

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – March 13, 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 March 13, 2019.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSIONS

BRIZUELA, Felix, Jr., D.O., (34.008267) - Harrison City, Pennsylvania

Pursuant to Section 3719.121(C), Ohio Revised Code, doctor's license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery is immediately suspended based upon the doctor's conviction in the United States District Court, Northern District of West Virginia to fifteen counts of Distribution of a Controlled Substance Outside the Bounds of Professional Medical Practice. Order effective 3/13/2019. (*See also; Citations/Proposed Denials below.*)

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

BRIZUELA, Felix, Jr., D.O., (34.008267) - Harrison City, Pennsylvania

Based on the doctor's conviction in the United States District Court, Northern District of West Virginia to fifteen counts of Distribution of a Controlled Substance Outside the Bounds of Professional Medical Practice. Notice of Immediate Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing mailed 3/14/2019.

FISHEL, Hazel Thornton, M.D. (35.123031) - Northfield, Ohio

Based on a prior action by the North Carolina Medical Board, which suspended the doctor's license in a December 11, 2018 Consent Order, wherein the doctor admitted: to having engaged in a romantic relationship with a former patient; and having consumed alcoholic beverages with the patient despite the doctor being responsible for the patient's care while the patient attended inpatient detoxification for alcohol use disorder. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 3/14/2019.

GOTTSCHALK, Kara, M.T., (33.023530) - Toledo, Ohio

Based on allegations that the massage therapist engaged in sexual misconduct with one specified patient, despite having an ongoing massage therapist-patient relationship. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 3/14/2019.

HOSBROOK, Robert, (RCP Applicant) - Henderson, Nevada

Based on the respiratory care professional's submission of an application 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. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 3/14/2019.

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

Based on a prior action by the Michigan Board of Medicine, which reprimanded the doctor's license in a November 14, 2018 Consent Order, wherein the doctor admitted to violating the general duty to exercise due care related to the doctor's failure to adequately safeguard blank prescriptions. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 3/14/2019.

RITCHEY, William, D.O., (34.001643) - Akron, Ohio

Based on allegations with respect to twelve specified patients, the doctor: inappropriately treated, and/or failed to appropriately treat, and/or failed to appropriately document treatment, and/or departed from or failed to conform to minimal standards of care for similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, which included; inappropriate and/or excessive prescribing; inappropriate and/or inadequate monitoring of patient's medications, and inappropriate and/or inadequate management of patient's conditions; failure to appropriately and/or adequately explain or justify the reason(s) you prescribed the medications chosen and/or escalating the doses prescribed, and/or a failure to adequately document the same, especially for patients who were prescribed opioids, benzodiazepines and/or other medications on a long-term basis; inadequate and/or incomplete documentation; and inadequate assessments for diversion or abuse, and inadequate referrals to specialists, and/or consultants. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 3/14/2019.

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

Based on a prior action by the Medical Board of California, which denied the doctor's application to practice medicine and surgery in a January 9, 2019 Decision and Order, wherein the California Board found that the doctor had provided false information on two separate applications. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 3/14/2019.

SIMONS, Mitchell Edward., M.D., (35.050545) - Cincinnati, Ohio

Based on a July 12, 2006 Entry of Order with an effective date of August 8, 2006 that permanently limited and restricted the doctor's license by requiring that a chaperone be present throughout any personal contract with a female patient; and also based on allegations with respect to ten specified patients, that the doctor: inappropriately treated, and/or failed to appropriately treat, and/or failed to appropriately document treatment, and/or departed from or

failed to conform to minimal standards of care for similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, which included; inappropriate and/or excessive prescribing; inappropriate and/or inadequate monitoring of patient's medications, and inappropriate and/or inadequate management of patient's conditions; inadequate assessments for diversion or abuse, and inadequate referrals to specialists, and/or consultants; and inadequate and/or incomplete documentation. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 3/14/2019.

NON-DISCIPLINARY CITATIONS

BRENNAN, Nichole Ann, L.M.T, (Applicant) – Fairborn, Ohio NON-DISCIPLINARY

Based on the massage therapist's application to practice massage therapy; and based 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 3/18/2019.

BURGESS, Crystal Ashley, L.M.T., (Applicant) – Northfield, Ohio NON-DISCIPLINARY

Based on the massage therapist's application to practice massage therapy; and based on allegations that the massage therapist does not hold a diploma or certificate from a school, college or institution in another state or jurisdiction that meets the Board's required course of instruction; and has not held a current license, registration or certificate of good standing for massage therapy issued in another state for at least the preceding five years. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 3/18/2019.

