

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – August 2012

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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in August 2012 and an update of Board matters pending or decided in courts as of August 8, 2012.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSIONS

CHONG, Joon H., M.D. (#35-068430) – Coldwater, Michigan

Pursuant to Sections 2929.42 and/or 3719.121(C), Ohio Revised Code, medical license immediately suspended based on doctor having been found guilty in the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Western Division, of one felony count of conspiring with others to knowingly, intentionally acquire or obtain possession of controlled substances by misrepresentation, fraud, or deception, namely OxyContin and Percocet. Order effective 8/8/12 (*See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.*)

FURIN, Jennifer Joan, M.D. (#35-097990) – Strongsville, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, medical license summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that doctor's ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care is impaired because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice, and that her continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 8/8/12 (*See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.*)

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

CHONG, Joon H., M.D. (#35-068430) – Coldwater, Michigan

Based on doctor having been found guilty in the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Western Division, of one felony count of conspiring with others to knowingly, intentionally acquire or obtain possession of controlled substances by misrepresentation, fraud, or deception, namely OxyContin and Percocet. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 8/9/12.

FURIN, Jennifer Joan, M.D. (#35-097990) – Strongsville, Ohio

Based 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 the ability to practice due to her relapse on alcohol. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 8/9/12.

SCHWARTZ, Murray, D.O. (#34-004154) – Cherry Hill, New Jersey

Based upon a prior action against the doctor's license by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, which issued an Agreed Order of Surrender and was based in part upon the doctor's failure to keep accurate medical records and inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances to two patients, including a co-worker with whom he had engaged in sexual misconduct. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 8/9/12.

FINAL ORDERS

GEIER, Mark Robin, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Silver Spring, Maryland

Application for license to practice medicine and surgery denied. Based on prior action by the Maryland State Board of Physicians, which issued an Order for Summary Suspension of the doctor's license based on conclusions that the doctor misdiagnosed autistic children with precocious puberty and other genetic abnormalities and treated the children with potent hormonal therapy, and in some children chelation therapy, which exposed the children to needless risk of harm; failed to conduct adequate physical examinations; failed to provide adequate informed consent to the parents of the children he treated; and treated the children with therapies not supported by evidence-based studies. Order effective 8/9/12. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.)

JORGENSEN, Deborah A., P.A. (#50-001180) – North Ridgeville, Ohio

Physician assistant's license suspended for at least 215 days with interim monitoring and conditions for reinstatement established. Based on physician assistant's 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 and on physician assistant's writing prescriptions in her own name and in the name of family members and signing the name of a physician without the physician's permission or knowledge, such acts constituting felonies in the state of Ohio. Order effective 8/15/12.

KEYS, Kevin Lloyd (M.T. Applicant) – Westerville, Ohio

Application for license to practice massage therapy denied. Based on applicant's 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. Order effective 8/9/12. (Review and Journal Entry – No hearing requested.)

SHULER, William Henry, M.D. (#35-083695) – Tulsa, Oklahoma

Medical license revoked. Based on prior action by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing of the Department of Commerce of the State of Utah in reprimanding doctor and requiring him to immediately cease and desist unprofessional and unlawful conduct, following findings by that board that doctor provided online prescriptions to Utah residents via the internet for prescription medications dispensed from a pharmacy located in Florida and prescribed medications to patients in Utah during which time his Utah medical license had lapsed for non-renewal. Order effective 8/9/12.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

BIANCO, Valentino John, III, D.O. (#58-004448) – Youngstown, Ohio

Training certificate suspended for an indefinite period of time; 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 that he has been diagnosed with alcohol dependence, sedative dependence, and cannabis abuse; his relapse on alcohol in March 2012; and on doctor's 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 8/8/12

COX, William Michael, M.D. (#35-061828) – Millersburg, Ohio

Medical license suspended for at least 90 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 violation of limitations placed on his license by 3/10/10 Board Order; his conviction in the Holmes County Municipal Court on one count of Unauthorized Use of Property; and upon his admission that he has received psychiatric care for Kleptomania, Major Depressive Disorder, Dysthymic Disorder, Social Anxiety Disorder, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, Hoarding and Checking Type, and Adult Attention Deficit Disorder. Agreement effective 8/8/12.

KERNS, John Raymond, D.O. (#34-004653) – Newark, Ohio

Medical license suspended for an indefinite period of time; 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 that he is impaired in his ability to practice medicine and surgery according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to chemical dependence. Agreement effective 8/8/12.

