

**State Medical Board of Ohio**  
**Formal Action Report – June 10, 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 June 10, 2020.

**CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS**

**BRAND**, Jerry L., L.M.T., (#33.020021) - Gahanna, Ohio

Based on allegations that the massage therapist inappropriately touched three specified patients while providing massage therapy services, which as alleged individually and/or collectively, constitute violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board, to wit: prohibitions against sexual misconduct; and also departure from, or 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. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 6/11/2020.

**GIANFRATE**, Gianmarino, D.O., (#58.031534) - Endicott, New York

Based on the submission of an application for a training certificate in which the doctor disclosed a prior misdemeanor offense in the General Court of Justice, District Court Division, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina to Assault on a Female, as alleged 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 misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 6/11/2020.

**JALIL**, Khalid, M.D., (#35.061272) - Stockbridge, Georgia

Based on a prior action by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, which issued a 5/2/2019 Public Consent Order, that placed the doctor's license on probation for one year and required a chaperone for all visits and encounters with female patients, which as alleged 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 6/11/2020.

**LU, Kang, M.D., (#35.099301) - Athol, Massachusetts**

Based on a pending 4/10/2019 Notice of opportunity for a hearing; also based on a prior action by the Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing which issued a 2/11/2020 Denial of Application of Licensure that was based in part on unprofessional and unlawful conduct; also based on a prior action by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine, which issued a Final Decision and Order, that revoked the doctor's license, both of which, as alleged 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 6/11/2020.

**PAPACHRISTOU, Marios D., M.D., (#35.137804) - Allison Park, Pennsylvania**

Based on the doctor's plea of guilty and conviction in the United States District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania to Unlawful Dispensing and Distributing a Schedule II Controlled Substance, and on the prior action by the West Virginia Board of Medicine, which issued a 3/11/2019 Order of Revocation to Practice Medicine and Surgery; which as alleged 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; and 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 6/11/2020.

**THOMAS, Joseph M., M.D., (#35.057481) - Erie, Pennsylvania**

Based on a prior action by the State Board of Medicine of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which issued a 4/14/2020 Consent Agreement and Order, that reprimanded the doctor's license, and ordered the doctor to complete twenty-five hours of remedial education; which as alleged 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 6/11/2020.

**TRIPLETT, Stephens, D.O., 34.006600 - Mesa, Arizona**

Based on the submission of an application for renewal of license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery; also based on the doctor's failure to respond to board requests for documentation of CME completion; which as alleged individually and/or collectively, constitute a failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the board, including failure to comply with a subpoena or order issued by the board or failure to answer truthfully a question presented by the board in an investigative interview, an investigative office conference, at a deposition, or in written interrogatories, except that failure to cooperate with an investigation shall not constitute grounds for discipline under this section if a court of competent jurisdiction has issued an order that either quashes a subpoena or permits the individual to withhold the testimony or evidence in issue. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 6/11/2020.

**WASHINGTON, Sherman, M.D., (#35.123613) - Winnetka, California**

Based on a prior action by the State of Washington Medical Commission, which issued a 1/28/2020 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Order of Default, that indefinitely suspended the doctor's license; which as alleged 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 6/11/2020.

### **NON-DISCIPLINARY CITATIONS**

**MAMAJEK-FU, Amy, C.R.T., Applicant – Columbus, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)**

Based on the respiratory care therapist's submission of an application to practice respiratory care; and based upon the therapist not having been engaged in the active practice of respiratory care for more than two years. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 6/24/2020.

### **FINAL ORDERS**

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

The Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing issued on 1/8/2020 is dismissed without prejudice, and the application to practice medicine and surgery, submitted on 9/12/2019 is withdrawn. Dismissal effective 6/10/2020.

**ASLO**, Abdulkarim, M.D., Applicant – Dublin, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

The Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing issued on 3/18/2020 is dismissed without prejudice, and the application to practice medicine and surgery, submitted on 4/1/2020 is withdrawn. Dismissal effective 6/10/2020.

**BUTLER**, George Robert, III, M.D., (#35.129547) – Troy, Michigan

License to practice medicine and surgery revoked, and subject to a three thousand dollar (\$3,000.00) fine. Based on the finding that when the doctor failed to respond to the Board's Set of Interrogatories, and failed to submit to a 72-hour inpatient examination as ordered by the Board; his acts, conduct, and/or omissions, constitute a failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the board, including failure to comply with a subpoena or order issued by the board or failure to answer truthfully a question presented by the board in an investigative interview, an investigative office conference, at a deposition, or in written interrogatories, except that failure to cooperate with an investigation shall not constitute grounds for discipline under this section if a court of competent jurisdiction has issued an order that either quashes a subpoena or permits the individual to withhold the testimony or evidence in issue; and that he 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. Order effective 6/11/2020. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**DISANTO**, Vinson Michael, D.O., (#34.009616) – Knoxville, TN

License to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery indefinitely suspended, fined two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), and subject to conditions for reinstatement, and probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least two years. Based on the finding that the prior action by the Board of Medical Licensure of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, which issued a 3/19/2019 Emergency Order of Restriction, 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 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 6/24/2020.