OSBERG, Kaitlynn Comer, L.M.T. (Applicant) – Tipp City, Ohio NON-DISCIPLINARY

Based on the massage therapist's application to practice massage therapy; and based on allegations that the massage therapist does not hold a diploma or certificate from a school, college or institution in another state or jurisdiction that meets the Board's required course of instruction; and has not held a current license, registration or certificate of good standing for massage therapy issued in another state for at least the preceding five years. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 3/18/2019.

WILLIAMS, Tonya Latrise, L.M.T. (Applicant) – Toledo, Ohio NON-DISCIPLINARY

Based on the massage therapist's application to practice massage therapy; and based on allegations that the massage therapist does not hold a diploma or certificate from a school, college or institution in another state or jurisdiction that meets the Board's required course of instruction; and has not held a current license, registration or certificate of good standing for massage therapy issued in another state for at least the preceding five years. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 3/18/2019.

FINAL ORDERS

EDWARDS, Robert Harry, M.D., (#35.059180) - Weirton, West Virginia

Doctor's license to practice medicine and surgery revoked, and subject to a three thousand dollar fine (\$3,000.00). Based on the finding that the doctor failed to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board, when the doctor failed to respond to Board interrogatories on February 23, 2018, April 4, 2018, and June 4, 2018. Order effective 3/14/2019. (Journal Entry—No Hearing Requested).

HSU, Gerry Victor, P.A., (Applicant) - Mason, Ohio

License to practice as a physician assistant granted, provided that he otherwise meets all statutory and regulatory requirements; and subject to a permanent limitation and restriction requiring a third party be present while examining or treating female patients, and probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least three years. Based on the physician assistant's submission of his April 2018 application to practice as a physician assistant; and also based on a 4/25/2017 Board Order, that revoked the physician assistant's license due to his conviction in the Municipal Court, of Hamilton County, Ohio, to one count of Public Indecency, a fourth-degree misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, all of which individually or collectively constitute the commission of an act involving moral turpitude that constitutes a misdemeanor in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed. Order effective 3/14/2019.

KAFUN, Stefanie Marie, R.C.P., (#RCP.13066) - Fairlawn, Ohio

License to practice respiratory care suspended for an indefinite period of time, but not less than sixty days; and subject to conditions for reinstatement, and probationary terms, conditions and limitations for a period of at least two years. Based on the finding that the respiratory care therapist's pleas of guilty in the Summit County, Ohio, Court of Common Pleas to two charges of possession of marijuana, both fifth-degree felonies, which individually 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. Order effective 3/14/2019.

MCKAY, Kristopher M., M.D., (#35.129390) - Birmingham, Alabama

License to practice medicine and surgery revoked and subject to a three hundred (\$300.00) fine. Based on the following prior board actions: a 2/20/2018 Order of Suspension by the Colorado Medical Board; a 4/16/2018 Order of Mandatory Suspension by the Virginia Department of Health Professionals; and a 4/4/2018 Order of Suspension by the Medical Board of California, all of which suspended the doctor's license. Also based on the doctor's failure to respond to Board interrogatories, all of which individually and or collectively constitute an action 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, for the suspension of an individual's license to practice; and also 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. Order effective 3/14/2019. (Journal Entry—No Hearing Requested).

RODRIGUEZ, Victorio Cajigal, M.D., (#35.034349) - Parma, Ohio

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 a January 18, 2018 Board subpoena, and failed to respond to subsequent mailings of said subpoena mailed on February 28, 2018, and March 19, 2018, the doctor's acts, conduct or omissions individually and 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. Order effective 3/14/2019. (Journal Entry—No Hearing Requested).

STORER, Michael W., P.A., (#50.000577RX) - Monroe, Ohio

License to practice as a physician assistant revoked. Based on the finding that the physician assistant's failure to appear at a Board-ordered examination was not due to circumstances beyond his control, and that the physician assistant's acts individually or collectively, constitute an admission that he is impaired in his ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of mental illness or physical illness, including physical deterioration that adversely affects cognitive, motor, or perceptible skills; and that the physician assistant 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 3/14/2019.

NON-DISCIPLINARY FINAL ORDERS

HEIDTMAN, Jenifer L., M.T., (#33.018402) - Cincinnati, Ohio NON-DISCIPLINARY

License to practice massage therapy approved, provided that the massage therapist takes and passes the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination within six months from the date of mailing of the Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing. Based on the massage therapist's restoration application to practice massage therapy; and based on the finding that the massage therapist has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Order effective 3/14/2019. (Journal Entry—No Hearing Requested).

KEMEN, Katrina Renee, M.T., (#33.013600) - Liberty Township, Ohio NON-DISCIPLINARY

License to practice massage therapy approved, provided that the massage therapist takes and passes the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination within six months from the date of mailing of the Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing. Based on the massage therapist's restoration application to practice massage therapy; and based on the finding that the massage therapist has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Order effective 3/14/2019. (Journal Entry—No Hearing Requested).

