

**State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – August 2013**

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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in August 2013 and an update of Board matters pending or decided in courts as of August 14, 2013.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSIONS

BRESSI, James Patrick, D.O. (#34-004592) – Hudson, Ohio

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 is in violation of Sections 4731.22(B)(10), (B)(20), (B)(34), and/or (B)(6), Ohio Revised Code and that his continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 8/15/13.

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

BOMSER, Michael Howard, D.O. (#34-007954) – Columbus, Ohio

Based on doctor's alleged inability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of mental or physical illness; his alleged writing of prescriptions for controlled substances in the names of employees, co-workers and others while intending to take the controlled substances himself, which if proven would constitute the commission of an act that constitutes a felony; and his alleged engagement of prostitutes for sexual intercourse over a period of more than twenty years, which if proven would constitute the commission of an act that constitutes a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 8/15/13.

BRESSI, James Patrick, D.O. (#34-004592) – Hudson, Ohio

Based on allegations that in his care and treatment of five specified patients, the doctor engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct, which if proven would constitute the commission of an act that constitutes a felony; his alleged violations of Medical Board rules prohibiting sexual contact with patients; his alleged failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Medical Board; and his alleged departure from, or failure

to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 8/15/13.

CORNELL, Betsy L., M.T. (#33-007260) – Columbus, Ohio

Based on massage therapist's alleged practice of massage therapy for approximately six years after the expiration of her license on 8/31/07, which if proven constitutes the commission of an act that constitutes a felony. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 8/15/13.

DESAI, Robert Krishna, M.D. (#35-056148) – Westborough, Massachusetts

Based on prior action by the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine, which immediately suspended the doctor's license based on its finding that he appeared at work under the influence of alcohol and that his continued practice presented an immediate jeopardy to the health and safety of the public. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 8/15/13.

DESANTIS, James Michael, M.D. (#35-091943) – Marietta, Georgia

Based on prior action by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, which summarily suspended the doctor's license based upon the doctor's failure to enter treatment for chemical dependency. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 8/15/13.

IMMEL, Allyn Scott (M.T. Applicant) – Chillicothe, Ohio

Based on applicant's alleged failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board in that he failed to respond to written interrogatories. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 8/15/13.

LEWIS, Richard J., M.D. (#35-071324) – Bayside, New York

Based on prior action by the New York State Board of Professional Medical Conduct, which issued a surrender order and upon the doctor's conviction in the Superior Court of the State of Arizona, Maricopa County, on eighteen counts of Aggravated Assault. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 8/15/13.

ROSENSTEIN, Robert James, D.P.M. (#36-001919) – Highland Heights, Ohio

Based on podiatrist's conviction in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, on one felony count of Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 8/15/13.

UDE, Chinelo Stella, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Minneapolis, Minnesota

Based on prior action by the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice which immediately suspended the doctor's license until such time as she complies with an Order for Mental

and Physical Examination and demonstrates that she may resume the competent practice of medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 8/15/13.

UDE, Chinelo Stella, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Minneapolis, Minnesota

Doctor notified of right to request a hearing on the question of whether her failure to submit to a psychiatric examination as ordered by the Board was due to circumstances beyond her control. Based on the legal presumption that doctor's failure to submit to a psychiatric examination as ordered by the Board constitutes an admission that she is unable to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of mental illness. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 8/15/13.

FINAL ORDERS

CHAUDHRY, Naseem Mahmood, M.D. (#35-057924) – Downers Grove, Illinois

Medical license permanently revoked. Based on the doctor's conviction in the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, on one felony count of Health Care Fraud and on the doctor's conviction in the Common Pleas Court of Franklin County, Ohio, on one misdemeanor count of Workers' Compensation Fraud. Order effective 8/15/13.

FAZLANI, Naveed Anjum, M.D. (#35-068878) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor reprimanded. Based on doctor's conviction in the Dayton Municipal Court, Dayton, Ohio, on one misdemeanor count of Loitering to Engage in Solicitation. Order effective 8/29/13.

GRIFFITH, Duane Lee, M.D. (#35-087588) – Tyler, Texas

Medical license revoked. Based on prior action against the doctor's license by the Texas Medical Board, wherein the doctor was charged with failing to maintain adequate medical records, failing to adhere to established guidelines and requirements for the treatment of chronic pain, failing to use proper diligence in his professional practice, and engaging in sexually inappropriate behavior or comments directed towards a patient and his false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statement on his renewal of his license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio. (Review and Journal Entry – No hearing requested.) Order effective 8/29/13.

PAPES, Edward James (M.T. Applicant) - Avon, Ohio

Massage therapy license granted. Based on Board's finding that the applicant's conviction in the Lorain County Court of Common Pleas on one count of Falsification

and one count of Dereliction of Duty was an isolated event and that no further monitoring was required. Order effective 8/15/13.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

ATANASOFF, Nicholas Anthony, D.O. (#34-007837) – Boardman, Ohio

Doctor's previously submitted request for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio is withdrawn and doctor agrees to continue to be subject to terms of 1/9/13 consent agreement. Based on doctor's failure to fulfill all conditions for reinstatement of his license; his violation of a condition placed on his license by 1/9/13 consent agreement; and his impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. Agreement effective 8/14/13.

