order. This action is being taken based on evidence that Respondent rescinded her original agreement to participate in a hair test and urine screen, her admission that she was addicted to cocaine and methadone and her statement that she had last used cocaine and methadone on January 8, 2009. Upon admission Respondent was advised to contact the Caring Dental Professionals (CDP) immediately. CDP required Respondent to enter into a contract and report to an approved treatment facility for an inpatient assessment and treatment. Respondent failed to follow the recommendations of the CDP, did not sign a CDP contract, and did not report to an approved treatment program. It is the Board's opinion that Respondent constitutes a threat to the public health, safety and welfare. Therefore, Respondent shall immediately cease the practice of dental hygiene in North Carolina and surrender her license and current renewal certificate pending further order of the Board.

Respondent has a right to a formal hearing before the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners. This matter will be heard by the Board at the next available Board meeting in Morrisville, North Carolina. Respondent will be served with a Notice of Hearing in accordance with G.S. 150B-38(b) scheduling the hearing and containing the allegations to be heard.

This the 12th day of January, 2009.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

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Terry W. Friddle
Deputy Operations Officer