

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – August 15, 2019

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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 August 15, 2019.

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

RASMUSSEN, Robert Dean, D.O., (#34.005755) - Richfield, Ohio

Based on allegations with respect to the care and treatment of two patients, the doctor, in the course of practice, authorized prescriptions for controlled substances without completing and maintaining accurate medical records. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 8/15/2019.

WOODRUM, Denise, C.T., (#32.006414) - Mason, Ohio

Based on the cosmetic therapist's submission of a restoration application to practice cosmetic therapy, and on allegations that the cosmetic therapist practiced cosmetic therapy without a valid, active license. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 8/15/2019.

NON-DISCIPLINARY CITATIONS

GULLETTE, Sheila Marie, M.T., (#33.008058) – Dayton, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Based on the massage therapist's submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, and on allegations that the massage therapist has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 8/15/2019.

KOVALAK, Catrina Lee, M.T., (#33.020109) – Seven Hills, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Based on the massage therapist's submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, and on allegations that the massage therapist has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 8/15/2019.

RUSNAK, Kimberly A., M.T., Applicant – Columbus, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Based on the massage therapist's submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on allegations that the massage therapist has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 8/15/2019.

FINAL ORDERS

GREYNOLDS, Taun T., M.T., Applicant - Cincinnati, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for license to practice massage therapy denied. Based on the finding that the massage therapist does not currently hold a diploma or certificate from a school, college, or institution in good standing as determined by the Board or in another state or jurisdiction that meets the Board's required course of instruction, or hold a current license, registration or certificate of good standing in another state for at least the preceding five years. Order effective 8/15/2019. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

HOSBROOK, Robert, R.C.P., Applicant - Henderson, Nevada

Application for a license to practice as a respiratory care professional granted, provided he otherwise meets all statutory and regulatory requirements, and license immediately reprimanded. Based on the respiratory care professional's submission of an application for a license to practice as a respiratory care professional, wherein the applicant disclosed his conviction in the United States District Court, District of Nevada, to one count of Bank Fraud, to which the applicant was sentenced to one day in prison, six months of house arrest, and restitution in the amount of \$354,509.73, which individually and or collectively, constitutes a plea of guilty, or finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a felony. Order effective 8/15/2019.

OSTERHUES, Jacob Robert, M.T., (#33.020960) – West Carrollton, Ohio

License to practice massage therapy suspended for an indefinite period of time, fined one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), and subject to interim monitoring, conditions for reinstatement, and probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least five years. Based on the finding that the massage therapist's indictment, and acceptance of Intervention in Lieu of Conviction, in the Warren County Court of Common Pleas, Warren County Ohio, to a charge of Aggravated Possession of Drugs, a fifth-degree felony, individually or collectively constitutes an 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 his to practice; and constitutes 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. Order effective 8/28/2019.

PEPLOW, Summer Paige, R.C.P., Applicant - Dublin, Ohio

Application for a license to practice as a respiratory care professional granted, provided that applicant otherwise meets all statutory and regulatory requirements, and immediately suspended for an indefinite period of time, but not less than ninety days, and subject to conditions for reinstatement or restoration, and probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least five years. Based on the respiratory care professional's submission of an application for a license to practice as a respiratory care professional; also based on the applicant's prior permanent revocation by the former Ohio Respiratory Care Board, which individually or collectively constitutes 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; 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 8/28/2019.

RABI, Firas Atallah, M.D., (#35.098154) – Abdoun, Amman, Jordan

License to practice medicine and surgery revoked, and fined one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Based on the finding that the doctor failed to comply with the terms of the 5/20/2016 Board Order when he failed to submit quarterly declarations, and failed to continue psychiatric treatment by a board approved psychiatrist, which individually and/or collectively, constitute a violation of the conditions of limitation placed by the board upon a license or certificate to practice. Order effective 8/15/2019. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

RICHARD, Dana Phillip, D.O., (#34.003966) - Lantana, Florida

License to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery permanently revoked. Based on a 3/9/2018 Final Order Accepting Settlement Agreement, and a 3/14/2018 Final Order Accepting Settlement Agreement issued by the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine, which 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 8/15/2019.

