

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – June 2012

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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in June 2012 and an update of Board matters pending or decided in courts as of June 13, 2012.

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

DOBSON, Walter Albert, D.O. (#34-002298) – Grand Prairie, Texas

Based on prior action by the Disciplinary Panel of the Texas Medical Board which issued an order temporarily suspending the doctor's license based upon the doctor's impairment; doctor's failure to comply with Continuing Medical Education requirements for the January 2, 2007 through January 1, 2009 CME cycle; and doctor's alleged false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statement in securing renewal of his license. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 6/14/12.

NELSON, Jeffrey Tait, M.D. (#57-020202) – Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Based on doctor's admission that he called in false prescriptions for Vicodin and Valium in the names of patients but obtained the medications for his own use and on doctor's alleged 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 opportunity for hearing mailed 6/14/12.

REYNOLDS, Richelle Marie (MT Applicant) – Toledo, Ohio

Massage therapist notified of right to request a hearing on the question of whether her failure to submit to a mental or physical examination as ordered by the Board was due to circumstances beyond her control. Based on the legal presumption that massage therapist'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 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. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 6/14/12.

SOTO, Jessica Marie (MT Applicant) – Ottawa, Ohio

Based on applicant's conviction in the Putnam County Court of Common Pleas on two felony counts of Trafficking, which was itself based upon the applicant having sold marijuana to a confidential informant. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 6/14/12.

FINAL ORDERS

BEAVER, Amy Lynn, P.A. (#50-001186) – Wheeling, West Virginia

Physician assistant license revoked. Based on physician assistant's impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to relapse; violation of conditions of limitation imposed on her license by 12/9/10 consent agreement; and failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board due to her failure to respond to interrogatories. (Review and Journal Entry – no hearing requested.) Order effective 7/10/12.

DRAKE, Miles Edward, Jr., M.D. (#35-047457) – Canal Winchester, Ohio

Medical license revoked, with such revocation to commence on the 31st day following the effective date of the Order. Based on doctor's violation of conditions of limitation imposed on certificate by 6/14/06 consent agreement, including failing to provide quarterly declarations, logs of controlled substances prescribed, urine screening reports, documentary evidence of participation in alcohol and drug rehabilitation meetings, and failing to submit documentation that he had complete required medical record keeping course within the first year of probation and a monitoring physician. Order effective 7/10/12.

GLADSON, Michael Bruce, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Application for license to practice medicine and surgery permanently denied. Based on findings that doctor provided false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading information on his application for a license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio in that he failed to disclose on his application that he had previously executed a voluntary surrender of Controlled Substances Privileges, which was itself based on the doctor's alleged failure to comply with Federal requirements pertaining to controlled substances. Such acts further constitute the commission of an act in the course of practice that constitutes misdemeanor falsification. Order effective 6/14/12.

HOVEY, Charlotte Eileen, M.D. (#35-075382) – Saint Johns, Florida

Medical license revoked. Based on prior action by the Colorado Medical Board wherein doctor entered into an Interim Cessation of Practice Agreement prohibiting doctor from performing any act requiring a license issued by the Colorado Medical Board, which was itself based on findings that doctor has a physical or mental illness or condition that

renders her unsafe to practice. (Journal Entry – no hearing requested.) Order effective 6/14/12.

JOHNSON, Lynn Ann (M.T. Applicant) – Painesville, Ohio

Application for license to practice massage therapy denied. Based on massage therapy applicant's impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. (Review and Journal Entry – no hearing requested.) Order effective 6/14/12.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

GRIFFIN, Brian Frederick, M.D. (#35-044328) – Hilliard, Ohio

Medical license suspended for at least ninety days; 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 impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to relapse and violation of conditions of limitation imposed on his license by 8/13/08 Board Order. Agreement effective 6/13/12.

HIGHBERGER, W. Andrew, M.D. (#35-056976) – Marysville, Ohio

Medical license reinstated on 6/13/12, subject to permanent limitation on license to prohibit doctor from engaging in the practice of anesthesiology. Probationary terms, conditions and limitations established for at least five years. Based on doctor having been deemed capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care so long as certain treatment and monitoring conditions are in place. Agreement effective 6/13/12.

MACE, Adam Geoffrey, M.D. (#57-018732) – Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Training certificate subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations based on doctor's diagnoses of alcohol dependence, sedative/anxiolytic dependence, attention deficit disorder and adult attention deficit disorder, and major depression, which are currently stable and well controlled. Agreement effective 6/13/12; agreement to remain in effect for at least three years prior to any request for termination.

MERKIN, Bruce Jeffrey, M.D. (#35-086596) – Palm Desert, California

Medical license reinstated on 6/13/12, subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations based on doctor having been deemed capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care so long as certain treatment and monitoring

conditions are in place. Agreement effective 6/13/12; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

ROMIG, Jeff B., M.D. (#35-068780) – Uniontown, Ohio

Medical license suspended for forty-five days; interim monitoring conditions and probationary monitoring terms established. Based on doctor having prescribed controlled and non-controlled substances for himself and for family members; failing to maintain complete medical records during the time period in which such prescribing took place; and making false statements in relation to the practice of medicine in that doctor presented falsified medical charts to a Board investigator. Agreement effective 6/13/12; agreement to remain in effect for at least three years prior to any request for termination.

