

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – August 2014

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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in August 2014 and an update of Board matters pending or decided in courts as of August 13, 2014.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSIONS

BORLAND, Bryan David, D.O. (#34-011149) – Columbus, 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) and (B)(26), Ohio Revised Code and that her continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 8/13/14. (*See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.*)

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

ANGERBAUER, Steven Ralph, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Salt Lake City, Utah

Based on prior action by the Medical Quality Assurance Commission of the State of Washington which placed the doctor's license under monitoring for a period of two and one half years, in addition to other requirements, based on findings relating to the doctor's treatment of a patient who he met at a gentlemen's club for whom he prescribed significant amounts of hydrocodone and was found to have violated appropriate physician-patient boundaries with respect to the same patient. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 8/14/14.

BABARIA, Ashokkumar Ratilal, M.D. (#35-050116) – Moorestown, New Jersey

Based on the doctor's conviction in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey on one felony count of Title 42, United States Code, Section 1320a-7b(b)(2)(A), which prohibits offering to pay and/or paying illegal remunerations in violation of the federal health care anti-kickback statute, the acts underlying which conviction involved the doctor's offering to pay and/or paying cash kickbacks to physicians and other health care providers to induce referrals of Medicare and Medicaid patients to his diagnostic testing center. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 8/14/14.

BORLAND, Bryan David, D.O. (#34-011149) – Columbus, Ohio

Based on allegations that the doctor is impaired in his ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs and his statements that he took Ativan, Xanax, and hydrocodone which he diverted from patients who he treated in the emergency room where he was working, which if proven constitutes the commission of acts constituting felonies. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 8/14/14.

CHALIFOUX, Roland Fernand, Jr., D.O. (D.O. Applicant) – McMechen, West Virginia

Based on prior action against the doctor's license by the Texas Medical Board which revoked the doctor's license based on findings that he failed to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner in regard to three patients; prior action against the doctor's license by the Michigan Department of Community Health, Bureau of Health Professions; and prior action by the West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine which summarily suspended the doctor's license based on its findings that probable cause exists to believe that the doctor engaged in unprofessional conduct and conduct, practices and acts that constitutes a department from accepted standards of professional conduct. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 8/14/14.

LEWIS, Lillian Frances, M.D. (#57-022975) – Cincinnati Ohio

Based on the doctor's alleged violation of the limitations placed on her license pursuant to 5/14/14 consent agreement due to her relapse on alcohol and cocaine; her abuse of cough syrup; and on her 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. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 8/14/14.

LONG, Joshua Kieth (M.T. Applicant) – Canal Winchester, Ohio

Based on allegations that applicant is impaired in his 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. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 8/14/14.

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

Based on the doctor's conviction in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio on one felony count of knowingly accessing with intent to view visual depictions of child pornography and the doctor's execution of a Voluntary Surrender of Controlled Substances Privileges to the Drug Enforcement Administration. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 8/14/14.

STARR, Tom Reutti, M.D. (#35-026557) – Dayton, Ohio

Based on allegations that in his care and treatment of seventeen 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; violated rules governing the utilization of prescription drugs for the treatment of intractable pain; violated rules governing the utilization of controlled substances for the treatment of weight reduction; failed to complete and maintain accurate medical records; failed to take into account the potential for abuse or likelihood of drug dependence when utilizing controlled substances; engaged in sexual misconduct with one specified patient; and prescribed a controlled substance to a family member, as defined by rule, in a non-emergent situation. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 8/14/14.

FINAL ORDERS

HASSAN, Noor U., M.D. (#35-033418) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor reprimanded and medical license placed on probation for at least one year. Based on allegations that the doctor post-dated a prescription which constitutes the commission of an act in the course of practice that constitutes a misdemeanor, and is a violation of the Board's rules governing the possession, distribution, or use of controlled substances, and on prior actions against the doctor's licenses by the Hawaii Medical Board and Florida Medical Board. Order effective 8/14/14.

HUCKER, Glenda Gail (M.T. Applicant) – North College Hill, Ohio

Application for license to practice as a massage therapist denied. Based on the legal presumption that the applicant'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. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.) Order effective 8/14/14.

LANHAM, John Stuart, D.P.M. (#36-003004) – Muskego, Wisconsin

Podiatric medical license revoked. Based on prior action by the Wisconsin Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing Board, which summarily suspended the doctor's podiatric license in July 2013 and subsequently suspended the doctor's podiatric license for a period of one year based on findings that the doctor engaged in unethical conduct related to his billing practices and made false statements relating to his acceptance of insurance from several named companies when in fact he was not currently in the network of any commercial insurance company. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.) Order effective 8/14/14.