BHATIA, Ajay, M.D. (#35-094880) – Columbus, Ohio

Medical license subject to probationary terms and conditions for at least five years. Based on doctor's admission that he has been diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder Type I and that he has been deemed capable of practicing medicine and surgery so long as appropriate treatment, monitoring, and supervision are in place. Agreement effective 8/14/13.

BROTT, Edwin Thomas Strong, M.D. (#35-062695) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor reprimanded and medical license placed on probation for at least two years. Based on prior actions by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, which initially restricted the doctor's practice and subsequently lifted the previously established conditions and limitations, and required the doctor to maintain controlled substance logs for at least five years and make such logs available to the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure. Agreement effective 8/14/13.

GRUENTHER, Raymond Carl, M.D. (#35-058309) – Gahanna, Ohio

Medical license suspended for at least one year with conditions for reinstatement established. Based on doctor's admission that in his care and treatment of ten patients, the doctor failed to maintain minimal standards applicable to the selection or administration of drugs, or failed to employ acceptable scientific methods in the selection of drugs or other modalities for treatment of disease; departed from, or failed to conform to minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances; and violated the Board's rules governing the utilization of prescription drugs for the treatment of intractable pain. Agreement effective 8/14/13.

OAK, Juliana Jihyun, M.D. (#57-022106) – Cleveland, Ohio

Medical license subject to probationary terms and conditions for at least two years. Based on doctor's admission that she has been diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder Type I and that she has been deemed capable of practicing medicine and surgery so long as appropriate treatment, monitoring, and supervision are in place. Agreement effective 8/14/13.

PELLOSKI, Christopher Edward, M.D. (#35-094829) – Columbus, Ohio

Medical license suspended for an indefinite period of time; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established. Based on doctor's refusal to provide certain factual information to the State Medical Board of Ohio regarding criminal matters pending against him in the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio. Agreement effective 8/14/13.

REYES, Charles Wesley, M.D. (#35-054845) – Belpre, Ohio

Medical license reinstated subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations based on doctor having been deemed capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care so long as treatment and monitoring requirements are in place. Agreement effective 8/14/13; Agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

WAISSBLUTH, Alvaro Daniel, M.D. (#35-076104) – Middletown, Ohio

Doctor reprimanded and medical license placed on probation for at least two years. Based on doctor's admission that he wrote prescriptions for controlled substances for his girlfriend and a male friend without having documented such prescriptions or any examination, evaluation or treatment of the two individuals in any patient record. Agreement effective 8/14/13.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/RETIREMENTS

DERAN, Barry Peter, M.D. (#35-055640) – Lambertville, Michigan

Permanent revocation of medical license authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based on doctor's conviction in the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas on four felony counts of Trafficking in Drugs and four felony counts of Attempted Trafficking in Drugs. Effective 8/14/13.

JENKINS, Tasha Yvette, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Sylvania, Ohio

Permanent withdrawal of application for license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio ratified by vote of the Board on 8/14/13. NON-DISCIPLINARY

MARTIN, Richard Franklin, M.D. (#35-037042) – Hamilton, Ohio

Permanent surrender of medical license authorized by doctor in lieu of further investigation regarding a possible violation of Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, to wit: Rule 4731-11-08, Ohio Administrative Code, Utilizing Controlled Substances for Self and Family Members. Effective 8/14/13.

SHAFFER, Mark Baylies, Jr., M.D. (#35-023758) – Aurora, Ohio

Permanent revocation of medical license authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(9), Ohio Revised Code, arising from criminal charges pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Portage County, Ohio, including Kidnapping, a felony of the first degree. Effective 8/14/13.

SMITH, Timothy William, D.O. (#34-004608) – Fairfield, Ohio

Permanent revocation of osteopathic medical license authorized by doctor in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to 11/14/12 Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and doctor's admission that in his treatment of twelve specified patients, the doctor departed from or failed to conform to minimal standards of care; failed to maintain minimal standards applicable to the selection or administration of drugs or failed to employ acceptable scientific methods in the selection of drugs or other modalities for treatment of disease; and violated the Board's rules governing the treatment of intractable pain. Effective 8/14/13.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

ADAS, Mohammad A., M.D. (#35-055276) – Perrysburg, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of practice plan and additional monitoring physician approved by vote of the Board on 8/14/13. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed determined.

AMAN, Sohail, M.D. (#35-099366) – Church Creek, Maryland

Doctor's request for approval of prescribing and medical records keeping courses approved by vote of the Board on 8/14/13.

CROOM, Christopher S., M.D. (#35-068819) – Dayton, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician approved by vote of the Board on 8/14/13. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed established.

DEMINT, Franklin Donald, D.O. (#34-005493) – Kingston, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of additional monitoring physician approved by vote of the Board on 8/14/13. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed determined.

DUNCAN, Philicia Suanna, M.D. (#57-019888) – Cleveland, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of treating psychiatrist approved by vote of the Board on 8/14/13.

