

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – May 2014

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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in May 2014 and an update of Board matters pending or decided in courts as of May 14, 2014.

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

BELL, Phyllis Yvonne (M.T. Applicant) – North Royalton, Ohio

Based on the applicant's 2010 conviction in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on one felony count of theft; prior action by the Ohio Board of Nursing which suspended the applicant's license to practice as a licensed practical nurse for at least five years; and on the applicant's prior conviction in 1983 of Receiving Stolen Property. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 5/15/14.

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

Based on the doctor's alleged violations of the conditions placed on his license pursuant to 8/8/12 Consent Agreement, in that doctor has failed to submit quarterly declarations, failed to appear for personal interviews before the Board, and failed to undergo and continue psychiatric treatment. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 5/15/14.

GRANT, Gregory Stuart, D.O. (#34-008218) – Milan, Ohio

Based on allegations that the doctor prescribed Methadone to ten specified patients to treat addiction despite not being legally authorized to so prescribe or to operate as a Methadone clinic, which if proven, constitutes violations of federal and state drug laws. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 5/15/14.

HOMISH, Jerome David, D.O. (#34-005148) – Athens, Ohio

Based on the doctor's alleged violations of the conditions placed on his license pursuant to 10/10/12 Consent Agreement, in that doctor failed to submit to random urine screens on two specified dates and his admission that he had relapsed on alcohol. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 5/15/14.

HOWELL, Harry F., II, M.T. (#33-009620) – Canal Fulton, Ohio

Based on massage therapist's alleged practice of massage therapy for approximately three and one half years after the expiration of his license on 10/1/10, which if proven, constitutes the commission of an act that constitutes a felony. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 5/15/14.

HUCKER, Glenda Gail (M.T. Applicant) – North College Hill, Ohio

Applicant notified of right to request a hearing on the question of whether her failure to submit to a psychiatric examination 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 psychiatric examination as ordered by the Board constitutes an admission that she is unable to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of mental illness. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 5/15/14.

KATZ, Jose, M.D. (#35-050993) – Closter, New Jersey

Based on the doctor's conviction in the United States District Court, District of New Jersey, on one count of Attempt and Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud and one count of False or Fraudulent Claims, for which he was sentenced to 78 months of imprisonment and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$19,000,000.00, and on prior action against the doctor's licenses in the states of New Jersey, New York, and Texas. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 5/15/14.

LANHAM, John Stuart, D.P.M. (#36-003004) – Muskego, Wisconsin

Based on prior action by the Wisconsin Podiatry Affiliated Credentialing Board, which summarily suspended the doctor's podiatric license in July 2013 and subsequently suspended the doctor's podiatric license for a period of one year. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 5/15/14.

LESKO, Ronald Michael, D.O. (#34-002299) – San Diego, California

Based on prior action by the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, which placed the doctor's license on probation for five years based on allegations that the doctor had engaged in gross negligence, repeated acts of negligence, incompetence, repeated acts of clearly excessive prescribing, and prescribing without appropriate examination and medical indication, and his failure to maintain adequate and accurate medical records in his medical care of three patients. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 5/15/14.

RIEL-GUZMAN, Florencia A., M.D. (#35-037120) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Based on allegations that the doctor permitted an unlicensed individuals and others not authorized by law to perform light-based medical treatments on patients and on allegations that the doctor failed to initially perform or document performing a personal evaluation of the patients to determine whether the proposed application of a light based medical device was appropriate, which acts if proven constitute felonies and a departure from or failure to conform to minimal standards of care. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 5/15/14.

FINAL ORDERS

AL AWASHEZ, Abdulrahim Saeed, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Application for license to practice medicine and surgery denied. Based on prior action by the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Nova Scotia, Canada, which reprimanded the doctor for having signed another physician's name to six prescriptions for Dilaudid, a schedule II controlled substance. Order effective 5/15/14.

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

Prior 7/13/11 Order modified to remove condition for reinstatement and establish new probationary term. Based on doctor's failure to exhaust all means to secure medical records which had previously been subpoenaed by the Board; his failure to meet all conditions for reinstatement of license; and his failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board. Order effective 5/30/14.

