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April 9, 2013

CERTIFIED/RETURN RECEIPT MAIL

Dr. Andrew W. Kelly 4164 Clemmons Road Clemmons, North Carolina 27012

Dear Dr. Kelly:

The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners has completed its review of all materials and information submitted at the settlement conference of December 7, 2012. This information establishes that on December 27, 2010, Alexandrea C. Champney, a 19 year old female, presented to your office for the extraction of teeth numbers 1, 16, 17 and 32. Ms. Champney woke up during the procedure and was somewhat combative, so you elected to discontinue the procedure following the extraction of teeth numbers 17 and 32 only. During this appointment, a left lingual nerve injury occurred without your knowledge. Ms. Champney subsequently returned to your practice on December 30, 2010, January 3 and January 10, 2011 and then later returned on August 3, 2011 complaining of pain or numbness in this area.

Based on the information available, it is the Board's opinion that your treatment of Alexandrea Champney violated G.S. §90-41, in that you failed to refer Ms. Champney to a specialist in order to address her paresthesia in a timely manner. For this reason, the Board proposes to officially reprimand you. An official reprimand would include a copy of this letter being placed in your permanent file, notification of the reprimand being sent to the National Practitioner Data Bank, and a copy of the reprimand placed on the Board's web page for approximately 3 months.

If you do not wish to accept this reprimand you have a right to request a formal hearing. This request must be in writing, and must be made within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this letter. Please indicate your acceptance of the reprimand by signing below and returning this letter to the Board office.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Board office in Morrisville. Thank you for your cooperation with the Board during its investigation of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Terry W. Friddle

Deputy Operations Officer

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ACCEPTED:

ANDREW W. KELLY, D.D.S.

DATE

cc: Members of the Board

Ms. Carolin Bakewell, Board Counsel

Ms. Alexandrea C. Champney