

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – March 10, 2021

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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 March 10, 2021, and during the special meeting held on March 30, 2021.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSIONS

ADAMS, Nikki, M.T., (#33.024099) – Wyoming, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), license to practice massage therapy is summarily suspended based on the Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that the massage therapist is in violation of Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code, and that her continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 3/10/21. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

BRIGGS, Vilma K., M.D., (#35.068327) – Mt. Gilead, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), license to practice medicine and surgery is summarily suspended based on the Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that the doctor is in violation of Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code, and that her continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 3/10/21. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

COSGROVE, Gerard J., R.C.P.,(# RCP.1184) – Norwood, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4761.09(G), Ohio Revised Code, license to practice as a respiratory care therapist is summarily suspended based on the Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that the therapist is in violation of Section 4761.09(A)(18), Ohio Revised Code, and that his continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 3/30/21. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

DARR, Richard B., M.D., (#35.061830) – Springfield, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), license to practice medicine and surgery is summarily suspended based on the Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that the doctor is in violation of Section 4731.22(B)(19), Ohio Revised Code, and that his continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 3/10/21. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

JAGODA, Heather, M.D., (#57.246462) – Warren, Michigan

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), license to practice medicine and surgery is summarily suspended based on the Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that the doctor is in violation of Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code, and that her continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 3/30/21. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

ADAMS, Nikki, M.T., (#33.024099) – Wyoming, Ohio

Massage therapist notified of right to request a hearing on the question of whether her failure to submit to a chemical dependency examination as ordered by the Board was due to circumstances beyond her control. Based on the legal presumption that the massage therapist's failure to submit to a chemical dependency 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 her habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 3/11/21.

BRIGGS, Vilma K., M.D., (#35.068327) – Mt. Gilead, Ohio

Based on allegations that when the doctor failed to maintain sobriety when she relapsed on the use of alcohol, that act individually and/or collectively constitute impairment in the ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of her habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 3/11/21.

BUMMER, Michael A., M.D., Applicant – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Based on the doctor's submission of an application to practice medicine and surgery, and on allegations: that the voluntarily surrender of his DEA Certificate of Registration; and a prior action by the Pennsylvania Medical Board, which issued a 10/30/18 Notice and Order of Automatic Suspension; and on the doctor's plea of guilty to one count of Conspiracy to Unlawfully Distribute a Substances II Controlled Substance, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, those acts, individually and/or collectively constitute: a revocation, suspension, restriction, reduction, or termination of clinical privileges by the United States department of defense or department of veterans affairs or the termination or suspension of a certificate of registration to prescribe drugs by the drug enforcement administration of the United States department of justice; 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; and 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 3/11/21.

COSGROVE, Gerard J., R.C.P., (#RCP.1184) – Norwood, Ohio

Based on the respiratory care professional's prior arrests and convictions to OVI, and on the evaluation by a Board approved treatment provider that determined the respiratory care professional is currently impaired in his ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care, and on the respiratory care professional's failure to enter into an aftercare contract, or complete the recommended treatment, which individually and/or collectively constitute 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 Summary Suspension and Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 3/30/21.

DARR, Richard B., M.D., (#35.061830) – Springfield, Ohio

Based on allegations that a Board ordered evaluation that disclosed the doctor currently suffers from a cognitive impairment that makes the doctor incapable of practicing medicine according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care, constitutes an inability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of mental illness or physical illness, including, but not limited to, physical deterioration that adversely affects cognitive, motor, or perceptive skills. Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 3/11/21.

JAGODA, Heather, M.D., (#57.246462) – Warren, Michigan

Based on allegations that when the doctor failed to maintain sobriety when she relapsed on alcohol, that act individually and/or collectively constitute impairment in the ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of her habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 3/30/21.

MAIN, Russell, R.C.P. Applicant – Sun City, California

Based on the respiratory care professional's submission of an application for restoration of his license to practice respiratory care, and on allegations that a prior action by the Respiratory Care Board of California which issued a 1/7/13 Default Decision and Order, 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; 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 3/11/21.

MARTINEZ, Xavier, M.D., (#35.058234) – Phoenix, Arizona

Based on allegations that a prior action by the Arizona Medical Board, which issued an 8/6/20 Board order, 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 3/11/21.

WISDOM, Daryl D., M.D., (#35.098268) – Lowell, Michigan

Based on allegations that a prior action by the State Board of Medicine of the State of Michigan, which issued an 8/20/20 Order of Summary Suspension, 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 3/11/21.