MURTHY, Siva Rao, M.D. (#35-050136) – Westlake, Ohio

Medical license reinstated 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 treatment and monitoring requirements are in place. Agreement effective 8/8/12; Agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

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

Training certificate suspended for at least 180 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 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 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 8/8/12.

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

Medical license reinstated 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 treatment and monitoring requirements are in place. Agreement effective 8/8/12; Agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

RIESEN, Matthew Christopher, M.D. (#57-013605; M.D. Applicant) – St. Marys, Ohio

Doctor's application for a license to practice medicine and surgery granted 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 treatment and monitoring requirements are in place. Agreement effective 8/8/12; Agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

LICENSE REINSTATED

BAKER, Franklin Hobart, P.A. (#50-002801) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Physician assistant's request for reinstatement approved by vote of the Board on 8/8/12, subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations established by 8/10/11 Board Order. Reinstatement effective 8/25/12.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/RETIREMENTS

GOLDMAN, Frederick M., M.D. (#35-009497) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's permanent voluntary retirement of medical license accepted by Board in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(19), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 8/8/12.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

BLAIR, Mark Erik, M.D. (#35-081181) – Worthington, Ohio

Doctor's request for reduction in required personal appearances to every six months and request for reduction in required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to two per week with a minimum of ten per month granted by vote of the Board on 8/9/12.

GOLDSMITH, Mark Edward, M.D. (#35-038474) – Westerville, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required psychiatric session to once every six months granted by vote of the Board on 8/9/12.

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

Doctor's request to discontinue chart review requirement granted by vote of the Board on 8/9/12.

KANG, Kavita A. J., D.O. (#58-004159) – Dayton, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of mental health professional granted by vote of the Board on 8/9/12.

KENNEN, James Michael, D.O. (#34-009065) – Cleveland, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 8/9/12.

LOTTE, Elizabeth Butler, D.O. (#34-006444) – Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's requests for approval of monitoring physician and reduce psychiatric sessions to once every four months granted by vote of the Board on 8/9/12.

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

Doctor's request for approval of treating psychiatrist and mental health professional approved by vote of the Board on 8/9/12.

SALAS, Neil Alejandro, M.D. (#57-018706) – Canton, Ohio

Doctor's request for reduction in required probationary appearances to every six months, request for reduction in required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to two per week with a minimum of ten per month, and request to discontinue controlled substance log granted by vote of the Board on 8/9/12.

ST. ONGE, Rick D., M.D. (#35-066328) – Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 8/8/12. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitoring physician established.

ULMER, Chad Winfield, M.D. (#35-092791) – Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for reduction in drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to two per week with a minimum of ten per month, request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months, and request to discontinue controlled substance log granted by vote of the Board on 8/9/12.

PROBATION TERMINATED

FULGHAM, Elease Michelle, M.T. (#33-019096) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for release from terms of 7/14/10 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 8/8/12, effective immediately.

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

Doctor's request for release from terms of 8/9/07 consent agreement granted by vote of the Board on 8/8/12, effective 9/17/12.

COURT ACTIONS

CALLOWAY, George Franklin, Jr., M.D. (#35-038419) – Westerville, Ohio

Notice of Appeal to 10th District Court of Appeals filed by the doctor on 7/16/12.

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

Notice of appeal of Board's 6/13/12 Order of revocation filed by doctor with Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 7/25/12.

LUNDEEN, James Edgar, Sr., M.D. (#35-052257) – Plymouth, Ohio

Notice of Appeal to 10th District Court of Appeals filed by the doctor on 7/27/12.

MATHIS, Raymond L., D.O. (#34-002184) – Alexandria Bay, New York

Notice of appeal of Board's 7/11/12 Order of revocation filed by doctor with Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 7/19/12.

WORRELL, Bruce S., D.O. (#34-002776) – Maineville, Ohio

By Decision and Entry filed 7/19/12, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed Board's 2/8/12 Order of permanent revocation.

NON-DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

BEZERRA, Hiram Grando, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Shaker Heights, Ohio

Application for license to practice medicine and surgery granted. Based upon Board's determination that doctor's training and clinical experience are equivalent to 24 months of graduate medical education through the second-year level. Order effective 8/9/12.

KULKARNI, Renuka Sanjay, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Elmwood Park, New Jersey

Application for license to practice medicine and surgery denied. Based upon Board's determination that applicant had not passed an examination sequence within a ten year period without having failed any of the Steps more than three times. Order effective 8/9/12.

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.