STJEPANOVIC, Zeljko, M.D., Applicant - Richmond, Virginia

Application for a license to practice medicine and surgery permanently denied. Based on the submission of an application for a license to practice medicine and surgery, and on the finding that when the doctor had several hidden notecards confiscated from him by exam proctors during his eighth attempt to pass the USMLE Step 3 exam, his conduct individually and/or collectively constitute having committed fraud during the administration of the examination for a license or certificate to practice or to have committed fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying

for, renewing, or securing any license or certificate to practice or certificate to recommend issued by the board; and constitute a violation of any provision of a code of ethics of the American medical association, the American osteopathic association, the American podiatric medical association, or any other national professional organizations that the board specifies by rule, to wit: Principle II of the American Medical Association Principles of Medical Ethics. Order effective 8/15/2019. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

VASHI, Christopher Neil, M.D., (#35.096249) - Cincinnati, Ohio

Commencing on the thirty-first day following the effective date of the Order, the doctor's license to practice medicine and surgery is suspended for an indefinite period of time, but not less than one year, fined twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00), and subject to interim monitoring, conditions for reinstatement or restoration, and probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least five years. Based on the finding that when the doctor prescribed a controlled substance to a family member, engaged in a sexual relationship with a patient-coworker, was terminated from his medical practice for violating the practice's policies, and obtained treatment for Alcohol Use Disorder, the doctor's conduct and/or omissions, individually or collectively, constitute: an impairment 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; and that the doctor violated or attempted to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisted in or abetted the violation of, or conspired to violate, the Board's rules, to wit: sexual misconduct, and the utilization of controlled substances for self and family members, and thereby departed from the minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established; the Board's rule Utilizing Controlled Substances for Self and Family Members; and the Board's rules pertaining to the doctor's failure 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 the treatment of disease. Order effective 8/28/2019.

WILLIAMS, Tonya Latrise, M.T., Applicant - Ottawa Hills, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for a license to practice massage therapy granted, provided that the massage therapist otherwise meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. Based on the submission of an application for a license to practice massage therapy, and based upon the totality of the applicant's professional and educational experience. Order effective 8/28/2019

ZOLLARS, Laurel Elise, M.D., (#35.080731) - Georgetown, Texas

License to practice medicine and surgery is revoked, and fined one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Based on the finding that the prior action by the Maryland State Board of Physicians which issued an 8/30/2018 Final Order of Revocation, which was based in part on the finding that the doctor provided false information on renewal application; and a prior action by the Virginia Department of Health Professionals, which issued an 10/18/2018 Mandatory Order of Suspension, based on the Virginia Order; and a prior action by the Medical Board of California, which issued an 10/29/2018 Suspension Order, that those actions 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 8/15/2019. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

AGGARWAL, Krishan Kumar, M.D., (#35.066253) - Weirton, West Virginia

License to practice medicine and surgery reinstated, and subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations, until doctor submits satisfactory documentation of successful completion of educational courses pertaining to maintaining adequate and appropriate medical records and corresponding written reports to the Board. Based on doctor having completed all requirements for reinstatement of license pursuant to the terms of an 8/8/2018 Consent agreement. Agreement effective 8/14/2019.

ANESHANSLEY, Hollie Michelle, M.T., (#33.014761) - Lancaster, Ohio

License to practice massage therapy reinstated, and subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations, for at least five years. Based on the massage therapist having completed all requirements for reinstatement of license pursuant to the terms of an 3/13/2019 Consent Agreement. Agreement effective 8/14/2019.

JENKS, Brenden P., M.D., Applicant – Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Applicant subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least five years. Based on the doctor's submission of an application for a license to practice medicine and surgery wherein the doctor disclosed prior treatment for chemical dependency, a subsequent relapse, and in-patient treatment for Alcohol Use Disorder and Cannabis Use Disorder. Agreement effective 8/14/2019

SCHWARTZ, Paul J., M.D., (#35.050898) - West Chester, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery reprimanded, fined five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), and subject to probationary requirements until the doctor submits satisfactory documentation of successful completion of the required medical education courses, as well as the corresponding written reports to the Board. Based on a prior action by the Medical Board of California, which issued a 1/9/2019 Decision and Order denying the doctor's application to practice medicine and surgery because the doctor had provided false information on two separate applications. Agreement effective 8/14/2019.