NON-DISCIPLINARY CITATIONS

BACHMEYER, Marian F., M.T., (#33.012710) – Galena, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Proposed conditional approval of restoration application, based on the submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, and on the allegation that the applicant has not actively practiced massage therapy for more than two years. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 3/11/21.

FOX, Jason, M.T. Applicant – Youngstown, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Proposed denial of application to practice massage therapy, based on the submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on the allegation that the educational program course of instruction does not meet the Board's course requirements. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 3/11/21.

JOHNSON, Bozenna L., M.T. – Sylvan Lake, Michigan (Non-Disciplinary)

Proposed denial of application to practice massage therapy, based on the submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on the allegation that the educational program course of instruction does not meet the Board's course requirements. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 3/11/21.

LECHER, Melissa K., R.C.P. Applicant – Batesville, Indiana (Non-Disciplinary)

Proposed denial of application to practice as a respiratory care professional, based on the submission of an application to practice respiratory care, and on the allegation that the applicant has not passed an examination approved under the rules adopted by the board. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 3/11/21.

REYNOLDS, Vern D., D.O., (#34.006761) – Columbus, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Proposed denial of application for a certificate to recommend the medical use of marijuana, based on the submission of an application to recommend the medical use of marijuana, and on the allegation that the doctor's previous disciplinary history is based in whole, or in part, on inappropriate prescribing, personally furnishing, dispensing, diverting, administering, supplying or selling a controlled substance or other dangerous drug. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 3/11/21.

FINAL ORDERS

FERGUSON, Kimberly, M.T. Applicant – Cleveland, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Conditional approval of application to practice massage therapy, provided that the applicant takes and passes the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) within six months. Based on the submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant had not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Order effective 3/11/21. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

GRANT, Tori, M.T., (#33.022747) – Cincinnati, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Conditional approval of restoration of license to practice massage therapy, provided that the applicant takes and passes the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) within six months. Based on the submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant had not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Order effective 3/11/21. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

MCCULLOUGH, Gerald, R.C.P. Applicant – South Shore, Kentucky (Non-Disciplinary)

Conditional approval of application for a license to practice as a respiratory care professional, provided that the applicant takes and passes the Therapist Multiple Choice (TMC) for Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) within six months. Based on the submission of an application to practice respiratory care, and on the finding that the applicant had not been engaged in the active practice of respiratory care for over two years. Order effective 3/11/21. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

PARIS, Da’Vonna M., M.T. Applicant – Cleveland, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Conditional approval of application to practice massage therapy, provided that the applicant takes and passes the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) within six months. Based on the submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant had not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Order effective 3/11/21. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

REUTZEL, Amy L., M.T., (#33.017623) – Columbia Station, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Conditional approval of restoration of license to practice massage therapy, provided that the applicant takes and passes the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) within twelve months. Based on the submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant had not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Order effective 3/11/21. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

YOONESSI, Mahmood, M.D., (#35.034317) – Rancho Palos Verdes, California

Application for restoration of license to practice medicine and surgery permanently denied. Based on the doctor’s submission of an application for restoration of his license to practice medicine and surgery, and on the finding that: the prior action by the State of New York, Department of Health, which issued a 6/5/02 Order, and a 2/8/13 Denial of a Restoration application; and the prior action by the Medical Board of California which issued a 4/30/03 Order, a 6/23/03 Denial of a Petition for Reconsideration, and a 10/14/08 Denial of the doctor’s request for reinstatement, all of 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 3/11/21.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

BAHNER, Jennifer D., M.D., (#35.123019) – Novelty, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery reinstated, and subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least five years. Based on the doctor having fulfilled the conditions for restoration as established in the 10/14/20 Consent Agreement. Agreement effective 3/10/21.

DORNAUER, Irene E., R.C.P., (#RCP.6359) – Strongsville, Ohio

License to practice as a respiratory care professional indefinitely suspended for at least ninety days, and subject to general probationary requirements, and conditions for reinstatement. Based on the respiratory care professional's admission that when she relapsed on alcohol after having previously received treatment for substance abuse disorder, those actions individually and/or collectively constitute 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 ability to practice. Agreement effective 3/10/21.

HISSONG, Mitchum A., M.T., Applicant – Caledonia, Ohio

License to practice massage therapy granted, and immediately suspended for at least one year, and subject to general probationary requirements, and conditions for restoration. Based on the massage therapist's submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on his admission that when he failed to comply with terms and conditions contained within 10/19/16 Superseding Step I Consent Agreement that was issued in response to his prior relapse on drugs or alcohol; and on a 10/11/17 Board Order revoking his license, those acts, individually and/or collectively constitute 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 3/10/21.

