

**STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO
FORMAL ACTION REPORT – March 2011**

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Listed below is a summary of the disciplinary actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in March 2011 and an update of Board matters pending in courts as of the date of this document.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSION

DRAGASH, Terry Alan (DO #34.004340) – Columbus, OH

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), ORC, medical license summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that doctor is impaired in the practice of medicine due to cocaine dependence, and that doctor's continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Suspension effective 3/9/11. (See also: Citations & Proposed Denials *below*)

KAREL, Douglas B. (MD #35.071689) – Wheelersburg, OH

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), ORC, medical license summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that in medical services rendered to 16 patients doctor has (1) failed to maintain minimal standards applicable to the selection or administration of drugs, or failed to employ acceptable scientific methods in the selection of drugs for treatment of disease; (2) engaged in selling, giving away, personally furnishing, prescribing, or administering drugs for other than legal and legitimate therapeutic purposes; and (3) committed an act constituting Tampering with Evidence, a felony, and further determination that doctor's continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Suspension effective 3/9/11. (See also: Citations & Proposed Denials *below*)

CITATIONS & PROPOSED DENIALS

DRAGASH, Terry Alan (DO #34.004340) – Columbus, OH

Based on doctor's alleged impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to diagnosis of cocaine dependence for which doctor has not completed recommended/required treatment and entered into an aftercare contract with a Board approved treatment provider. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 3/10/11. (See also: Pre-hearing Suspension)

EDGE, Stephen Leon (MD #35.068958) – Jupiter, FL

Based on prior action by Kentucky's medical board in indefinitely restricting doctor's Kentucky medical license, the underlying basis being doctor's practice below the minimal standards of care, with reinstatement of the medical license in that state conditioned upon the successful completion of an approved residency program, and doctor's alleged making of a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement on his 12/22/09 Ohio licensure renewal application by not disclosing the Kentucky action. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 3/10/11.

ELBERT, Melissa Charlene (MT Applicant) – Marshallville, OH

Applicant notified of right to request a hearing on the question of whether her failure to submit to an outpatient chemical dependency assessment as ordered by the Board was due to circumstances beyond her control. Based on the legal presumption that applicant's failure to submit to a mental or physical examination as ordered by the Board constitutes admission of the legal and factual allegations demonstrating that she is impaired in the 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 opportunity for hearing mailed 3/10/11.

GOMAA, Laila Ibrahim (MD #35.068963) – Dayton, OH

Based on doctor having been found guilty in the Court of Common Pleas of Franklin County of Complicity to Practice Medicine without a Certificate, a fifth-degree felony, and Attempt to Practice Medicine without a Certificate, a first-degree misdemeanor committed in the course of practice. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 3/10/11.

KAREL, Douglas B. (MD #35.071689) – Wheelersburg, OH

Based on allegations that in care rendered to 16 patients, doctor failed to maintain minimal standards applicable to the selection or administration of drugs, or failed to employ acceptable scientific methods in the selection of drugs for the treatment of disease; engaged in selling, giving away, personally furnishing, prescribing, or administering drugs for other than legal and legitimate therapeutic purposes; and committed acts constituting the felony of Tampering with Evidence. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 3/10/11. (See also: Pre-hearing Suspension)

KAY, Bruce Saul (MD #35.049187) – Dayton, OH

Based on allegations that in care rendered to 15 patients, doctor departed from, or failed to conform to, minimal standards of care; failed to maintain minimal standards applicable to the selection or administration of drugs, or failed to employ acceptable scientific methods in the selection of drugs for treatment of disease; and violated the minimal standards of care by failing to conform to the Board's rules for using prescription drugs for the treatment of intractable pain. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 3/10/11.

WEAVER, Rashiadah (MT Applicant) – Cleveland, OH

Based on applicant's alleged making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in applicant's massage therapy application by denying having been found guilty of any crimes, when applicant had been found guilty in the Court of Common Pleas of Summit County of one count of Possession of Cocaine, a felony, and on count of Theft, a felony. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 3/10/11.

FINAL DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

MAGA, Dominic Joseph (DO #34.002071) – Dayton, OH

Medical license suspended for at least 180 days; conditions for reinstatement established, and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least two years established. Based on doctor having been found guilty of five misdemeanor counts of Willful Failure to File Income Tax Return, which constitute misdemeanors involving moral turpitude. Order effective 3/11/11.