**RITCHEY**, William, D.O., (#34.001643) – Akron, Ohio

License to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery permanently revoked, and subject to a four thousand five hundred dollar (\$4,500.00) fine. Based on the finding with respect to the doctor's care and treatment of twelve specified patients, the doctor's acts, conduct, and or omissions, individually and/or collectively constitute: a failure to maintain minimal standards applicable to the selection or administration of drugs, or failure to employ acceptable scientific methods in the selection of drugs or other modalities for treatment of disease; 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, the board's rules, to wit: Utilizing prescription drugs for the treatment of chronic pain, and general provisions. Order effective 6/11/2020. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

### **CONSENT AGREEMENTS**

**ELLIS**, Ardeth K, L.M.T., (#33.009078) – Wellington, Ohio

License to practice massage therapy restored, and immediately suspended for a definite period of ninety days; and subject to interim monitoring terms effective upon restoration, general probationary requirements, and payment of a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) fine. Based on the massage therapist's submission of a restoration application; and on the massage therapist's admission that when she continued to practice massage therapy after her license expired, that constitutes the commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed. Agreement effective 6/10/2020.

**ENGEL**, David M., L.M.T., (#33.010847) – West Chester, Ohio

License to practice massage therapy restored, and immediately suspended for a definite period of ninety days; and subject to interim monitoring terms effective upon restoration, general probationary requirements, and payment of a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) fine. Based on the massage therapist's submission of a restoration application; and on the massage therapist's admission that when he continued to practice massage therapy after his license expired, that constitutes the commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed. Agreement effective 6/10/2020.

**WOODARD**, Donald, M.D. (#35.046548) - Gahanna, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

The doctor's application for a certificate to recommend the medical use of marijuana, submitted on 10/30/2019 is withdrawn. Agreement effective 6/10/2020.

### **REMANDS**

**GARBER**, Michael, M.D., (#35.124020) – Brooklyn, New York

The Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued on 11/9/2016, is dismissed. Order effective 6/11/2020.

## **VOLUNTARY PERMANENT SURRENDERS, RETIREMENTS, REVOCATIONS, WITHDRAWALS**

**ALAKRAWI**, Safaa A., R.C.P., (#RCP.16150) – Youngstown, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Non-disciplinary surrender of license to practice as a respiratory care professional, authorized by respiratory care professional, due to the license having previously been issued in error. Agreement effective 6/10/2020.

**DIDITCH**, Aaron, D.O., (#34.010739CTR) – Strongsville, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Non-Disciplinary surrender of certificate to recommend the medical use of marijuana authorized by the doctor. Agreement effective 6/10/2020.

**FINNEY**, Jody, L.M.T., (#33.011461) – Springfield, Ohio

Permanent revocation of license to practice massage therapy authorized by the massage therapist in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, to wit: Prohibitions. Agreement effective 6/10/2020. Revocation effective immediately.

**REDROW**, Matthew P., R.C.P., (#RCP.5902) – Morrow, Ohio

Permanent revocation of license to practice as a respiratory care professional authorized by the respiratory therapist in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4761.09(A)(18), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 6/10/2020. Revocation effective immediately.

## **PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS**

**AGGARWAL**, Krishan K., M.D., (#35.066253) – Weirton, West Virginia

Doctor's request for approval of controlled substance prescribing course, granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/2020.

**ALDERSON**, Julie M., D.O., (#34.014253) – Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of a reduction in psychotherapy treatment sessions from monthly to once every two months, granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/2020.

**BAULA**, Marvin M., M.D., (#35.099925) – Fairborn, Ohio

Doctor's request for discontinuance of the practice plan and chart review requirements, granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/2020.

**BRAUTIGAM**, Nicholas C., M.D., (#35.127322) – Maimisburg, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of professional ethics course, granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/2020.

**BROWN**, Paul R., P.A., (#50.001371RX) – Perrysburg, Ohio

Physician Assistant's request for approval of reporting physician, granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/2020.

**JOHNSON**, Peter C., M.D., (#35.066160) – Oregon, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician, granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/2020.

**PATEL**, Jaydutt, M.D., (#35.138982) – Erie, Pennsylvania

Doctor's request for approval to travel between Ohio and Erie, PA without individual approvals, granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/2020.

**RICHARDSON**, William S. M.D., (#35.072474) – Westlake, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval to discontinue medical treatment, granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/2020.

**RYAN**, Jon P., D.O., (#34.008006) – Dayton, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of assessor to complete the return to work assessment, granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/2020.

**STOLARSKI**, Raymond G., D.P.M., (#36.002621) – Clarksville, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of the personal and professional ethics course, granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/2020.

### **COURT ACTIONS**

**GARBER**, Michael, M.D., (#35.124020) – Brooklyn, New York

Judgment Entry filed 5/18/2020 in the Court of Appeals of Ohio, Tenth Appellate District, reversing the judgment of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, and remanding to court with instructions to vacate the Medical Board's 7/12/2017 order.

Judgment Entry filed 5/18/2020 in the Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County, Ohio, vacating the Medical Board's 7/12/2017 order, and remanding to the Medical Board.

**AHSAN, Muhammad K., M.D., (#35.083611) – Birmingham, Michigan**

Decision and Entry filed 5/19/2020, in the Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County, Ohio, affirming the Medical Board's order, and removing stay.

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.