LESKO, Ronald Michael, D.O. (#34-002299) – San Diego, California

Medical license permanently revoked. Based on prior action by the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, which placed the doctor's license on probation for five years based on allegations that the doctor had engaged in gross negligence, repeated acts of negligence, incompetence, repeated acts of clearly excessive prescribing, and prescribing without appropriate examination and medical indication, and his failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in his medical care of three patients. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.) Order effective 8/14/14.

LOBO, Carolyn Mary, M.D. (#35-099257) – Benicia, California

Medical license revoked. Based on prior action by the Medical Board of California, which placed the doctor's license on probation for a period of three years based on findings that the doctor used excessive force to remove a foreign body from a patient, failed to secure appropriate assistance from nursing staff, failed to document informed consent, was dishonest during the course of the Medical Board of California's investigation of this matter, and failed to maintain adequate patient records. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.) Order effective 8/14/14.

PEREZ, Clifford Michael, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Cleveland, Ohio

Application for a license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio granted. License limited and restricted to prohibit doctor from performing laparoscopic surgery without supervision by a physician fully privileged to perform such procedures, with conditions to lift restriction established. Based on an adverse credentialing action by the United States Department of Defense, United States Air Force, which permanently restricted the doctor's laparoscopic privileges and on prior action by the Medical Board of California which placed the doctor's license on probation for a period of four years. Order effective 8/14/14.

STEWART, Willie Fred, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Merrillville, Indiana

Application for a license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio permanently denied. Based on the doctor's failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board in that he failed to respond to written interrogatories and on the doctor's lack of clinical practice in at least two year preceding his application for licensure. (Review and Journal Entry – No hearing requested.) Order effective 8/14/14.

TROJANOWSKI, Zbigniew, M.D. (#35-080445) – Manning, South Carolina

Medical license suspended for an indefinite period of time, with conditions for reinstatement established. Upon reinstatement, license subject to probationary terms and conditions for at least five years. Based on the doctor's failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board in that he failed to fully respond to questioning by the Board and failed to appear for an investigative deposition, to which he had been subpoenaed, and on his failure to complete and maintain accurate medical records for one specified patient, which constitutes a failure to maintain minimal standards applicable to the selection or administration of drugs and a departure from, or failure to conform to, minimal standards of care. Order effective 8/14/14.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

BONNER, Courtney Deselm, D.O. (#34-006885) – Cambridge, Ohio

Medical license suspended for at least 90 days, with 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 that she is currently impaired in her ability to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to chemical dependency and that she has been diagnosed with alcohol dependency. Agreement effective 8/13/14.

BORRUSO, Courtney Dean, D.O. (D.O. Applicant) – Chardon, Ohio

Application for license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery granted subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least two years. Based on doctor's admission that she has a history of psychiatric treatment for Bipolar Disorder and that following an evaluation it was determined that she is capable of practicing osteopathic medicine and surgery contingent upon appropriate treatment, monitoring, and supervision. Agreement effective 8/13/14.

CUBBISON, Theodore Roosevelt, D.O. (#34-002940) – Canfield, 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 8/13/14; Agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

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

Medical license reinstated subject to probationary terms and conditions for at least three years. Based on doctor having completed all requirements for reinstatement of license pursuant to the terms of a 8/14/13 consent agreement. Agreement effective 8/13/14.

STEINHAUSER, Carli Ann, A.A. (#67-000189) – Newport, Kentucky

Anesthesiology assistant license suspended for at least 180 days, with interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that anesthesiology assistant enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations to monitor practice. Based on anesthesiology assistant's admission that she requires treatment pursuant to the Board's administrative rules governing impairment. Agreement effective 8/13/14.

WHITLOCK, Randall Gregory, Jr., P.A. (#50-001262) – West Chester, Ohio

Physician assistant registration restored subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations based on physician assistant 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 8/13/14; Agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/RETIREMENTS

GARIN-VARGAS, Pura, M.D. (#35-032040) – Willard, Ohio

Doctor's permanent voluntary retirement of medical license accepted by the Board in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(20), (B)(6), and (B)(2), Ohio Revised Code, as set forth in an 11/13/13 Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. Effective 9/13/14.

JORGENSEN, Deborah A., P.A. (#50-001180 and #55-000824) – North Ridgeville, Ohio

Permanent revocation of physician assistant's registration authorized by physician assistant in lieu of continuing compliance with the terms of a 8/8/12 Board order and further formal disciplinary proceedings based on her admission to the allegations contained in the 7/9/14 Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. Effective 8/13/14.

