

**STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO
FORMAL ACTION REPORT – JULY 2009**

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Listed below is a summary of the disciplinary actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in July 2009 and an update of Board matters pending in courts as of the date of this document.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSION

BROADNAX, Walter George (MD #35-060685) – Cincinnati, OH

Pursuant to Section 3719.121(C), Ohio Revised Code, medical license immediately suspended based on doctor's conviction in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio of Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance, namely OxyContin and Percocet. Suspension effective 7/8/09; Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 7/9/09. (See also: Citations & Proposed Denials *below*)

RIVERON, RICARDO (MD #35-053423) – Holland, OH

Pursuant to determination by Wood County Child Support Enforcement Agency that doctor is in default under a child support order, medical license immediately suspended until such time as Board receives notice from that agency that doctor is no longer determined to be in default. Suspension effective 7/7/09. (See also License Reinstated *below*)

VJECHA, Michael Joseph (MD #35-049553) – Washington, DC

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, medical license summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that doctor's ability to practice is impaired and doctor has violated the terms of the 7/9/08 consent agreement, and that doctor's continued practice of medicine presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Suspension effective 7/8/09; Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 7/9/09. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials *below*)

CITATIONS & PROPOSED DENIALS

ANGE, Constance E. (DO #34-002359) – Centerville, OH

Based on doctor's alleged removal and destruction of documentation in a patient record subpoenaed by the Board, an act that constitutes a felony, and alleged pre-signing blank prescriptions and permitting office staff who are not legally authorized to prescribe to complete prescriptions for dangerous and/or controlled substances from a supply of pre-signed blank prescriptions. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 7/9/09.

BACHMANN, Denise Marie (LMT #33-009548) – Cincinnati, OH

Based on massage therapist's alleged practice of medicine (or any of its branches) and massage therapy without a license by practicing subsequent to expiration of massage therapist's license on 8/31/05. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 7/9/09.

BLANKENBURG, Robert S. (MD #35-051614) – Fairfield, OH

Based on doctor's alleged failure to cooperate in a Board investigation by failing to comply with a subpoena for patient records. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 7/9/09.

BROADNAX, Walter George (MD #35-060685) – Cincinnati, OH

Based on doctor having been found guilty in US District Court, Southern District of Ohio, of Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess Controlled Substances, namely OxyContin and Percocet, a felony, and willfully failing to pay certain employment taxes, a felony; and on doctor's alleged guilty plea to a violation of any federal law regulating the possession, distribution, or use of any drug. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 7/9/09. (See also: Pre-hearing Suspension above)

CORNICELLI, Samuel Francis, Jr. (MD #35-062164) – Columbus, OH (Corrected to reflect accurate basis for 3/11/09 action)

Doctor notified of right to request a hearing on the question of whether doctor's failure to submit to a mental or physical examination as ordered by the Board was due to circumstances beyond the doctor's control. Based on the legal presumption that doctor's failure to submit to a mental or physical examination as ordered by the Board constitutes admission of the legal and factual allegations demonstrating that doctor has an inability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of mental illness or physical illness. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 3/12/09.

KARRE, Joseph Frederick (DO #34-006548) – O'Fallon, MO

Based on prior action by Iowa's medical board in placing doctor on probation in that state, the underlying basis being doctor's failure to conform to the prevailing standard of care in respect to treatment rendered to two patients. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 7/9/09.

SCURALLI, Jordon James (LMT Applicant) – Sylvania, OH

Based on applicant's alleged impairment of ability to practice massage therapy according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care, the underlying basis being applicant having been diagnosed with alcohol abuse and determined to be impaired in ability to practice following a Board-ordered evaluation by a Board-approved treatment provider. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 7/9/09.

SHAFINIA, Sohrab (DO #34-007291) – Farmington Hills, MI

Based on prior action by Michigan's medical board in suspending doctor's Michigan license for at least six months and one day, the underlying basis being doctor's admitted selling of prescriptions for OxyContin to 289 patients doctor had not personally examined or evaluated. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 7/9/09.