VOLUNTARY PERMANENT SURRENDERS, RETIREMENTS, REVOCATIONS, WITHDRAWALS

BENIT, Meir, M.D., (#35.036508) - Elyria, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Permanent surrender of license to practice medicine and surgery authorized by doctor in lieu of continuing compliance with the terms of the 4/12/2017 Consent Agreement. Agreement effective 8/14/2019.

ROSENSTEIN, Robert James, D.P.M., (#36.001919) - Highland Heights, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice podiatric medicine and surgery authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(8), and 4731.22(B)(10), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 8/14/2019.

SAQER, Rezik Abdul Aziz, M.D., (#35.065952) - Houston, Texas (Non-Disciplinary)

Permanent surrender of license to practice medicine and surgery authorized by doctor in lieu of continuing compliance with the terms of the 8/10/2016 Consent Agreement. Agreement effective 8/14/2019.

TERHAR, Monida Beth, L.D., (#LD.6477) - Cincinnati, Ohio

Voluntary permanent retirement of license to practice dietetics authorized by dietician in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4759.07(A)(11) and 4759.07(A)(14), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 8/14/2019.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

BIEDERMANN, Christina, M.T., (#33.014336) - Sidney, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for release from the terms of the 2/8/2017 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/2019. Release effective 8/15/2019.

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

Doctor's request for approval of medical records and professional ethics courses, granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/2019.

BURLAS, Regis Paul, D.O., (#34.002863) - North Kingstown, Rhode Island

Doctor's request for approval of a reduction in appearances from every three months to every six months, granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/2019.

DALE, Roman Michael, M.D., (#35.068153) - Cleveland, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of personal and professional ethics courses, granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/2019.

MEHRA, Maneesh Lal, M.D., (#35.094934) - Avon Lake, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician, granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/2019.

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

Doctor's request for approval of prescribing course, granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/2019.

RODEBAUGH, Justin Matthew, M.D., (#35.135339) - Virginia Beach, Virginia

Doctor's request for approval of Michigan Health Professional Recovery Program to conduct monitoring while the doctor resides in Michigan, granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/2019.

STODDARD, Frank Gerard, D.P.M., (#36.003130) - Medina, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval to discontinue the chart review requirement, granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/2019.

PROBATION TERMINATED

BALDIE, Kevin Gordon, M.D., (#35.128985) - Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 8/9/2017 Step II Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/2019. Effective immediately.

BENZ, Thomas Bartley, M.D., (#35.127311) - Jane Lew, West Virginia

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 9/9/2015 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/2019. Release effective 8/25/2019.

HELLESEN, Emily Koch, M.T., (#33.019705) - Shaker Heights, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for release from the terms of the 5/11/2016 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/2019. Release effective 8/16/2019.

KUNTZMAN, Andrew J., M.T., (#33.006590) - Vandalia, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for release from the terms of the 2/8/2017 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/2019. Release effective 8/25/2019.

LINDNER, Robert Arthur, M.T., (#33.009676) - Columbus, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for release from the terms of the 5/10/2017 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/2019. Release effective 8/10/2019.

NOTESTINE, Bethany Joy, M.T., (#33.023073) - Cincinnati, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for release from the terms of the 5/11/2016 Board Order, granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/2019. Release effective immediately.

WHITLOCK, Randall G., Jr., P.A., (#50.001262RX) - Jamestown, Ohio

Physician assistant's request for release from the terms of the 5/13/2015 Addendum to Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 8/14/2019. Release effective immediately.

COURT ACTIONS

ANGE, Constance E., D.O., (#34.002359) - Centerville, Ohio

Notice of Appeal filed 7/25/2019, in the Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County, Ohio.

DEMAS, Christopher L., M.D., (#35.042434) – Galena, Ohio

Judgment Entry filed 7/18/2019, in the Court of Appeals of Ohio, Tenth Appellate District, affirming the judgment of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

MENKES, Alan L., D.O., (#34.001775) – Murrieta, California

Notice of Appeal filed 7/24/2019, in the Court of Appeals of Ohio, Tenth Appellate District.

ROSS, John Allen, M.D., (#35.064459) – Fostoria, Ohio

Notice of Appeal filed 7/15/2019, in the Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County, Ohio.

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.