

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – January 8, 2020

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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio and an update of Board matters pending or decided in courts as of January 8, 2020.

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

ALMUSA, Omar, M.D., (#35.137765) - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Based on allegations that the doctor's conviction in the United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, to one count of Unlawful Dispensing and Distributing Schedule II Controlled Substance; one count of Conspiracy to Unlawfully Distribute a Schedule II Controlled Substance; and one count of Healthcare Fraud, to which the doctor was sentenced to twenty-four months of imprisonment, three years of probation, and a fifteen thousand dollar (\$15,000.00) fine, individually and/or collectively, constitute a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a felony. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 1/9/2020.

ESCOBAR, Martin, M.D., (#35.079291) - Lake Milton, Ohio

Based on allegations that when the Court of the United States District Court, for the Northern District of Ohio, ordered the doctor not to prescribe medication during the pending criminal case, resulting in the doctor's voluntarily surrender of his DEA Registration Numbers for the states of Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia, individually and/or collectively, constitute any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 1/9/2020.

NON-DISCIPLINARY CITATIONS

ABUL, Stephanie Ann, M.D., (Applicant) – Alma, Michigan (Non-Disciplinary)

Based on the doctor's submission of an application for a license to practice medicine and surgery; and on the fact that the doctor has not successfully completed at least twenty-four

months of graduate medical education through the second-year level of graduate medical education or its equivalent as determined by the Board. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 1/9/2020.

GLINES, Amy Lynn, M.T., (#33.020348) - North Canton, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Based on the massage therapist's submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy; and on the fact the massage therapist has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 1/9/2020.

KOKOSINSKI, Jennifer Ann, M.T., (Applicant) – Wellsburg, West Virginia (Non-Disciplinary)

Based on the massage therapist's submission of an application for a license to practice massage therapy; and based on the fact that the applicant has not provided evidence showing completion of a course of instruction that meets course requirements as determined by the rules of the Board. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 1/9/2020.

VANNORMAN, Aurora Lee, M.T., (Applicant) – Athens, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Based on the massage therapist's submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy; and based on the fact that the applicant has not provided evidence showing completion of a course of instruction that meets course requirements as determined by the rules of the Board. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 1/9/2020.

WEDGE, Lindsey Danielle, (Limited Permit Dietetics Applicant) – Point Pleasant, West Virginia

Based on the applicant's submission of an application to for a limited permit to practice dietetics; and also based on the applicant having failed the examination given by the Commission on Dietetic Registration on three separate occasions. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 1/9/2020.

FINAL ORDERS

AHSAN, Muhammad Kamran, M.D., (#35.083611) - Birmingham, Michigan

License to practice medicine and surgery indefinitely suspended, fined two thousand five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars, license permanently limited and restricted from prescribing controlled substances, and subject to conditions for reinstatement, and probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least five years. Based on the finding that two prior actions held against the doctor's license, a November 2019 Final Order by the Michigan Board of Medicine which suspended the doctor's license, and a January 2018 Order of Mandatory Suspension by the Virginia Board of Medicine, individually and/or collectively, constitute any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender;

denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Order effective 1/22/2020.

ASEF, Atta, D.P.M., (#36.002887) - Willoughby Hills, Ohio

License to practice podiatric medicine and surgery permanently revoked. Based on the finding that with respect to the treatment and care of one specified patient, the doctor inappropriately touched the patient's genital and buttocks area for other than appropriate healthcare purposes; and also based on the finding that the doctor pre-signed blank prescriptions without subsequently verifying the prescriptions were completed in accordance with directions; which individually or collectively, constitute: a departure from, or the failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established; and violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board, to wit: the Board's rules prohibiting sexual misconduct; and a departure from, or the failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established; and the commission of an act in the course of practice that constitutes a misdemeanor in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed. Order effective 1/22/2020.