McGRIFF, Patrick Kelley (DO #34.006573) – Columbus, OH

Permanent revocation of medical license stayed; suspension of at least one year; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established; subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations established for at least four years. Based on Board determination that doctor violated the AOA code of ethics by engaging in sexual intercourse and other activities with a patient, violated the minimal standards of care in rendering care to the patient, and prescribed to the patient without completing or maintaining a medical record of the prescribing. Order effective 3/22/11.

MONTANO, Pedro Spiro (MD Applicant) – McAllen, TX

Application for medical license denied. Based on doctor's failure to have completed an acceptable examination sequence and on prior action by the Texas board in restricting doctor's license in that state and by Florida's licensing agency in issuing doctor a letter of concern based on the Texas order. Order effective 3/11/11.

NOGA, Christina Elma (MT Applicant) – Eastlake, OH

Application for massage therapy license granted; license suspended for an indefinite period of time; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established; and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations established for at least five years. Based on Board's determination that applicant is impaired of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of Alcohol Abuse, for which a Board-approved treatment provider has recommended that applicant complete intensive outpatient treatment. Order effective 3/22/11.

TAN, Ernesto Compendio (MD #35.047940) – Cincinnati, OH

Medical license suspended for at least 180 days; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established; subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations established for at least two years. Based on doctor having been convicted of Theft by Deception related to Medicaid billings, which constitutes having been convicted of a misdemeanor in the course of practice and conviction of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, and termination from participation in the Medicare or Medicaid programs. Order effective 3/22/11.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

HIGHBERGER, W. Andrew (MD #35.056976) – Marysville, OH

Medical license suspended for at least 15 months; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions, and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admission of having relapsed by consuming waste opiates and propofol, subsequent resignation of hospital privileges, and attempt to wean himself from opiates and propofol by taking butalbital left over from a prescription for another person. Agreement effective 3/9/11.

GAYLES, Richard Everard (MD #35.069743) – Merritt Island, FL

No further action imposed by the Board. Based on Board's determination that doctor was previously disciplined by the Florida licensing agency, the underlying basis being doctor's performance of wrong-site surgery, but that no further disciplinary action need be imposed. Agreement effective 3/9/11.

KAUFMAN, Andrew Russell (MD #35.091406) – Syracuse, NY

Doctor reprimanded. Based on doctor's admission of prior action by North Carolina's board in reissuing doctor a resident's training license in that state with suspension and subsequent probation, the underlying basis being that doctor's earlier training license was rendered inactive when he was suspended from a training program and on doctor's admission that the suspension resulted from his misappropriating educational grant funds. Agreement effective 3/10/11.

RICH, Jason Lowell (MD #35.081549; MD Training Cert. #57.001798) – Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Medical license suspended for 180 days; interim monitoring conditions and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations established. Based on doctor's admission of having been found guilty of Medicaid Fraud, the underlying basis being doctor's billing Medicaid for visits that did not occur. Agreement effective 3/9/11; agreement to remain in effect for at least two years from the date doctor's license is reinstated prior to any request for termination.

RODEBAUGH, Justin Matthew (MD Training Cert. #57.015418) – Cleveland, OH

Revocation of training certificate stayed; training certificate suspended for at least three years; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions, and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admission of having relapsed on alcohol, which is his third relapse, and acknowledgment that he is required to repeat treatment at a Board-approved treatment facility. Agreement effective 3/9/11.

SKOBLAR, Richard S. (MD #35.038099) – Akron, OH

Summary suspension of medical license terminated; medical license suspended for at least three years; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions, and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admission of impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to relapse on alcohol, which constitutes a violation of conditions placed on doctor's license by the 5/10/06 consent agreement. Agreement effective 3/9/11.

STORROW, Alan B. (MD #35.060445) – Nashville, TN

Revocation of medical license stayed; medical license suspended for at least one year; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions, and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admission of having relapsed on alcohol, acknowledgment that the relapse constitutes a violation of the 5/10/06 consent agreement, and admission of having been diagnosed with alcohol abuse. Agreement effective 3/9/11.

VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL

SMITH, Kevin C. (PA Applicant; #50.000467 revoked) – Michigan City, IN

Request for permanent withdrawal of application for physician assistant licensure accepted by Board in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based on allegations that applicant published a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement and committed an act constituting a misdemeanor in the course of practice and constituting a felony by submitting forged documents to the Board, and allegation that applicant is impaired in ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because he is diagnosed with alcohol and opioid dependence. Effective 3/9/11.

LICENSE REINSTATED

ADAS, Mohammad A. (MD #35.055276) – Perrysburg, OH

Doctor's request for restoration of his medical license, subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations established in the 1/8/03 Board Order for a minimum of five years, granted by 3/10/11 Board vote. Reinstatement effective 3/10/11.

PROBATION COMPLETED

ALLEN, David E. (MD #35.050640) – Pickerington, OH

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 3/9/06 Consent Agreement granted by 3/9/11 Board vote. Release effective 3/9/11.

FRAZIER, Alice Andrews (MD #35.037912) – Worthington, OH

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 3/9/10 Consent Agreement granted by 3/9/11 Board vote. Release effective 3/10/11.

REEVES, Robert S., Jr. (MD #35.050586) – Bellevue, OH

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 2/11/04 Board Order granted by 3/9/11 Board vote. Release effective 3/10/11.

PROBATION – MONITORING TERMS MODIFIED

LITTLE, Larry John (MD #35.047090) – New Albany, OH

Doctor's request for approval of a practice plan allowing doctor to open a practice, approval of monitoring physician, and establishment of frequency and number of charts granted by 3/9/11 Board vote.

BLAIR, Mark Erik (MD #35.081181; MD Training Cert. #57.003593) – Columbus, OH

Doctor's request to discontinue required drug logs granted by 3/10/11 Board vote.

GRAHAM, Christine Margareta (LMT #33.017795) – Westerville, OH

Massage therapist's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by 3/10/11 Board vote.

HETMAN, Ronald Carl (DPM #36.001421) – Centerville, OH

Doctor's request to eliminate required chart review granted by 3/10/11 Board vote.

HOLLIFIELD, William Wayne (MD #35.090687) – Gainesville, FL

Monitoring physician approved and frequency and number of charts for review established by 3/10/11 Board vote.

JOHNSON, James Cameron (DO #34.007672; DO Training Cert. #58.000414) – Grove City, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to two per week, with a minimum of 10 per month, granted by 3/10/11 Board vote.

KUBICKI, Krzysztof J. (MD #35.070327) – Weirton, WV

Monitoring physician approved and frequency and number of charts for review established by 3/10/11 Board vote.

NORTH, Phillip Thiele (MD #35.057152) – Columbus, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required psychiatric sessions to every six months granted by 3/10/11 Board vote.

REED, Steven Thomas (MD #35.092560; MD Training Cert. #57.008822) – Cleveland, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by 3/10/11 Board vote.

RISE, Leroy Peri (MD #35.088474; MD Training Cert. #57.008684) – Columbus, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required psychiatric sessions to every three months granted by 3/10/11 Board vote.

SARTAIN, Madelyn Renee (DO #34.003964) – Powell, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by 3/10/11 Board vote.

COURT ACTION UPDATE

GRIFFIN, George D. J., III (MD #35.038479) – Cincinnati, OH

Notice of appeal to the 10th District Court of Appeals from the 2/4/11 decision and 2/15/11 Entry of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas filed by doctor on 2/23/11.

By Journal Entry filed 3/16/11, the 10th District Court of Appeals granted doctor's motion for stay of the Board's 4/14/10 Order pending appeal, except that the probationary terms, conditions, and limitations of the Board's Order are effective during the stay.

Non-Disciplinary Administrative Actions

Approval of Application

HANNALLAH, Hany Ezzat (MD Applicant) – Phoenix, AZ

Medical license granted based upon Board determination that applicant's medical training and experience is equivalent to 24 months of graduate medical education. Order effective 3/11/11. **(Non-disciplinary)**

Withdrawal of Application

WOODROFFE, Taira Lynn (MD Applicant) – Columbus, OH

Applicant's request to withdraw application for medical licensure accepted by Board in lieu of further formal proceedings. Effective 3/10/11. **(Non-disciplinary)**

Please note that revocation and suspension Orders are not always effective immediately. If you have questions about effective dates or conditions governing a licensee'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 at <http://med.ohio.gov/> under "*Licensee Profile and Status.*" If you have questions or need additional details about specific cases, please contact Jackie Moore at (614) 728-4640.