

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA
BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

In the Matter of
William H. Vold, D.D.S.
License No. D9953

**ORDER FOR
UNCONDITIONAL LICENSE**

The Minnesota Board of Dentistry ("Board") met to review the petition of William H. Vold, D.D.S. ("Licensee") for reinstatement of an unconditional license to practice dentistry in Minnesota.

BACKGROUND

1. Licensee and the Board's Complaint Committee ("Committee") entered into a Stipulation and Order which was approved by the Board on September 11, 1998, ("1998 Stipulation and Order") that placed conditions on Licensee's dental license. The 1998 Stipulation and Order was based on evidence that Licensee was convicted of a felony for obtaining drugs through fraudulent use of his patient's and/or fictitious names, improperly prescribed drugs for himself, provided in substandard diagnostic treatment, substandard operative treatment, substandard endodontic treatment, substandard periodontal treatment, and substandard surgical treatment.

2. Pursuant to paragraph D. of the 1998 Stipulation and Order, Licensee's license was placed in a conditional status.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board makes the following findings of fact:

3. Pursuant to paragraph D. of the 1998 Stipulation and Order, Licensee was required to do the following:

a. Paragraph D.1.a-g. required Licensee to comply with all recommendations made by the Professional Assessment Program (PAP) at Abbott Northwestern Hospital including surrendering his DEA Certificate, not keeping potentially addicting drug samples in his office, terminating relationships with selected patients and drug dealers, not trading dental services for goods or services, continuing his recovery program, submitting to body fluid monitoring, and if he relapses he shall participate in an inpatient treatment program at one of the facilities listed. Licensee surrendered his DEA Certificate of Registration prior to the issuance of this order, submitted a copy of letters sent to his patients terminating the professional relationship, and submitted a copy of the letter sent to drug companies. Licensee also submitted to numerous random urine screens. The Committee has not received any information to indicate that Licensee relapsed while subject to this requirement.

b. Paragraph D.3. required Licensee to abstain from consuming, ingesting, or otherwise using any mood-altering chemical or drug, including but not limited to alcohol and cocaine or any controlled substance unless authorized by a licensed practitioner. The Committee has not received any indication that Licensee failed to comply with this requirement. The Board received a letter from Licensee's physician prior to prescribing a controlled substance. The letter provided information on why the prescription was needed because the physician had read the Order and was aware of Licensee's chemical dependency issues.

c. Paragraph D.4. required Licensee to submit or cause to be submitted to the Board a report from any physician or dentist who has prescribed, administered, or dispensed controlled substances to Licensee while this Order is in effect. Licensee's physician submitted a letter to the Board prior to prescribing a controlled substance and provided information on why the prescription was needed.

d. Paragraph D.5. required Licensee to attend and actively participate in Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) by attending at least two meeting per week and Dentists Concerned for Dentists (DCD) by attending monthly meetings, and obtaining a sponsor for each group. Licensee participated and regularly attended AA and DCD meetings and obtained a sponsor for each of these groups.

e. Paragraph D.6. required Licensee to meet with an informed professional monitor approved by the Board, who is an addictionologist to counsel, monitor, coordinate, and/or manage all health care provided to Licensee by any health provider. Licensee was required to meet with the monitor initially every two weeks, and thereafter as directed by the monitor. The monitor was required to report directly to the Board if Licensee showed ongoing relapse behavior or had relapsed. Licensee complied with this requirement by meeting with the professional monitor who managed and coordinated Licensee's health care for at least two years. The professional monitor received a copy of the 1998 Stipulation and Order and submitted monthly reports regarding Licensee to the Board.

f. Paragraph D.7. required Licensee to submit or cause to be submitted monthly reports to the Board from his AA and DCD sponsors. Licensee's AA and DCD sponsors submitted monthly reports to the Board in a timely fashion.

g. Paragraph D.8. required Licensee to instruct his rehabilitation group sponsors to report immediately to the Board if the sponsor suspected a relapse with mood-altering chemicals or drugs, including alcohol and cocaine. The Board's staff contacted each of Licensee's sponsors to discuss this requirement and the Committee has not received any indication from Licensee's sponsors that he has engaged in relapse behavior.

h. Paragraph D.9. required Licensee to submit monthly self-reports to the Board addressing the status of his rehabilitation, attendance at group meetings, failure to attend group meetings and why, and any other information Licensee deemed relevant. Licensee submitted the required monthly reports which were reviewed and accepted by the Committee.

i. Paragraph D.10. required Licensee to submit to random blood and urine screens at a maximum of three times each week as directed by the Board to determine the presence or absence of alcohol or drugs. Licensee was required to submit to additional screens if the Board questioned Licensee's abstinence. Licensee complied with the random urine screens as required each week by the Board and obtained negative results.