GOLDMAN, Philip Mark, M.D. (#35-060870) – Florence, Kentucky

Doctor's request to reduce required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to two per week with a minimum of ten per month, reduce required random drug testing to 26 times a year, and reduce required personal appearances to every six months approved by vote of the Board on 8/14/13.

HALSTEAD, Timothy Ross, P.A. (#50-001298) – Sandusky, Ohio

Physician assistant's request for approval of reporting physician approved by vote of the Board on 8/14/13.

JOHNSON, Gregory Gene, M.D. (#35-048254) – Perrysburg, Ohio

Doctor's request to discontinue psychiatric treatment and reduce psychotherapy treatment session to every two months approved by vote of the Board on 8/14/13.

KAY, Bruce Saul, M.D. (#35-049187) – Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of practice plan and monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/13. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed established.

KUMAR, I. Praveen, M.D. (#35-066270) – Hudson, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of controlled substance prescribing and medical records keeping courses approved by vote of the Board on 8/14/13.

MILLIS, Wendy A., M.D. (#35-073484) – Clyde, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician and psychologist to conduct psychotherapy granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/13. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed established.

PURVIS, Jerry Gaines, Jr., M.D. (#35-080726) – Valdosta, Georgia

Doctor's request to continue under the terms of 8/8/12 Step II Consent Agreement while participating in a surgery proctorship in Oregon approved by vote of the Board on 8/14/13.

SALAS, Neil Alejandro, M.D. (#57-018706 & M.D. Applicant)

Doctor's request to discontinue chart review requirement granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/13.

SKOBLAR, Richard S., M.D. (#35-038099) – Akron, Ohio

Doctor's request for acceptance of alternative evidence of his fitness to resume practice in lieu of SPEX or specialty board recertification granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/13.

WEISBROT, Albert Joseph, M.D. (#35-038648) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of controlled substance prescribing course granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/13.

WHITAKER, Emmett E., III, M.D. (#35-121452) – Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/13. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed established.

PROBATION TERMINATED

BAKER, Franklin Hobart, P.A. (#50-002801 & #55-000628) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Physician assistant's request for release from terms of 8/10/11 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/13, effective 8/25/13.

LEE, Hungchih, M.D. (#35-078406) – West Chester, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from terms of 8/11/10 Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/13, effective immediately.

MACHERET, Leonid, M.D. (#35-056178) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from terms of 12/10/08 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/13, effective immediately.

RHODEBACK, Mark A., M.T. (#33-013112) – Dublin, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for release from terms of 8/13/08 Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/13, effective immediately.

COURT ACTIONS

DEMINT, Franklin Donald, D.O. (#34-005493) – Kingston, Ohio

By Decision and Entry issued on 8/8/13, the Board's 4/10/13 indefinite suspension order is reversed and the case remanded to the Board for a new hearing.

SIDDIQUI, Siraj Ahmed, M.D. (#35-065056) – Mansfield, Ohio

By Decision and Entry filed on 8/2/13, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed Board's 4/11/12 order of indefinite suspension and permanent limitation.

SIDDIQUI, Siraj Ahmed, M.D. (#35-065056) – Mansfield, Ohio

Notice of Appeal to 10th District Court of Appeals filed by the doctor on 8/12/13.

TEMPONERAS, Margy, M.D. (#35-072571) – Portsmouth, Ohio

Notice of appeal of Board's 7/10/13 Order of permanent revocation filed by doctor with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 7/24/13.

VILLAVICENCIO, Jose, M.D. (#35-069935) – Columbus, Ohio

By Entry and Decision issued on 7/29/13, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed Board's 9/12/12 order of permanent revocation.

NON-DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

CASTRO, Ellyn Marie (M.T. Applicant) – Columbus, Ohio

Application for license to practice massage therapy denied. Based on applicant's failure to provide documentation of minimum educational requirements for license. Order effective 8/15/13.

JAMIL, Nazia (P.A. Applicant) – East Norwich, New York

Application for license to practice as a physician assistant denied. Based on applicant's failure to provide documentation that she holds a master's degree or higher or has held a license to practice as a physician assistant issued in another jurisdiction prior to January 1, 2008. Order effective 8/15/13. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.)

MCCABE, Kristin Marie (M.T. Applicant) – Columbus, Ohio

Application for license to practice massage therapy approved. Based on applicant's documentation that she has completed the minimum educational requirements for license. Order effective 8/15/13.

ZHANG, Minfen (M.T. Applicant) – Delaware, Ohio

Application for license to practice massage therapy denied. Based on applicant's failure to provide documentation of minimum educational requirements for license. Order effective 8/15/13. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.)

Please note that revocation and suspension Orders are not always effective immediately. If you have questions about effective dates or conditions governing a doctor'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://www.med.ohio.gov/> under "Licensee Profile and Status." If you have questions or need additional details about Citations, Board Orders, Consent Agreements, or Court Actions, please contact the Case Control Office. If you have questions regarding a probationary modification or a probationary request, please contact the Compliance Office. Our offices may be reached at (614) 466-3934.