SOMPUR VASANTHKUMAR, Sushil Kumar, M.D. – Montgomery, Alabama

Permanent withdrawal of application for license to practice medicine and surgery accepted by the Board in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings and on the doctor's admission to all legal and factual allegations set forth in an 11/13/13 Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. Effective 8/13/14.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

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

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

BAUS, Joseph Edward, M.D. (#35-097298) – New Philadelphia, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, to conduct drug testing while the doctor resides and practices in Nebraska granted by vote of the Board on 8/13/14.

BAUSCHKA, Maryrose Patricia, M.D. (#57-022263) – Salt Lake City, Utah

Doctor's request for approval of treating mental health counselor granted by vote of the Board on 8/13/14.

BRAUCH, Rebecca Ann, M.D. (#35-122513) – Gainesville, Florida

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

CLARK, Dustin Michael, M.D. (#35-091627) – Gray, Tennessee

Doctor's request to reduce personal appearances to once a year granted by vote of the Board on 8/13/14.

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

Massage therapist's request for approval of ethics course granted by vote of the Board on 8/13/14.

FURIN, Jennifer Joan, M.D. (#35-097990) – Strongsville, Ohio

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

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

Doctor's request to discontinue chart review requirement, discontinue drug log requirement, and discontinue comparative audit and waste log/assay requirement granted by vote of the Board on 8/13/14.

HANZLIK, Shane R., M.D. (#57-015402) – Cleveland, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of the Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program to conduct the monitoring while the doctor resides and practices in Virginia granted by vote of the Board on 8/13/14.

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

Doctor's request to discontinue the controlled substance log requirement granted by vote of the Board on 8/13/14.

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

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

LEWIS, Lillian Frances, M.D. (#57-022975) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of treating psychiatrist, who will also perform a return to work psychiatric assessment, and approval to continue under the terms of 5/14/14 consent agreement while she resides in Kentucky granted by vote of the Board on 8/13/14.

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

Doctor's request to reduce required psychiatric sessions to every three months granted by vote of the Board on 8/13/14.

PALMA, Michael J., M.D. (#57-024151) – Cleveland, Ohio

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

PROBATION TERMINATED

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

Physician assistant's request for release from terms of 8/12/09 Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 8/13/14. Effective immediately.

SARTAIN, Madelyn Renee, D.O. (#34-003964) – Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from terms of 8/12/09 Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 8/13/14. Effective immediately.

SCROGGINS, Timothy Allen, M.D. (#35-079345) – Spencer, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from terms of 5/10/12 Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 8/13/14. Effective immediately.

COURT ACTIONS

NALLURI, Anil Choudary, M.D. (#35-040657) – Canfield, Ohio

Notice of Appeal to 10th District Court of Appeals filed by the doctor on 7/10/14.

WILLIAMS, James Andrew, D.O. (#34-005346) – Kokomo, Indiana

Notice of Appeal of Board's 7/9/14 order of indefinite suspension filed by the doctor with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 7/24/14.

NON-DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

CLOSSMAN, Linda D., C.T. (#32-014734) – Blacklick, Ohio

Cosmetic therapist's application for restoration of her license to practice cosmetic therapy granted, pending passage of the Cosmetic Therapy practical examination. Based on cosmetic therapist having not practiced in at least two years prior to application for restoration of license. Order effective 8/14/14. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.)

HANNA, Mamdouh Soliman, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Bayonne, New Jersey

Application for license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio denied. Based on doctor's failure to pass all three Steps of the USMLE within ten years without having failed any of the Steps more than five times. Order effective 8/14/14. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.)

KINSER, Tammy Lynn, M.T. (#33-013939) – North Ridgeville, Ohio

Massage therapist's application for restoration of her license to practice massage therapy granted, pending passage of the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination. Based on massage therapist having not practiced in at least two years prior to application for restoration of license. Order effective 8/X14/14. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.)

MCMASTER, Megan Kyle (M.T. Applicant) – Chandler, Arizona

Application for license to practice massage therapy denied. Based on applicant's failure to provide documentation of minimum educational requirements for license. Order effective 8/14/14. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.)

POWERS, David Joseph (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 8/14/14. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.)

SAMPER, Choon Ae (M.T. Applicant) – Stamford, Connecticut

Application for license to practice massage therapy denied. Based on applicant's failure to provide documentation of minimum educational requirements for license. Order effective 8/14/14. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.)

WALL, Sheila Teresa, M.D. (#35-045567) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Application for restoration of license to practice medicine and surgery granted, pending passage of the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) or specialty board recertification examination. Based on doctor having not practiced clinical medicine in at least two years prior to application for restoration of license. Order effective 8/14/14. (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.