CARVER, Joseph Claude, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Batavia, Ohio

Application for license to practice medicine and surgery denied. Based on the Board's findings that the doctor failed to provide proof of good moral character; prior action by the State Medical Board of Ohio against the doctor's license to practice medicine and surgery; his conviction in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio on one felony count of Concealment of Assets in Bankruptcy and one felony count of False Oath in Bankruptcy; prior findings that the doctor had engaged in a sexual relationship with a patient; and prior findings that in his care and treatment of two specified patients, the doctor departed from, or failed to conform to, minimal standards of care. Order effective 5/15/14.

EDMANDS, Christopher James, D.O. (D.O. Applicant) – Parkersburg, West Virginia

Application for a license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery in Ohio permanently denied. Based on prior action by the West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine which reprimanded the doctor and placed his license on probation upon finding that the doctor had pre-signed prescriptions, verbal orders, and blank face-to-face visit forms for staff members to complete. Order effective 5/15/14. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.)

IMMEL, Allyn Scott (M.T. Applicant) – Chillicothe, Ohio

Application for license to practice massage therapy permanently denied. Based on applicant's failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board in that he failed to respond to written interrogatories. Order effective 5/15/14. (Review and Journal Entry – No hearing requested.)

JOYNER, Joseph Todd, M.D. (#35-081921) – Cleveland, Ohio

Medical license permanently revoked. Based on the doctor's conviction in the Court of Common Pleas, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, on one felony count of Abduction and one felony count of Attempted Felonious Assault, which conduct involved a female under the age of 13 years. Order mailed 5/15/14.

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

No further action taken. Based on Board's findings that the doctor had completed all requirements established by the Texas Medical Board which had lifted previously imposed restrictions on the doctor from engaging in the practice of interpretation of mammography or cross sectional imaging, and limited his interpretation of plain film radiography based on that Board's findings 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. Order effective 5/15/14.

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

Application for license to practice massage therapy granted and suspended indefinitely, with interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established. Upon reinstatement of license, massage therapist to be placed on probation. 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. Order effective 5/30/14.

VARGO, Bradley Joseph, D.O. (#34-004864) – Kirtland, Ohio

Medical license suspended for at least 180 days with interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established. Upon reinstatement of license, doctor to be placed on probation for at least five years. Based on findings that the doctor 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 and on his false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statement on an application for renewal of his license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio. Order effective 5/30/14.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

LEWIS, Lillian Frances, M.D. (#57-022975) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Training certificate suspended for at least 180 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 she has been treated for Major Depressive Disorder with suicidal ideations, anxiety, and polysubstance abuse and that following treatment she relapsed in April 2014 on alcohol, marijuana, Percocet, and cocaine. Agreement effective 5/14/14.

MALUDY, Jeffrey Constantine, M.D. (#35-048825) – Sylvania, Ohio

Medical license subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations until such time that the doctor's neurological condition no longer warrants monitoring by the Board or for at least five years. Based on doctor's admission that he has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and that he currently is capable of practicing medicine and surgery contingent upon appropriate treatment. Agreement effective 5/14/14.

PALMA, Michael J., M.D. (Training Certificate Applicant) – Parma, Ohio

Training certificate 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 5/14/14; Agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

SWANSON, Shannon Lee, D.O. (#34-008887) – East Springfield, Pennsylvania

Medical license suspended for an indefinite period of time; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established. Based on doctor's refusal to provide certain factual information to the State Medical Board of Ohio regarding a criminal matter pending against her in the Court of Common Pleas of Ashtabula County, Ohio. Agreement effective 5/14/14.

LICENSE REINSTATED

DUNLAP, Gary Allan, D.O. (#34-002045) – Dayton, Ohio

Doctor's request for reinstatement of license granted by vote of the Board on 5/14/14 subject to probationary terms and conditions established by 5/8/13 Board Order. Effective 5/14/14.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/RETIREMENTS

BATH, Edwin Frame, M.D. (#35-031624) – Wilmington, Ohio

Permanent revocation of medical license authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 5/14/14.

HOY, Emmart Yost, Jr., D.O. (#34-003267) – New Albany, Ohio

Permanent surrender of osteopathic medical license authorized by doctor in lieu of continuing compliance with the terms 9/12/13 Board Order. NON-DISCIPLINARY. Effective 5/14/14.

MALIK, Waheed Ahmad, M.D. (#35-099750) – Germantown, Maryland

Permanent revocation of medical license authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(6), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 5/1/14.

MUSTAIN, Mary Virginia, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Lexington, Kentucky

Permanent withdrawal of application for license to practice medicine and surgery accepted by the Board in lieu of further investigation pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(19) and 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 5/14/14.

