

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – October 2013

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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in October 2013 and an update of Board matters pending or decided in courts as of October 9, 2013.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSIONS

LASSITER, James Earl, M.D. (#35-062810) – Findlay, Ohio

Medical license immediately suspended pursuant to Section 3719.121(C), Ohio Revised Code, based on the doctor's guilty plea in the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, on one felony count of conspiring to knowingly, intentionally acquire or obtain controlled substances, namely OxyContin and Percocet, by misrepresentation, fraud or deception. Order effective 10/9/13. (*See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.*)

PIERCE, Stephen L., M.D. (#35-051584) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Medical license immediately suspended pursuant to Section 3719.121(C), Ohio Revised Code, based on the doctor's guilty plea in the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, on one felony count of conspiring to knowingly, intentionally acquire or obtain controlled substances, namely OxyContin and Percocet, by misrepresentation, fraud or deception. Order effective 10/9/13. (*See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.*)

WEINER, Mark Aaron, D.O. (#34-005502) – Maumee, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, osteopathic medical license summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that the 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 his continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 10/9/13. (*See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.*)

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

CLEARY, James P., D.O. (#34-001767) – Lima, Ohio

Based on physician's alleged failure to complete required Continuing Medical Education requirements despite having certified on his renewal application that he had completed the same. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 10/10/13.

CORNELL, Clinton James, P.A. (#50-003493) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Based on physician assistant's conviction in the United States District Court, Western District of Michigan, on one felony count of Payment and Receipt of Health Care Kickbacks. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 10/10/13.

DIAMANTIS, Nicholas C., M.D. (#35-069272) – Bratenahl Village, Ohio

Based on the doctor's alleged false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statements in that it is alleged that he fabricated certain medical records; his alleged failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board; and his obtaining of, or attempting to obtain, money or anything of value by fraudulent misrepresentations in that the allegedly fabricated records were created in relation to the doctor seeking accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Healthcare. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 10/10/13.

GOLDSCHMIDT, Matthew Joel, M.D. (#35-083072)

Based on the doctor's alleged false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statements in that it is alleged that he fabricated certain medical records; his alleged failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board; and his obtaining of, or attempting to obtain, money or anything of value by fraudulent misrepresentations in that the allegedly fabricated records were created in relation to the doctor seeking accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Healthcare. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 10/10/13.

HICKEY, Timothy Michael, M.D. (#35-084480) – Toledo, Ohio

Based on allegations that in his care and treatment of twelve specified patients, the doctor failed to maintain minimal standards applicable to the selection or administration of drug, or failure to employ acceptable scientific methods in the selection of drugs or other modalities for treatment of disease; departed from, or failed to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances; and violated the Board's rules governing the treatment of intractable pain. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 10/10/13.

KILARU, Ramanadham, M.D. (#35-037438) – Dallas, Texas

Based on prior action by the Texas Medical Board which restricted the doctor from engaging in the practice of interpretation of mammography or cross sectional imaging, and limited his interpretation of plain film radiography, which was itself based on finding that the doctor misinterpreted mammograms for several patients, misinterpreted cross-sectional imaging for multiple patients, and that the doctor's employer restricted his privileges to only interpret plain film radiography. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 10/10/13.

LASSITER, James Earl, M.D. (#35-062810) – Findlay, Ohio

Based on the doctor's guilty plea in the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, on one felony count of conspiring to knowingly, intentionally acquire or obtain controlled substances, namely OxyContin and Percocet, by misrepresentation, fraud or deception. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 10/10/13.

NOONAN, David Edward, Jr. (M.T. Applicant) – Lorain, Ohio

Based on the applicant's conviction in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas on one felony count of Theft; his conviction in the Lorain County Court of Common Pleas on four felony counts of Theft from Elderly Person; and his conviction in the Richland County Court of Common Pleas on one felony count of Theft by Deception. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 10/10/13.

PIERCE, Stephen L., M.D. (#35-051584) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Based on the doctor's guilty plea in the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, on one felony count of conspiring to knowingly, intentionally acquire or obtain controlled substances, namely OxyContin and Percocet, by misrepresentation, fraud or deception. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed on 10/10/13.

QADRI, Babar A. (P.A. Applicant) – Sterling Heights, Ohio

Based on the applicant's conviction in the State of Michigan, 30th Judicial Circuit Court, Ingham County, on one felony count of Robbery – Unarmed; his conviction in the State of Michigan, 7th Judicial Circuit, Genesee County, on one felony count of Bank Robbery; his conviction in the State of Michigan, 6th Judicial Circuit Court, Oakland County, on one felony count of Bank Robbery; and on his alleged failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 10/10/13.

WEINER, Mark Aaron, D.O. (#34-005502) – Maumee, Ohio

Based on the 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 and on his alleged failure to report to the Board that he had relapsed. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 10/10/13.