RUBOSKY, Krista M., P.A., (#50.003759RX) – Canfield, Ohio

License to practice as a Physician Assistant reinstated, and subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least five years. Based on the physician assistant having fulfilled the conditions for restoration as established in the 10/10/18 Consent Agreement. Agreement effective 3/10/21.

VOLUNTARY PERMANENT SURRENDERS, RETIREMENTS, REVOCATIONS, WITHDRAWALS

BASSANI, Robyn S., M.T., (#33.017817) – Parma, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice massage therapy, authorized by massage therapist in lieu of further investigation pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, violating or attempting to violate, directly, or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision or rule of the Board, to wit: Prohibitions related to engaging in sexual misconduct with one or more clients, including making inappropriate sexual comments to and having sexual interactions with massage therapy clients and/or potential clients. Effective 3/30/21.

GRIFFIN, George DJ, III, M.D., (#35.038479) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice medicine and surgery, authorized by the doctor in lieu of further investigation pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(10), Ohio Revised Code, the commission of an act that constitutes a felony, related to an indictment that has been

filed against the doctor alleging the unlawful distribution and dispensing of controlled substances. Effective 3/10/21.

JOHNSTON, Martha A., M.D., (#35.050078) – Beaver creek, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice medicine and surgery, authorized by the doctor in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(2), (B)(6), and (B)(20), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 3/10/21. Revocation effective 4/12/21.

RAUSCH, Eric R., M.T., (#33.024888) – Marysville, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice massage therapy, authorized by massage therapist in lieu of further investigation pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(6), Ohio Revised Code, a departure from or failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established, related to multiple reported violations of the Sexual Misconduct and Impropriety Rules. Effective 3/30/21.

ROHNER, Ralph G., Jr., M.D., (#35.027506) – Columbus, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice medicine and surgery, authorized by the doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(2), and (B)(6), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 3/10/21.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

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

Doctor's request for approval of a reduction in psychiatric treatment sessions from once every eight weeks to once every twelve weeks, granted by vote of the Board on 3/10/21.

LAWRENCE, Susan D., D.O., (#34.005458) – Athens, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician, granted by vote of the Board on 3/10/21. Determination of frequency and number of charts to be reviewed established as ten charts per month.

LOOS, Bryan D., M.D., (#35.062744) – Olmsted Falls, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of professional ethics and boundaries course, granted by vote of the Board on 3/10/21.

MOORHEAD, Colin S., M.D., (#35.077486) – Akron, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of personal and professional ethics course, granted by vote of the Board on 3/10/21.

PROMMERSBERGER, James E., D.P.M., (#36.002619) – Boardman, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of new monitoring physician, granted by vote of the Board on 3/10/21.

WELDEN, Scott R., M.D., (#35.137180) – Covington, Kentucky

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician, granted by vote of the Board on 3/10/21. Frequency and number of chart review established as 10 charts per month.

WINKLER - KRUEGER, Aubrey D., P.A., (#50.004611RX) – Cleveland, Ohio

Physician assistant's request for release from the terms of a 3/14/18 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 3/10/21. Release effective 3/15/2021.

PROBATION TERMINATED

LEUNG, Steve M., M.D., (#57.027338) – Bedford, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval for release from the terms of the 3/9/16 Step II Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 3/10/21. Release effective immediately.

NEYOU, Ariane S., M.D., (#35.126327) – Westlake, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 11/10/20 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 3/10/21. Release effective immediately.

REYNOLDS, Vern D., D.O., (#34.006761) – Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of a 1/13/21 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 3/10/21. Release effective immediately.

REINSTATEMENTS

VASHI, Christopher N., M.D., (#35.096249) – Cincinnati, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery reinstated, and subject to the probationary terms and conditions as outlined in the 8/14/19 Board Order for at least five years.

COURT ACTIONS

COX, Marcus F., M.D., (#35.082114) – Dover, Ohio

Notice of Appeal filed on 2/18/21, in the Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County, Ohio.

Decision and Entry Denying doctor's motion to stay the Board's Order, filed on 3/29/21, in the Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County, Ohio.

EDEL, Thomas B., M.D., (#35.058044) – Avon Lake, Ohio

Decision and Entry affirming the Order of the State Medical Board, filed 3/10/21, 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.