

**STATE OF VERMONT  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

IN RE: )  
SHARON ANN HUNT ) Docket No: DE-22-0504  
Registration No.: 014-0002026

**STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER**

**STIPULATION**

NOW COMES the State of Vermont, through State Prosecuting Attorney, Robert H. Backus, and Respondent, Sharon Ann Hunt, who stipulate and agree as follows:

**Board Authority**

1. The Board of Dental Examiners ("Board") has jurisdiction to investigate and adjudicate complaints of unprofessional conduct against dental assistants pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§129 and 129a; 26 V.S.A. §§767 and 809; the Administrative Rules of the Board of Dental Examiners ("RBDE"); and the Rules of the Office of Professional Regulation.

**Statement of Facts**

2. Respondent, Sharon Ann Hunt, is registered as a dental assistant by the State of Vermont under registration number 014-0002026.
3. Respondent was hired by Horizon Dental Associates ("HDA") on or about November 16, 1998 as a dental assistant.
4. Respondent originally applied for registration as a traditional dental assistant on April 22, 2004. Respondent was granted registration on May 5, 2004.
5. From approximately November 16, 1998 through May 5, 2004, Respondent performed professional responsibilities at HDA as a dental assistant.
6. During that time, Respondent was not registered with the State of Vermont, Board of Dental Examiners as required by RBDE, Rule 2.1.

**Charges**

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7. The acts, omissions and/or circumstances described above, constitute grounds for discipline because Respondent violated:

- i. RBDE, Rule 2.1 (A person is not allowed to practice in Vermont as a dentist, dental hygienist or dental assistant unless licensed or registered by the Board); and
- ii. 3 V.S.A. §129a(a)(3) (Failing to comply with provisions of federal or state statutes or rules governing the practice of the profession).

### Understandings

8. The parties understand that the terms of this Stipulation and Consent Order are contingent upon review and acceptance by the Board and that if the Board rejects any portion the entire Stipulation and Consent Order shall be null and void.

9. The Respondent has read and reviewed this document fully and agrees that it contains the entire agreement between the parties.

10. This Stipulation and Consent Order is entered into voluntarily by the Respondent after the opportunity to consult with legal counsel. The Respondent has not been coerced by anyone into signing this Stipulation and Consent Order.

11. The Respondent is voluntarily waiving her right to a contested hearing before the Board.

12. Respondent agrees that the State has sufficient evidence for the Board to find that Respondent has engaged in unprofessional conduct and that the Order set forth below may be entered by the Board.

WHEREFORE, the parties agree that the following constitutes a reasonable resolution given the above violations:

### CONSENT ORDER

Based upon the above stipulation, it is **ADJUDGED** as follows:

A. The acts, omissions and/or circumstances described above, constitute grounds for discipline because Respondent violated:

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B. Based on the above stipulation and findings of this Board, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

**The Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).** This fine shall be paid within ninety (90) days of the date of entry of this Order.

C. This Stipulation and Consent Order is a matter of public record and may be reported to other licensing authorities as provided in 3 V.S.A. §129(a).

D. This Stipulation and Consent Order will remain part of the Respondent's licensing file and may be used for purposes of determining sanctions in any future disciplinary matter.

AGREED TO:

STATE OF VERMONT  
SECRETARY OF STATE

Dated: July 8, 2004

By: [Signature]  
Robert H. Backus  
State Prosecuting Attorney

SHARON ANN HUNT  
RESPONDENT

Dated: July 7, 2004

By: [Signature]  
Sharon Ann Hunt

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL  
EXAMINERS

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: [Signature]  
Chairperson

Date of Entry: 7/19/04

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**SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES**

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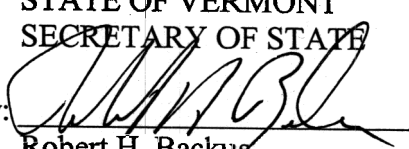
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**Relief Requested**

WHEREFORE, the Respondent's license should be revoked, suspended, reprimanded, conditioned or otherwise disciplined.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2004.

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By: 

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