

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

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<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. #14-0081, #15-0048</b>
<b>STEFFANY L. MOHAN, D.D.S.</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF HEARING</b>
<b>RESPONDENT.</b>	)	<b>AND STATEMENT OF CHARGES</b>

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**COMES NOW** the Iowa Dental Board (Board) and files this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.12(2), 17A.18(3), and 650 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 51.6. Respondent was issued Iowa dental license number 07835 on July 1, 1996. Respondent's license is current and will next expire on August 31, 2016. Respondent's address as reported to the Board is 1089 Jordan Creek Parkway, Ste. 100, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266.

**A. TIME, PLACE AND NATURE OF HEARING**

1. Hearing. A disciplinary contested case hearing shall be held on July 21 and 22, 2016, before the Iowa Dental Board. The hearing shall begin at 8:30 a.m. and shall be located in the conference room at the office of the Iowa Dental Board, 400 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. D, Des Moines, Iowa.

2. Answer. Within twenty (20) days of the date you are served this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges you are required by 650 IAC 51.12(2) to file an Answer. The Answer should specifically admit, deny, or otherwise answer all allegations contained in sections C and D of this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges. Pleadings shall be filed with the Board at the following address: Iowa Dental Board, 400 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. D, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

3. Presiding Officer. The Board shall serve as presiding officer, but the Board may request an Administrative Law Judge make initial rulings on pre-hearing matters, and be present to assist and advise the Board at hearing.

4. Hearing Procedures. The procedural rules governing the conduct of the hearing are found at 650 IAC chapter 51. At hearing, you may appear personally or be represented by legal counsel at your own expense. You will be allowed the opportunity to respond to the charges against you, to produce evidence on your behalf on issues of material fact, cross-examine witnesses present at the hearing, and examine and respond to any documents introduced at hearing. If you need to request an alternative time or date for hearing, you must comply with the requirements of 650 IAC 51.18. The hearing may be open to the public or closed to the public at your discretion.

5. Pre-hearing Conference. Any party may request a pre-hearing conference to discuss evidentiary issues related to the hearing. The Board's rules regarding pre-hearing conferences are contained at 650 IAC 51.17.

6. Prosecution. The Office of the Attorney General is responsible for representing the public interest (the State) in this proceeding. Copies of pleadings should be provided to counsel for the State at the following address: Sara Scott, Assistant Attorney General, Iowa Attorney General's Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

7. Communications. You may not contact Board members in any manner, including by phone, letter, or e-mail, about this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges. Board members may only receive information about the case when all parties

have notice and an opportunity to participate, such as at the hearing or in pleadings you file with the Board office and serve upon all parties in the case. You should direct any questions to Sara Scott, Assistant Attorney General, Iowa Attorney General's Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

## **B. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION**

1. Jurisdiction. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 147, 153, and 272C.

2. Legal Authority. If any of the allegations against you are founded, the Board has authority to take disciplinary action against you under Iowa Code chapters 17A, 147, 153, and 272C and 650 IAC chapters 30 and 51.

3. Default. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Board may enter a default decision or proceed with the hearing and render a decision in your absence, in accordance with Iowa Code section 17A.12(3) and 650 IAC 51.22.

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

### **COUNT I**

Respondent is charged with failure to maintain a reasonably satisfactory standard of competency in the practice of dentistry, pursuant to Iowa Code section 153.34(8) and 650 Iowa Administrative Code 30.4(16).

## **D. FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

1. Respondent is a general dentist engaged in the practice of dentistry in West Des Moines, Iowa.

2. The Board received a complaint concerning Respondent's placement of several implants and a denture for patient C.D. The Board reviewed Respondent's records for patient C.D. as well as records from two subsequent treatment providers. One subsequent treatment provider expressed concerns about Respondent's care of patient C.D., including but not limited to, the number and placement of patient C.D.'s implants. The other subsequent provider also noted issues with the positioning of patient C.D.'s implants.
3. The Board received a complaint concerning Respondent's implant treatment of patient R.P. The Board reviewed Respondent's records for patient R.P. as well as records from a subsequent treatment provider. The subsequent treatment provider expressed concerns about Respondent's treatment of patient R.P., including but not limited to, treatment planning and sequencing, placement of implants, and response to treatment outcomes.
4. The Board subpoenaed additional patient records in which Respondent had placed implants and referred the records to a prosthodontic consultant for review. Following this review the consultant stated that Respondent appears to lack the clinical skills and knowledge for providing dental implant and denture prosthetics and concluded that Respondent is not practicing to an acceptable standard of care within these areas. For the patients whose records were reviewed, the consultant stated that they:
  - a. Are not receiving acceptable treatment sequencing.
  - b. Are not receiving appropriate diagnostic work up prior to implant placement.

- c. Are having implants placed with questionable use of surgical guides.
  - d. Are not receiving proper treatment for apparent failing implants.
  - e. Are not receiving proper treatment for failing implant restorations.
5. The Board referred the patient records and the report from the prosthodontic consultant to an oral surgeon consultant for review. Following this review the consultant identified concerns with Respondent's care, including but not limited to, the following:
- a. For patient C.D., the number of implants placed and the clinical positioning of the implants;
  - b. For patient R.P., implant angulation and implants with threads exposed;
  - c. For the other patients whose records were reviewed, treatment sequencing and lack of documentation of diagnostic work-up protocols.

#### **E. SETTLEMENT**

This matter may be resolved by settlement agreement. The procedural rules governing the Board's settlement process are found at 650 IAC 51.19. If you are interested in pursuing settlement of this matter, please contact Jill Stuecker, Executive Director, at 515-281-6935.

#### **F. PROBABLE CAUSE FINDING**

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016, the Iowa Dental Board found probable cause to file this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges.

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