j. Paragraph D.11. required Licensee to submit to random laboratory screens as directed by the Board within two (2) hours of being contacted. Licensee complied with the laboratory screens in a timely manner as directed by the Board.

k. Paragraph D.13. required Licensee to comply with Minn. R. 3100.9600 relating to dental recordkeeping. The Committee has not received any indication that Licensee failed to comply with this requirement.

l. Paragraph D.14. required Licensee to complete a one-day course in professional risk management. Licensee completed the course offered by his malpractice insurance carrier in May 1999 and submitted a written report which was reviewed and accepted by the Committee.

m. Paragraph D.15.a. required Licensee to complete a tutorial course in pharmacology taught at the University of Minnesota by Leonard Lichtblau, Ph.D. Licensee successfully completed the course in February 2000 and the Committee reviewed and accepted the written reports submitted by Licensee and Dr. Lichtblau.

n. Paragraph D.15.b. required Licensee to complete an individually-designed course in treatment planning taught at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. Licensee successfully completed the course in July 1999 and submitted a written report which was reviewed and accepted by the Committee.

o. Paragraph D.15.c. required Licensee to complete a minimum of 14 hours of instruction in endodontics including a hands-on component and proper use of radiographs. Licensee successfully completed several endodontic seminars in a timely fashion and submitted a written report which was reviewed and accepted by the Committee.

p. Paragraph D.16. required Licensee to complete the coursework required by the 1998 Stipulation and Order and submit documentation of the coursework, copies of course materials used, and written reports on what Licensee learned and the changes made to his practice within 30 days of completion. Licensee submitted written reports in a timely fashion which were reviewed and accepted by the Committee.

q. Paragraph D.17. prohibited Licensee from applying for reinstatement of his DEA Certificate of Registration until he receives an unconditional license from the Board. Licensee was prohibited from prescribing or administering any prescription drugs for himself or family members. The Committee has not received any indication that Licensee failed to comply with this requirement.

r. Paragraph D.18. required that within 30 days of the effective date of the 1998 Stipulation and Order, Licensee write a letter to his dental suppliers informing them that he no longer had a DEA Certificate and could no longer receive controlled drug samples. Licensee was required to provide a copy of this letter to the Board. Licensee submitted a copy of the

required letter to the Committee in a timely fashion which was reviewed and accepted by the Committee.

s. Paragraph D.19. required that within 30 days of the effective date of the Order, Licensee provide a copy of the 1998 Stipulation and Order to each of his employees, partners, and associates. Licensee was required to submit a signed written statement verifying that the staff members had received and reviewed a copy of the Order, received information about Licensee's informed monitor, understood that any attempt to procure controlled substances on behalf of Licensee is a felony, and that reporting a violation of the Order to the Board would be treated as confidential information. Licensee submitted the required signed statements to the Board on October 28, 1998. The Committee has not received any reports from staff that Licensee violated the Order.

t. Paragraph D.20. required Licensee to submit to one or more unannounced inspection to be conducted by the Board's representative for the purpose of inspecting Licensee's office and records and interview his staff to verify their knowledge of the 1998 Stipulation and Order and its consequences for Licensee's dental practice. The Board's representative conducted an unannounced inspection on December 31, 2003. The Committee reviewed and accepted the results of the inspection.

u. Paragraph D.21. required that within 30 days of the effective date of the 1998 Stipulation and Order, Licensee sever his relationships with patients from who he was receiving controlled substances or to whom he gave controlled substances without clinical justification. Licensee was required to submit to the Board a copy of each letter referring patients to other dentists. Licensee submitted the required letters in a timely fashion which were reviewed and accepted by the Committee.

v. Paragraph D.22. required Licensee to pass the Minnesota Jurisprudence Examination with a score of at least 90 percent within 90 days of the effective date of the 1998 Stipulation and Order. Licensee passed the examination on January 4, 1999, after the Committee granted him an extension to complete this requirement.

w. Paragraph D.23-25. required Licensee to comply with all laws and rules of the Board of Dentistry, cooperate with the Board's requests, and comply with the most current infection control requirements. The Committee has not received any indication that Licensee has violated this portion of the 1998 Stipulation and Order.

x. Paragraph D.26. required Licensee to pay the Board the sum of \$10,000 as partial reimbursement for the Board's costs in this matter. Licensee paid the money in a timely manner.

Based on the foregoing, the Board concludes that Licensee has complied with the 1998 Stipulation and Order issued by the Board on September 11, 1998 and hereby issues the following:

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that an UNCONDITIONAL LICENSE to practice dentistry in the State of Minnesota be conferred upon Licensee, such license to carry all duties, benefits, responsibilities, and privileges inherent therein through Minnesota statute and rule.

Dated: March 26, 2004

MINNESOTA BOARD
OF DENTISTRY

By:


LINDA BOYUM, R.D.A.
President