VJECHA, Michael Joseph (MD #35-049553) – Washington, DC

Based on doctor's alleged violation of conditions of limitation placed on medical license by 7/9/09 consent agreement due to positive screen for cocaine metabolites and alleged impairment of ability to practice due to relapse. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 7/9/09. (See also: Pre-hearing Suspension *above*)

FINAL DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

ANTHONY, James J. (MD #35-032632) – Cincinnati, OH

Medical license suspended for 180 days, with suspension stayed subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least one year. Based on Board's determination that doctor failed to conform to minimal standards of care in treatment rendered to one specified patient. Order effective 8/11/09.

FIRTH, Patsy Nerissa (MD #35-078521) – Bel Air, MD

Suspension of medical license for 180 days stayed, subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for a period of at least two years. Based on prior action by Maryland's medical board in reprimanding and placing doctor on probation, the underlying basis being doctor's failure to meet the standard of quality medical care and failure to maintain adequate medical records. Order effective 7/9/09. (Journal Entry – no hearing requested)

JAIN, Anamika (MD #35-076296) – Las Vegas, NV

Medical license revoked, based on prior action by California's medical board in immediately suspending doctor's license in that state, the underlying basis being the suspension of doctor's medical license by the Nevada medical board. Order effective 7/8/09; Order mailed date 7/9/09. (Journal Entry – no hearing requested)

LISTON, Michael Anthony (LMT Applicant) – Circleville, OH

Massage therapy license granted, provided all statutory and regulatory requirements are met, with massage therapist reprimanded and probationary terms, conditions, and limitations established for at least one year. Based on Board's determination that applicant failed to provide full and accurate information concerning a past criminal conviction on the licensure application. Order effective 8/11/09.

McCOMB, Jason D. (LMT Applicant) – Gahanna, OH

Massage therapy licensed granted, provided all statutory and regulatory requirements are met, with license suspended for at least 60 days; interim monitoring conditions, conditions for reinstatement, and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for a period of at least five years established. Order effective 8/11/09.

MILLER, David Ronald (MD #35-037602) – Marion, OH

Medical license revoked. Based on doctor's failure to cooperate in a Board investigation. Order effective 7/9/09. (Review and Journal Entry – no hearing requested.)

SHERRY, Steven Paul (DO #34-007821) – North Canton, OH

Medical license permanently revoked. Based on Board's determination that doctor failed to conform to minimal standards of care and failed to maintain minimal standards applicable to the selection or administration of drugs in treatment rendered to 10 specified patients. Order effective 7/10/09.

INTERIM AGREEMENT

FONTANEZ, Modesto (MD #35-083857) – Long Island City, NY

By Interim Agreement effective 7/7/09, doctor agreed not to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio until the Board has issued a Final Order concerning the allegations contained in the 11/12/08 notice of opportunity for hearing.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

BLANCHARD, Paul Lewis (MD #35-079460) – Trenton, OH

Medical license reinstated subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations imposed to monitor practice based on doctor having been deemed capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care so long as certain treatment and monitoring conditions are in place. Agreement effective 7/8/09; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

BROWN, Cynthia Lynn (MD #35-061375) – Westlake, OH

Medical license suspended for at least 120 days; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions, and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admitted history of chemical dependence and having been diagnosed with benzodiazepine dependence following relapse on Xanax, for which doctor has been determined to be impaired in ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care, and having been diagnosed with depression and generalized anxiety disorder. Agreement effective 7/8/09.

CORNICELLI, Samuel Francis, Jr. (MD #35-062164) – Columbus, OH (Corrected to reflect accurate basis for 5/13/09 action)

Medical license suspended for at least 90 days; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions, and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admission of being impaired of ability to practice by reason of mental or physical illness. Agreement effective 5/13/09.

HINES, Nakisha Shwaina Simone (LMT #33-017801) – Cleveland, OH

Revocation of massage therapy license stayed subject to suspension for six months; interim monitoring conditions and subsequent probationary terms, conditions and limitations established

for a period of at least three years after reinstatement. Based on massage therapist's admission of having been convicted of five misdemeanors involving moral turpitude and having made false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statements concerning the massage therapist's criminal history during the licensure application process. Agreement effective 7/8/09; agreement to remain in effect for at least three years prior to any request for termination.

