BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF: RENEE GAMMILL FAULKNER, R.D.H.

ORDER

On this 22nd day of January, 1999, comes on for hearing the matter of Renee Gammill Faulkner, R.D.H. The Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners appeared together by a quorum of its membership, together with its attorney, William H. Trice, III; Renee Gammill Faulkner, R.D.H. appeared together with her attorney, Eddie N. Christian. From the pleadings, evidence introduced, testimony of the witnesses, and argument of counsel, the Board finds that:

1. Renee Gammill Faulkner, R.D.H., is a licensed registered dental hygienist in the state of Arkansas under the provisions of the Dental Practice Act.

2. Renee Gammill Faulkner, R.D.H. has admitted in testimony that on or about the 21st of May, 1998, her residence was searched by the officers of the Fort Smith Police Department and she was found to be in possession of cocaine, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia.

3. Renee Gammill Faulkner, R.D.H., has admitted in testimony that she has a drug abuse problem, more specifically, the drug marijuana.

4. Renee Gammill Faulkner, R.D.H., has admitted in testimony that she has entered into a drug rehabilitation and monitoring program with the Arkansas Medical Foundation and has been in compliance with said program and drug free since September of 1998.

WHEREFORE, it is CONSIDERED, ORDERED and ADJUDGED that:

1. Renee Gammill Faulkner, R.D.H. has violated the Dental Practice Act, more specifically, A.C.A. § 17-82-316(b)(3)(C), that is the commission of a criminal operation, more specifically, the possession of controlled substances.
2. Renee Gammill Faulkner, R.D.H. has violated the Dental Practice Act, more specifically, A.C.A. § 17-82-316(b)(3)(C), that is the addiction to narcotics or other habit forming drugs, especially marijuana.

3. As a result of the above violations of the Dental Practice Act, Renee Gammill Faulkner, R.D.H. will be placed on probation for a period of five (5) years under the following conditions:

(a) Renee Gammill Faulkner, R.D.H. will enter into a contract with the Arkansas Medical Foundation for a period of five (5) years, and will comply with the terms of said contract. It is acknowledged that said contract was entered into by Renee Gammill Faulkner, R.D.H. in September of 1998, and the probation period will run from that time.

(b) Renee Gammill Faulkner, R.D.H. will authorize the Arkansas Medical Foundation to provide all information of compliance or noncompliance with the terms of its monitoring contract.

(c) Renee Gammill Faulkner, R.D.H. will provide to the Board a copy of the contract of monitoring for the Board’s use and benefit.

(d) Renee Gammill Faulkner, R.D.H. will pay to the Board the sum of $318.00 to reimburse the Board for its out of pocket costs for the investigation and conducting of this hearing within six (6) months from the date of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

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JAMES A. BURGESS, JR., D.D.S., PRESIDENT

DATE: 2/5/99
APPROVED:

William H. Trice, III
Attorney for the Arkansas State
Board of Dental Examiners