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

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

License to practice massage therapy indefinitely suspended, and subject to general probationary requirements, and conditions for reinstatement including the requirement that the massage therapist enter into a subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations as determined by the Board. Based on the massage therapist's admission that she 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. Agreement effective 3/13/2019.

MERTZ, Marissa Maia, M.D., (35.091568) - Columbus, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery indefinitely suspended, and subject to general probationary requirements, and conditions for reinstatement including the requirement that the doctor enter into a subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations as determined by the Board. Based on the doctor's admission that the doctor's failure to appear at a Board-ordered examination was not due to circumstances beyond her control, and that she 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. Agreement effective 3/13/2019.

VERCHIO, Melissa Lynn, M.D., (35.124228) - Canton, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery indefinitely suspended, and subject to general probationary requirements, and conditions for reinstatement including the requirement that the doctor enter into a subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations as determined by the Board. Based on the doctor's admission that she resigned from her employer due to alcohol related performance issues; that she failed to submit to a board ordered 72-hour inpatient evaluation; and that she 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. Agreement effective 3/13/2019.

VOLUNTARY PERMANENT SURRENDERS, RETIREMENTS, REVOCATIONS, WITHDRAWALS

GOSWAMI, Atul, M.D., (35.050449) - Akron, Ohio

Permanent revocation of license to practice medicine and surgery authorized by doctor in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(2), (6), (20), (34), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 6/11/2019.

SEGOVIA, Carlos Daniel, M.T., (#33.023404) - Pataskala, Ohio

Permanent revocation of license to practice medicine and surgery authorized by doctor in lieu of further investigation into allegations of a violation of Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio revised Code. Agreement effective 3/13/2019.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

ALLEN, Mark L., M.D., (#35.063078) - Poland, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of drug testing and recovery meeting monitoring to continue to be conducted by the Kansas Medical Society Professional's Health Program, granted by vote of the Board on 3/13/2019.

CARVER, Joseph Claude, M.D., (#35.129943) - Dublin, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of the submitted practice plan modification, granted by vote of the Board on 3/13/2019.

HOWKINS, Michael John, D.O., (#34.004364) - Cleveland, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician, granted by vote of the Board on 3/13/2019. Frequency and number of chart reviews established as ten charts per month.

HUGHES, David Michael, D.O., (#34.005786) - Defiance, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of release from the terms of the 3/9/2016 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 3/13/2019.

JOHNSON, James Cameron, D.O., (#34.007672) - Grove City, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of an additional monitoring physician, granted by vote of the Board on 3/13/2019.

LENTINI, Ross Rosario, M.D., (#35.063449) - East Liverpool, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval to discontinue the chart review requirement, granted by vote of the Board on 3/13/2019.

MATHUR, Pradeep, M.D., (#35.059651) - Poland, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of controlled substances prescribing, and medical record courses, granted by vote of the Board on 3/13/2019.

PROMMERSBERGER, James Edwin, D.P.M., (#36.002619) - Boardman, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician, granted by vote of the Board on 3/13/2019. Frequency and number of chart reviews established as ten charts per week.

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

Doctor's request for approval of updated Virginia Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program contract, granted by vote of the Board on 3/13/2019.

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

Doctor's request for approval to reduce personal appearances from every three months to every six months, granted by vote of the Board on 3/13/2019.

WAXMAN, Howard Mitchell, D.P.M., (#36.002098) - Willoughby Hills, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of professional ethics, and medical records courses, granted by vote of the Board on 3/13/2019.

WINKLER, Aubrey Dawn, P.A., (#50.004611RX) - Cleveland, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce the chart review requirement from ten per week to ten per month; and to reduce the preceptor reports from every month to every three months, granted by vote of the Board on 3/13/2019.

PROBATION TERMINATED

CROOM, Christopher S., M.D., (#35.068819) - Dayton, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of his 7/10/2013 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 3/13/2019. Effective immediately.

HENRY, John Sherman, M.D., (#35.077820) - Marietta, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of his 3/12/2014 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 3/13/2019. Effective immediately.

KRAMER, Thomas DeWeese, Jr., M.D., (#35.120303) - Sandusky, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 4/8/2015 Board Order, granted by vote of the Board on 3/13/2019. Effective immediately.

MAIER, Adam Christopher, D.O. (#34.011814) - Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of his 5/13/2015 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 3/13/2019. Effective immediately.

MCTAGUE, Jerome A., M.D. (#35.063632) - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 2/12/2014 Board Order, granted by vote of the Board on 3/13/2019. Effective immediately.

COURT ACTIONS

CASSELBERRY, Ronald Blane, M.D. (#35.054022) – Lyndhurst, Ohio

Notice of Appeal from the 2/13/2019 Board Order, filed on 3/13/2019, in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

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, 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.