FINAL ORDERS

BREZNY, Steven Francis, M.D. (#35-081093) – Columbus, Ohio

Application for restoration of license denied and all terms of 7/13/11 Board order to remain in full force and effect. Based on doctor's failure to meet all conditions for reinstatement of his medical license following a 7/13/11 Board order requiring the doctor to comply with a previously issued subpoena. Order effective 10/25/13.

HOWALD, Caroline Elizabeth-Mae (M.T. Applicant) – Toledo, Ohio

Application for a license to practice as a massage therapist permanently denied. Based on the legal presumption that the applicant's failure to submit to a chemical dependency examination as ordered by the Board constitutes an 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; her false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statements in securing or attempting to secure an Ohio license in that she failed to disclose having been found guilty of Disorderly Conduct based upon having been charged with Loitering; Solicit Others for the Purpose of Engaging in Illicit Sexual Conduct and Obstructing Official Business; having been found guilty of one misdemeanor count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia involving possession of a hypodermic needle; having been subsequently arrested twice more for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia involving possession of a hypodermic needle; and having been charged with one count of Prostitution, for which a warrant for applicant's arrest is currently outstanding. Order effective 10/10/13.

JOHNS, Ronald Michael, P.A. (P.A. Applicant) – Warren, Ohio

Application for a license to practice as a physician assistant permanently denied. Based on physician assistant's conviction in the Trumbull County Court of Common Pleas on five felony counts of Aggravated Possession of Drugs and five felony counts of Illegal Processing of Drug Documents; his 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 his failure to

meet the requirements for a license to practice as a physician assistant in that he does not hold current NCCPA certification. Order effective 10/25/13.

SHAH, Mahendrakumar Chiman, M.D. (#35-050056) – Middleport, Ohio

Medical license permanently revoked. Based on a prior action by the West Virginia Board of Medicine wherein the doctor was required to surrender his license to practice medicine and surgery in West Virginia and to surrender his Drug Enforcement Certificate of Registration. Order effective 10/25/13.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

ATANASOFF, Nicholas Anthony, D.O. (#34-007837) – Struthers, 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 10/9/13; Agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

BANGERT, Michael Theodore, M.D. (#57-018149) – Cleveland, Ohio

Training certificate subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least two years. Based on the doctor's admission that he has been diagnosed with a mental illness which requires further monitoring and treatment. Agreement effective 10/9/13.

DUNCAN, Philicia Suanna, M.D. (#57-019888) – Cleveland, Ohio

Training certificate 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 10/9/13; Agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

HENRY, John Sherman, M.D. (#35-077820) – Marietta, Ohio

Medical license suspended for at least 120 days, with 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 due to alcohol dependence and depression. Agreement effective 10/9/13.

MYERS, Carla Melinda, D.O. (#34-003506) – Waynesville, Ohio

Medical license suspended for at least one year, with 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 she relapsed on alcohol. Agreement effective 10/9/13.

RUBENS, Lawrence Michael, M.D. (#35-092837) – Greensboro, North Carolina

Medical license suspended for an indefinite period of time, with 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 his diagnoses of alcohol dependence and depression. Agreement effective 10/9/13.

TRACY, David Alexander, M.D. (#57-022859) – Cleveland, Ohio

Training certificate subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least five years. Based on doctor having completed at least 28 days of inpatient treatment for chemical dependency, which requires further monitoring. Agreement effective 10/9/13.

TURNER, Robert C., M.D. (#35-037925) – Columbus, Ohio

Medical license reinstated subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations. Based on doctor having fulfilled all requirements for reinstatement as outlined in a 4/10/13 Consent Agreement, including the doctor's completion of all required coursework in the areas of controlled substance prescribing and medical record keeping. Agreement effective 10/9/13; Agreement to remain in effect for at least three years prior to any request for termination.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/RETIREMENTS

BORAGGINA, Nicholas Vito, M.D. (#35-048294) – Fort Myers Beach, Florida

Doctor's permanent voluntary retirement of medical license accepted by the Board in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, and Rule 4731-10-02, Ohio Administrative Code. Effective 10/9/13.

CHENG, Hsin Chuan, M.D. (#35-038431) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's permanent voluntary retirement of medical license accepted by the Board in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, and Rule 4731-10-02, Ohio Administrative Code. Effective 10/9/13.

DILLON, Thomas Kearns, M.D. (#35-026077) – Temperance, Michigan

Doctor's permanent voluntary retirement of medical license accepted by the Board in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, and Rule 4731-10-02, Ohio Administrative Code. Effective 10/9/13.

KELLON, Donald James, M.D. (#35-021208) – Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Doctor's permanent voluntary retirement of medical license accepted by the Board in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, and Rule 4731-10-02, Ohio Administrative Code. Effective 10/9/13.

REZAEI-MIRGHAED, Mona, M.D. (Training Certificate Applicant) – Youngstown, Ohio

Doctor's withdrawal of application for training certificate accepted by the Board in lieu of further investigation of a possible violation of Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 10/9/13.