SIRKIN, Joseph, M.D. (#35-026027) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Permanent revocation of medical license authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, to wit: Rule 4731-10-02, Ohio Administrative Code, related to the doctor's non-completion of the requisite continuing medical education hours required for ongoing licensure in Ohio. Effective 5/14/14.

PIDOR, Haidee Isidro, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Akron, Ohio

Withdrawal of application for license to practice medicine and surgery accepted by the Board based on the applicant's admission that she is not eligible for licensure in the state of Ohio. Effective 5/14/14. NON-DISCIPLINARY.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

ADAS, Mohammad A., M.D. (#35-055276) – Perrysburg, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of new monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 5/14/14.

BAUS, Joseph Edward, M.D. (#35-097298) – New Philadelphia, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months, reduce required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to two per week with a minimum of ten per month, and approve monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 5/14/14.

BUTURLA, Sean Alexander Fryzell, M.D. (#35-122368) – Milton, Vermont

Doctor's request to continue under the terms of a 2/13/13 Consent Agreement while residing in New Hampshire and to approve New Hampshire Professionals Health Program to conduct monitoring granted by vote of the Board on 5/14/14.

DUNLAP, Gary Allan, D.O. (#34-002045) – Dayton, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 5/14/14. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitoring physician established.

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

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician and treating psychiatrist granted by vote of the Board on 5/14/14.

HOBOWSKY, Martin R., D.O. (#34-006544) – South Charleston, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by vote of the Board on 5/14/14.

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

Doctor's request for approval of new Breathalyzer administration plan granted by vote of the Board on 5/14/14.

NELSON, Tina Marie Drouhard, M.D. (#35-077017) – Wooster, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 5/14/14. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitoring physician established.

PAUL, Sheila Salome, D.O. (#34-006622) – Bentleyville, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months, discontinue chart review requirement, and discontinue controlled substances log requirement granted by vote of the Board on 5/14/14.

PERELMAN, Gerald Keith, D.P.M. (#36-002858) – Lebanon, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by vote of the Board on 5/14/14.

RYAN, Carol G., M.D. (#35-038029) – Kettering, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of controlled substance prescribing course and medical records keeping course granted by vote of the Board on 5/14/14.

SAVAGE, Donald Ray, Jr., M.D. (#35-048034) – Port St. Lucie, Florida

Doctor's request for approval of professional boundaries course granted by vote of the Board on 5/14/14.

SHAFFER, David James, M.D. (#35-068595) – Wellsburg, West Virginia

Doctor's request for approval of modified practice plan granted by vote of the Board on 5/14/14.

VERRILLA, Ronald Gerard, D.P.M. (#36-002664) – Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of podiatric preceptorship plan granted by vote of the Board on 5/14/14.

PROBATION TERMINATED

GOTHAM, David R., Jr., D.O. (#34-007559) – Granite Bay, California

Doctor's request for release from terms of 2/10/07 Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 5/14/14. Effective immediately.

GRAHAM, Christine Margareta., M.T. (#33-017795) – Westerville, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for release from terms of 5/13/09 Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 5/14/14. Effective immediately.

HAIMES, Jonathan L., M.D. (#35-066575) – Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from terms of 5/13/09 Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 5/14/14. Effective immediately.

LARKY, Howard Chad, D.O. (#34-008280) – Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from terms of 11/9/11 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 5/14/14. Effective immediately.

COURT ACTIONS

JOHNSON, Craig Whitaker, M.D. (#35-048496) – Middletown, Ohio

Notice of appeal of Board's 4/9/14 order suspending the doctor's license for at least two years filed by the doctor with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 5/5/14.

ROY, Somnath Dandapat, M.D. (#35-075700) – Avon, Ohio

By Decision and Entry filed on 5/7/14, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed Board's 1/8/14 permanent revocation order.

NON-DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

GREENO, Ronald A., M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Brentwood, Tennessee

Application for license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio approved. Such license limited and restricted to the practice of administrative medicine, which does not permit any direct patient care, until such time as the doctor takes and passes the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) or the American Board of Medical Specialties in internal medicine, pulmonary disease, or critical care medicine recertification examination. Order effective 5/15/14.

KAESER, Anne Miller, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Albany, New York

Application for license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio approved, pending doctor taking and passing the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) or specialty board recertification examination within specified period of time. Based on doctor having not practiced in at least two years prior to application for license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio. Order effective 5/15/14. (Journal Entry – No hearing requested.)

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.