LICENSE REINSTATED

HARD, Wesley Frank, M.D. (#35-047888) – Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for reinstatement approved by vote of the Board on 6/13/12, subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations established by 11/10/10 Board Order.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/RETIREMENTS

BRITTINGHAM, Louis W., Jr., D.O. (#34-003095) – Lakebay, Washington

Doctor's permanent voluntary retirement of medical license accepted by Board in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(22), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 6/13/12.

HANLON, Keith Paul, M.T. (#33-015721) – Columbus, Ohio

Permanent revocation authorized by massage therapist in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(11) and/or (12), Ohio Revised Code, in association with misdemeanor criminal charges related to the assault of a massage therapy client. Effective 6/13/12.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

BEDDELL, Gregory Michael, M.D. (#35-088522) – Akron, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12.

BROWNLEE, Kory David, D.P.M. (#36-003315) – Delaware, Ohio

Podiatrist's request to reduce required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to twice per week with a minimum of ten per month, discontinue drug log requirement, discontinue chart review requirement, and reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12.

CLARK, Dustin Michael, M.D. (#35-091627) – Gray, Tennessee

Doctor's request to discontinue Naltrexone treatment requirement granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12.

DILUCIANO, Mark Edward, M.D. (#35-062171) – Cambridge, Ohio

Doctor's request to discontinue random assay of waste medications, reduce required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to twice per week with a minimum of ten per month, and reduce required appearances to every six months granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12.

HARRIS, Matthew Reid, D.O. (#34-008347) – Kettering, Ohio

Doctor's request to eliminate practice plan requirement, reduce required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to twice per week with a minimum of ten per month, and reduce required drug screens to two per month granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12.

JOHNSON, Gregory Gene, M.D. (#35-048254) – Perrysburg, Ohio

Doctor's request to approve new practice plan and monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitoring physician established.

JOHNSON, Rebecca Erica, M.D. (#35-095365) – Westlake, Ohio

Doctor's request to approve treating psychiatrist and assessor for purposes of reinstatement granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12.

KELLEMS, Matthew David, M.D. (#35-091034) – Shaker Heights, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required psychotherapy sessions to once a month and reduce required psychiatric sessions to every quarter granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12.

LEAK, Byron Christopher, M.D. (#35-085467) – Huntersville, North Carolina

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitoring physician established.

LOPREATO, Paul Dominic, P.A. (#50-001095) – Florence, Kentucky

Physician assistant's request to approve treating psychiatrist granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12.

MENON, Aiyappan, M.D. (#35-061918) – Chardon, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to twice per week with a minimum of ten per month granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12.

NEMETH, Kimberly Marie, D.O. (#34-009391) – Streetsboro, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitoring physician established.

ORLOSKY, Karen Marie, M.T. (#33-012587) – Broomfield, Colorado

Massage therapist's request to waive August 2012 and February 2013 required personal appearances granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12.

PALAZZO, Kurt J., M.D. (#35-067200) – Marietta, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12.

PATEL, Parag, M.D. (#35-079906) – Erlanger, Kentucky

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12.

PURVIS, Jerry Gaines, Jr., M.D. (#35-080726) – Circleville, Ohio

Doctor's request to approve assessor for purposes of reinstatement granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12.

QUINTANA, Bud E., D.O. (#34-002673) – North Lawrence, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months, reduce required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to twice per week with a minimum of ten per month, and reduce required psychological counseling to an as needed basis granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12.

RATCLIFF, Lawrence Gene, M.D. (#35-039603) – Farmersville, Ohio

Doctor's request for permission to administer, personally furnish, or possess controlled substances and request to discontinue chart review requirement granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12.

RIESEN, Matthew Christopher, M.D. (#57-013605) – Toledo, Ohio

Doctor's request to approve assessor for purposes of reinstatement granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12.

RYU, Dan, M.D. (#35-067499) – Brook Park, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months and reduce drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to twice per week with a minimum of ten per month granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12.

SZOKOLOCZY-SYLLABA, Andreas Herbert, D.O. (#34-007391) – Centerville, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval to increase work hours to 55 hours per week granted by vote of the Board on 6/14/12.

PROBATION TERMINATED

BACHMAN, Denise Marie, M.T. (#33-009548) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for release from terms of 3/10/10 consent agreement granted by vote of the Board on 6/13/12, effective immediately.

MIKHLI, Alla, D.P.M. (#36-002690) – Beachwood, Ohio

Podiatrist's request for release from terms of 4/11/07 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 6/13/12, effective immediately.

COURT ACTIONS

OYORTEY, Michele Armande, M.D. (#35-074233) – Westerville, Ohio

Notice of appeal to 10th District Court of Appeals filed by the doctor on 5/17/12.

SIDDIQUI, Siraj, M.D. (#35-065056) – Mansfield, Ohio

Notice of appeal of Board's 5/11/12 corrected order filed by the doctor with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 5/21/12.

SIDDIQUI, Siraj, M.D. (#35-065056) – Mansfield, Ohio

By order and entry filed 6/8/12, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas granted doctor's motion for a stay of Board's 4/11/12 indefinite suspension order, subject to certain monitoring conditions.

SMITH, Arthur Harry, M.D. (#35-083898) – Austintown, Ohio

By decision and entry filed on 6/5/12, 10th District Court of Appeals affirmed the judgment of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, which had upheld the Board's 5/11/11 order indefinitely suspending the doctor's license and placing him on probation.

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 at <http://www.med.ohio.gov/> under "Licensee Profile and Status." 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.