HUGUNIN, Ralph Arden (MD #35-078316) – North Ridgeville, OH (Corrected to reflect effective date of Order)

Permanent revocation of medical license stayed, subject to suspension for at least one year; conditions for reinstatement, subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least four years established; and permanent restriction and limitation banning doctor from prescribing, administering, or furnishing controlled substances outside of the hospital setting established. Board Order supersedes 8/10/05 Board Order. Based on Board's determination that in relation to doctor's prescribing controlled substances to a family member, doctor violated conditions of limitation placed on doctor's license by the 8/10/05 Board Order; committed acts constituting the felonies of deception to obtain a dangerous drug, illegal processing of drug documents and forging/identify card offense; prescribed controlled substances using fictitious names; made false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statements in relation to the practice of medicine; failed to maintain minimal standards in the selection or administration of drugs; departed from minimal standards of care; failed to cooperate in a Board investigation; failed to maintain accurate medical records; and prescribed controlled substances for a family member in non-emergency circumstances. Order effective 6/14/09; suspension effective 6/15/09.

KENNEN, James Michael (DO #34-004546 / DO #34-009065) – Lakewood, OH

Medical license restored subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations imposed to monitor practice based on doctor having been deemed capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care so long as certain treatment and monitoring conditions are in place. Agreement effective 7/8/09; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

MASON, Harold Crew (MD Applicant / MD Training Certificate #57-012661) – Columbus, OH

Medical license granted; probationary terms, conditions, and limitations established. Based on doctor's admitted diagnosis of Bipolar Disorder, for which doctor has sought treatment through a Board-approved provider, and on doctor having been deemed capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards as long as certain treatment and monitoring conditions are in place. Agreement effective 7/8/09; agreement to remain in effect for at least two years prior to any request for termination.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS

MERCHANT, Rashid Nuruddin (MD #35-033156) – Beachwood, OH

Board Order permanently revoking doctor's medical license as authorized by doctor in lieu of further investigation of doctor's alleged selling, giving away, personally furnishing, prescribing, or administering drugs for other than legal and legitimate therapeutic purposes. Effective 7/8/09.

STUMBAUGH, Clifford (LMT #33-004740) – Mansfield, OH

Massage therapist's permanent surrender of massage therapy license accepted by Board in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based on allegations that massage therapist committed an act that constitutes a felony. Effective 7/8/09.

LICENSE REINSTATED

RIVERON, Ricardo (MD #35-053423) – Holland, OH

Doctor's medical license reinstated effective 7/16/09, pursuant to notice of reinstatement/reissue of professional license from the Wood County Child Support Enforcement Agency. (See *also* Pre-hearing Suspension *above*)

TERMINATION OF REQUIRED CME DOCUMENTATION

BROWN, James Robert, Jr. (MD #35-041920) – Cleveland Hts., OH

Limitations concerning CME documentation terminated on 7/8/09 upon verification of doctor's compliance with terms of 6/8/05 consent agreement.

BURDGE, Jeremy John (MD #35-042744) – Columbus, OH

Limitations concerning CME documentation terminated on 7/8/09 upon verification of doctor's compliance with terms of 7/14/04 Board Order.

DOAK, Scott A. (MD #35-063604) – Xenia, OH

Limitations concerning CME documentation terminated on 6/22/09 upon verification of doctor's compliance with terms 5/12/04 consent agreement.

GALLO, Ugo Ernesto (MD #35-055461) – Akron, OH

Limitations concerning CME documentation terminated on 8/3/09 upon verification of doctor's compliance with terms of 4/13/05 Board Order.

HENDRIXSON, Michael L. (DO #34-006426) – Mason, OH

Limitations concerning CME documentation terminated on 7/16/09 upon verification of doctor's compliance with terms of 4/14/04 consent agreement.

LEFKOVITZ, Norman Wayne (MD #35-049231) – Fairlawn, OH

Limitations concerning CME documentation terminated on 7/16/09 upon verification of doctor's compliance with terms of 8/12/98 consent agreement.

PROBATION COMPLETED

HEYSE, Paul Frank (MD #35-043188) – Dayton, OH

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 7/14/04 consent agreement granted by Board vote on 7/8/09. Release from probation effective 7/14/09.

KUNKEL, John Fitzgerald (MD #35-076546) – Santa Rosa, CA

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 5/12/04 consent agreement granted by Board vote on 7/8/09. Release from probation effective 7/8/09.

McGINNIS, James Martin (DO #34-005660) – Wheelersburg, OH

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 7/14/04 consent agreement granted by Board vote on 7/8/09. Release from probation effective 7/14/09.