WALDRON, Cherilynn Marie, RCP (#RCP.10081) - Cortland, Ohio

License to practice as a respiratory care permanently revoked, and fined one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars. Based on the finding that the respiratory care professional is impaired in her 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; and on the finding that she violated the conditions of limitation placed by the board upon her license in a 1/9/19 Consent Agreement, when she: pled guilty in the Trumbull County Court, Trumbull County Ohio, to one count of Reckless Operation, and one count of Disorderly Conduct; failed to provide quarterly declarations; failed to appear before the Board for her quarterly appearance; failed to submit to random toxicological screens, and to call-in and enter into financial and/or contractual arrangements with Board-approved drug testing facilities; and failed to provide evidence of continuing participation with an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program. Order effective 1/22/2020.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

BRAUTIGAM, Nicholas Charles, M.D., (#35.127322) - Miamisburg, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery suspended for a definite period of one hundred eighty (180) days, fined four thousand (\$4,000.00) dollars, and subject to interim probationary requirements. Based on the doctor's admission that when he inappropriately obtained narcotic pain medication for personal use, his acts or omissions individually and/or collectively, constitute the commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed, to wit: Deception to Obtain a Dangerous Drug. Agreement effective 1/8/2020.

SMITH, Randy Michael, D.O., (#34.013221) - Miamisburg, Ohio

License to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery reinstated, and subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least two years. Based on the doctor having completed all requirements for reinstatement of license pursuant to the terms of a 4/10/2019 Consent Agreement. Agreement effective 1/8/2020.

VOLUNTARY PERMANENT SURRENDERS, RETIREMENTS, REVOCATIONS, WITHDRAWALS

AMES, Howard S., M.D., (#35.058274) - Kure Beach, North Carolina

Voluntary permanent retirement of license to practice medicine and surgery, authorized by doctor in lieu of further investigation pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(19), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 1/8/2020.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

REED, Tammy Marie, D.O., (#34.009050) - Bradenton, Florida

Doctor's request for approval of medical record keeping course, granted by vote of the Board 1/8/2020.

SILK, Jr., John Berkeley, M.D., (#35.098705) - Troy, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of doctor to complete return to work assessment, granted by vote of the Board on 1/8/2020.

PROBATION TERMINATED

BASEDOW, William K., D.O., (#34.005686) - Ironton, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of 6/10/15 Board Order, granted by vote of the Board on 1/8/2020. Release effective 1/11/2020.

BUCZEK, Marek Antoni, M.D., (#35.082163) - Independence, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of 6/12/19 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 1/8/2020. Release effective immediately.

KAMALU, Ifeoma Nnenna, M.D., (#35.131235) - Southfield, Michigan

Doctor's request for release from the terms of October 16, 2019 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 1/8/2020. Release effective immediately.

PORTER, Donna, M.T., (#33.007572) - Wadsworth, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for release from the terms of the 7/13/2016 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 1/8/2020. Release effective 1/10/2020.

STRIEGEL, Peter Guyon, M.D., (#35.081434) - Akron, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 4/10/2019 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 1/8/2020. Release effective immediately.

REINSTATEMENTS

YURICH, Joseph Froilan, M.D., (#35.092679) - Weeki Wachee, Florida

Doctor's request for reinstatement of license to practice medicine and surgery granted by vote of the Board on 1/8/2020, and subject to terms and conditions established by the 12/12/2018 Board Order. Reinstatement effective 2/3/2020.

COURT ACTIONS

EDEL, Thomas Bernard, M.D., (#35.058044) - Avon Lake, Ohio

Entry denying doctor's motion to stay Medical Board's order pending appeal filed in the Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County, Ohio, on 12/16/2019.

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 under "Lookup a License." If you have questions or need additional details about Citations, Board Orders, or Court Actions, please contact the Case Control Office. If you have questions regarding a Consent Agreements, probationary modification or a probationary request, please contact the Compliance Office. Our offices may be reached at (614) 466-3934.