TEREZIS, Nick L., M.D. (#35-026327) – Raleigh, North Carolina

Doctor's permanent voluntary retirement of medical license accepted by the Board in lieu of further investigation pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, and Rule 4731-10-02, Ohio Administrative Code. Effective 10/9/13.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

BAUSCHKA, Maryrose Patricia, M.D. (#57-022263) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months, reduce required mental health session to twice per month, and permission to travel outside of Ohio without prior notification granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

BONNIN, Arturo J., M.D. (#35-063692) – Centerville, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

BROTT, Edwin Thomas Strong, M.D. (#35-062695) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of controlled substance prescribing course granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

CAIRNS, Jean Anne, M.D. (#35-079119) – Warren, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of controlled substance prescribing course granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

EVENHOUSE, Matthew Henry, M.D. (#35-082452) – Bay Village, Ohio

Doctor's request for permission to possess controlled substances, approval of alternate collection site methodology during patient transport missions, discontinuance of chart review requirement, and new monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

GROSS, Carey Kathleen, D.O. (#34-010597) – Pembroke Pines, Florida

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring conducted by the Arkansas Medical Foundation Physician's Health Committee granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

GRUENTHER, Raymond Carl, M.D. (#35-058309) – Gahanna, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of controlled substance prescribing course and medical record keeping course granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

HAAS, Marjorie Marie, M.D. (#35-062341) – Lebanon, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of practice plan and monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitoring physician established.

HANSEN, Ewa Marie, M.D. (#35-045807) – Toledo, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of controlled substance prescribing course granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

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

Doctor's request to reduce required drug screen frequency to twice per month granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

HEACOCK, Allison Christine, M.D. (#35-093489) – Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months and reduce required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to two per week with a minimum of 10 per month granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

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

Doctor's request for approval of new practice plan and new monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

KARAKASIS, Christopher John, M.D. (#35-095844) – Durham, North Carolina

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

KEISER, Vincent James, M.D. (#35-077811) – Sylvania, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitoring physician established.

KINCAID, Richard M., M.D. (#35-046361) – Westerville, Ohio

Doctor's request to increase work hours to 36 hours per week granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

LEWIS, Carol Elaine, M.D. (#35-098281) – Cleveland, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months and reduce required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to two per week with a minimum of 10 per month granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

LYDON, Joseph Francis, Jr., M.D. (#35-057047) – Westlake, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitoring physician established.

MACATOL, Michael Christopher, M.D. (#35-095993) – Marietta, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required psychiatric sessions to every three months granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

MAHAJAN, Mahendra Kumar, M.D. (#35-043538) – Beavercreek, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required psychotherapy session to every two weeks granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

MONDARY, Natalie Ann, M.D. (#35-075118) – Warren, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of controlled substance prescribing course granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

OAK, Juliana Jihyun, M.D. (#57-022106) – Cleveland, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of treating psychiatrist granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

POLISETTY, Sudhir Sitaram, M.D. (#35-098455) – New Albany, Indiana

Doctor's request for approval of Indiana State Medical Association Physicians Assistance Program to conduct monitoring while the doctor resides in Indiana and approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitoring physician established.

POPOVICH, William, M.D. (#35-089778) – Medina, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physicians granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitoring physicians established.

RIESEN, Matthew Christopher, M.D. (#35-099958) – St. Marys, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to two per week with a minimum of 10 per month and reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

ROSE, Bernard Joseph, M.D. (#35-052219) – Kettering, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitoring physician established.

WEISBROT, Albert Joseph, M.D. (#35-038648) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of medical records keeping course granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13.

PROBATION TERMINATED

BOWERS, Walter Thomas, II, M.D. (#35-039566) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from terms of 10/12/11 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13, effective 10/13/13.

JOHNSON, James Cameron, D.O. (#34-007672) – Grove City, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from terms of 10/8/08 Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 10/9/13, effective immediately.

COURT ACTIONS

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

Notice of Appeal of Board's 9/12/13 order filed by the doctor with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 10/8/13.

DARDINGER, Jeffrey Todd, M.D. (#35-070985) – Union, Kentucky

Notice of appeal of Board's 9/12/13 permanent revocation order filed by the doctor with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 9/27/13.

DRAKE, Miles Edward, Jr., M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Worthington, Ohio

Notice of appeal of Board's 9/12/13 permanent denial order filed by the doctor with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 10/7/13.

MCRAE, Sharon Leilani, M.D. (#35-093580) – Brookline, Massachusetts

By Decision and Entry filed on 9/26/13, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas granted doctor's motion for stay of the Board's 1/9/13 Order of probation.

WEISS, Justin Fredric, M.D. (#35-096979) – Bonsall, California

By Decision and Entry filed on 9/26/13, 10th District Court of Appeals affirmed the judgment of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, which had upheld the Board's 10/13/10 order reprimanding the doctor.

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.