NEATER, Tania Renee (LMT #33-015109) – Lancaster, OH

Massage therapist's request for release from the terms of the 12/14/05 consent agreement granted by Board vote on 7/8/09. Release from probation effective 7/14/09.

PROBATION – MONITORING TERMS MODIFIED

ALLEN, David E. (MD #35-050640) – Pickerington, OH

Doctor's request for full authority to administer, personally furnish or possess controlled substances granted by Board vote on 7/9/09.

CARRAN, Todd S. (MD #35-070896) – Montgomery, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required psychiatric sessions to two per month granted by 7/9/09 Board vote.

FRANKOWSKI, Deborah Lynne (MD #35-071191) – Loveland, OH

Monitoring physician approved and frequency and number of charts for review established by 7/9/09 Board vote.

FRYMAN, Ryan Steven (DO #34-008473) – Columbus, OH

Doctor's request to administer or personally furnish controlled substances granted by Board vote on 7/9/09.

GRECZANIK, Richard David (DO #34-009584; DO Training Certificate #58-001880) – Canton, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months and reduce required drug and alcohol meetings to two per week, with a minimum of 10 per month, granted by 7/9/09 Board vote.

MANN, Donald C. (MD #35-071870) – North Hollywood, CA

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by 7/9/09 Board vote.

PENNEY, Nathan Thomas (DPM #36-003511; DPM Training Certificate #59-000166) – Columbus, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to an annual appearance and eliminate required controlled substance log granted by 7/9/09 Board vote.

SHOOK, Jeffrey Edward (DPM #36-002904) – Huntington, WV

Monitoring physician approved and frequency and number of charts for review established by 7/9/09 Board vote.

SIMONE, Joseph Cooper (DO #34-002296) – Columbus, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months and reduce required drug screens to two per month granted by 7/9/09 Board vote.

STEVENSON, William C. (MD #35-046537) – Washington Court House, OH

Doctor's request to discontinue required controlled substance logs and eliminate required practice plan granted by 7/9/09 Board vote.

STORROW, Alan B. (MD #35-060445) – Nashville, TN

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to an annual appearance granted by 7/9/09 Board vote.

SZOKOLOCZY-SYLLABA, Andreas Herbert (DO #34-007391) – Dayton, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required psychology sessions to two per month granted by 7/9/09 Board vote.

TURNER, Ross Putman (DO #34-009324; DO Training Certificate #58-001438) – Canal Winchester, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required psychiatric sessions to every six months granted by 7/9/09 Board vote.

COURT ACTION UPDATE

ATALLA, Emad Shoukri (MD #35-070173) – St. Marys, OH

Notice of Appeal of Board's 5/13/09 Order reprimanding doctor and establishing probationary terms, conditions, and limitations, filed by doctor with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 5/22/09.

BENNETT, Jack David (MD #35-067134) – Waverly, OH

Notice of Appeal of Board's 6/10/09 Order, which suspended doctor's medical license indefinitely, filed by doctor with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 7/21/09.

CHENDRASEKHAR, Akella (MD #35-084189) – Brooklyn, NY

Notice of Appeal to the 10th District Court of Appeals of the 6/12/09 Decision and Entry of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, which affirmed the Board's Order revoking doctor's medical license, filed on 7/10/09.

By Stipulation and Agreement of Dismissal filed 7/27/09, doctor dismissed the appeal pending in the 10th District Court of Appeals.

VOLKMAN, Paul H. (MD #35-070722) – Chillicothe, OH

By Entry filed 7/22/09, the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas dismissed the appeal of the Board's Order filed by doctor on 12/26/08.

Please note that revocation and suspension Orders are not always effective immediately. If you have questions about effective dates or conditions governing a licensee's practice before a Board Order takes effect, please contact the office.

Ohio law permits appeal of a Board Order to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. Due to this possibility and the potential for a stay that might delay the imposition of a Board action, you may wish to contact us periodically to verify a given practitioner's licensure status.

Most current citation letters, Board Orders, consent agreements and voluntary surrenders or retirements are available on the Medical Board's website at <http://med.ohio.gov/> under "Licensee Profile and Status." If you have questions or need additional details about specific cases, please contact Annette Jones at (614) 728-3686.