BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:  NANCY K. WHITCOMB, RDH

ORDER

On this 13th day of November, 2008, comes on for hearing the matter of Nancy K. Whitcomb, RDH. The Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners appeared, together by a quorum of its membership, together with its attorney, William H. Trice, III. Nancy K. Whitcomb, RDH, appeared pro se. From the pleadings, testimony of the witnesses, and evidence introduced, the Board finds that:

I.

Nancy K. Whitcomb, RDH, is licensed to practice dental hygiene in the state of Arkansas pursuant to the provisions of the Dental Practice Act.

II.

From the admissions of Nancy K. Whitcomb, RDH, and the evidence introduced, the Board finds that Nancy K. Whitcomb, RDH, on 31 January 2008, filed information seeking a renewal of her license to practice dental hygiene and reported false and fraudulent information to the Board; more specifically, information stating that she had taken a CPR course in December of 2007 and was entitled to 7 hours credit. She further submitted fraudulent information that she had taken an OSHA Infection Control course, entitling her to 16 hours of continuing education credit.

III.

After an audit and additional information was collected, the Board finds that Nancy K. Whitcomb RDH, was only entitled to 4 hours of continuing education credit for the CPR course and 9 hours of credit for the OSHA course.
IV.

Nancy K. Whitcomb RDH, either knew or should have known, that the information she submitted involving her continuing education hours was false and fraudulent; and further that she submitted said information in order to obtain her license and to renew her license to practice dental hygiene in the State of Arkansas.

Therefore, it is considered, ordered and adjudged that Nancy K. Whitcomb, RDH, violated the Dental Practice Act, more specifically ACA §17-80-104, in that she failed to take the required number of hours of continuing education in order to renew her license.

It is further ordered and adjudged that Nancy K. Whitcomb, RDH, violated the Dental Practice Act, more specifically ACA §17-82-210(c)(3), that is, she provided false and fraudulent information in order to obtain a renewal of her license to practice dental hygiene in the State of Arkansas.

It is further ordered and adjudged that Nancy K. Whitcomb, RDH, violated the Dental Practice Act, more specifically ACA §17-82-316(c)(6), that is, she violated a regulation of the Board that being Article XIV, requiring that she take and accurately report continuing education hours to the Board.

As a result of the above violations of the Dental Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations of the Board, Nancy K. Whitcomb, RDH, is issued a reprimand by the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners.

It is further ordered that as a result of the above violations of the Dental Practice Act Nancy K. Whitcomb, RDH, will pay to the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners a $500.00 fine within six months from the date of this Order.
IT IS SO ORDERED:

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Mark Muney, D.D.S., PRESIDENT

11/20/08

Date

Approved as to Form:

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