# State Medical Board of Ohio Formal Action Report –November 2015

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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in November 2015 and an update of Board matters pending or decided in courts as of November 4, 2015.

## **CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS**

GOSALAKKAL, Jayaprakash Ayillath, MD (#35.098366)—Dayton, Ohio

Based on prior action by the Fitness to Practise Panel of the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service in the United Kingdom which suspended the doctor's registration for a period of six months and based upon allegations that the doctor made false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statements in securing or attempting to secure any certificate to practice or certificate of registration issued by the Board. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/5/15.

**GRIFFITH,** Duane Lee, MD (#35.087588)—Tyler, Texas

Based on prior action by the Texas Medical Board and based upon allegations that the doctor made false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statements in securing or attempting to secure any certificate to practice or certificate of registration issued by the Board. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/5/15.

**GRIMES,** Lindsey, MT (#33.017464)—Pataskala, Ohio

Based on allegations that massage therapist 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 11/5/15.

MONTALTO, Paul Norman, MD (#35.016890)—Newark, Ohio

Based on the doctor's Voluntary Surrender of Controlled Substances Privileges with the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Agency. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/5/15.

**PERSAUD,** Harry, MD (#35.056175)—Westlake, Ohio

Based on the doctor's conviction in the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division on one count of Health Care Fraud or Aiding and Abetting Health Care Fraud, thirteen counts of False Statement Relating to Health Care Matters or Aiding and Abetting False Statement Relating to Health Care Matters and one count of Money Laundering, all felonies, and based on allegations that the doctor obtained or attempted to obtain money or anything of value by fraudulent misrepresentation in the course of practice. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/5/15.

URADU, Onyinyechi Rose, MD (#35.088677)—Russell, Kentucky

Based on Voluntary Surrender of Controlled Substances Privileges with the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Agency; based on suspension from participation in Medicaid based upon a determination by the Ohio Department of Medicaid; based on the alleged commission of an act that constitutes a misdemeanor in the course of practice, Authority of Licensed Health Professional with respect to each patient in excess of 100 patients; and based on prior action by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy summarily suspending the Terminal Distributor of Dangerous Drugs license at a facility in which the doctor was the responsible person. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/5/15.

**VENNE**, Alexander Ryan, MT (#33.018216)—Columbus, Ohio

Based on massage therapist's felony plea of guilty to one felony count of Aggravated Possession of Drugs in the Common Pleas Court of Franklin County, Ohio and based upon allegations that the massage therapist made false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statements in securing or attempting to secure any certificate to practice or certificate of registration issued by the Board. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 11/5/15.

#### **FINAL ORDERS**

BARONE, Frank Edmidio, MD (#35.049389)—Perrysburg, Ohio

Medical license reprimanded. Based on the finding that the doctor delegated use of a light-based medical device to an unlicensed individual for purposes other than hair removal in the care and treatment of thirty-one patients. Order effective 11/19/15.

RODEBAUGH, Justin Matthew, MD (#57.015418)—Strongsville, Ohio

Application for training certificate to practice medicine and surgery granted and suspended for at least two years from April 22, 2014 with interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement or restoration of license established. Based on the finding 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 that the doctor made a false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statement in the solicitation of or advertising for patients; in relation to the practice of medicine and surgery, or in securing or attempting to secure any certificate to practice or certificate of registration issued by the Board. Order effective 11/5/15.

## VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/RETIREMENTS/WITHDRAWALS

MATTHEWS, Gary William, MT (#33.004722)--Goshen, Ohio

Permanent revocation of license to practice massage therapy authorized by massage therapist in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(6), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 11/4/15.

**SNYDER,** Matthew Allan, MT (#33.014161)—Toledo, Ohio

Permanent revocation of license to practice massage therapy authorized by massage therapist in lieu of further investigation pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 11/4/15.

# **CONSENT AGREEMENTS**

COOK, Deborah, DPM (#36.003231)—Mentor, Ohio

Podiatric medical license suspended until June 10, 2016, subject to interim monitoring conditions. Upon reinstatement, podiatric medical license will be subject to probationary terms for at least three years. Based on doctor's plea of guilty to two felonies, Deception to Obtain a Dangerous Drug and Illegal Processing in the Lake County Court of Common Pleas. Also based on the doctor's admission that the doctor wrote a prescription for a controlled substance in the name of a family member, but that the doctor intended the medication for her own use and that she took the medication, which acts constitute a felony committed in the course of practice; that she wrote a prescription for a controlled substance in the name of a second family member, but intended that the medication be used by another family member, which acts violate Board rules governing the utilization of controlled substances for self or family member and a failure to maintain minimal standards applicable to the selection or administration of drugs and a departure from or failure to conform to minimal standards of care; that she prescribed controlled substances to a family member on two or three occasions but did not maintain a patient record; and that she failed to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board. Agreement effective 11/4/15.

**DIAMANTIS**, Nicholas Constantine, MD (#35.069292)—Bratenahl Village, Ohio

Medical license suspended for 60 days with interim monitoring conditions and probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least 3 years. Based on the doctor's admission that he made false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statements in that he fabricated certain medical records; failed to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board; and obtained or attempting to obtain, money or anything of value by fraudulent misrepresentations in that the fabricated records were created in relation to the doctor seeking accreditation by the

Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Healthcare. Agreement effective 11/4/15. Suspension effective 12/18/15.

GILMAN, Denise Ida, DO (#34.009908)—Corapolis, Pennsylvania

Osteopathic medical license reprimanded and subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for a minimum of one year. Based on doctor's consent agreement with the Pennsylvania State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, which was itself based on doctor's use of a cell phone to photograph a sedated male patient prior to a surgical procedure. Agreement effective 11/4/15.

GOLDSCHMIDT, Matthew Joel, MD (#35.083072)—Orange Village, Ohio

Medical license suspended for 60 days with interim monitoring conditions and probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least 3 years. Based on the doctor's false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statements in that he fabricated certain medical records; and he obtained or attempted to obtain, money or anything of value by fraudulent misrepresentations in that the fabricated records were created in relation to the doctor seeking accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Healthcare. Agreement and Suspension effective 11/4/15.

#### PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

ATANASOFF, Nicholas Anthony, DO (#34.007837)—Lyndhurst, Ohio

Doctor's requests for the discontinuation of chart review and drug log requirements and reduction in the frequency of psychiatric sessions to every three months and reduction in the frequency of psychotherapy sessions to monthly granted by vote of the Board on 11/4/15.

BENZ, Thomas Bartley, MD (#35.127311)—Parkersburg, West Virginia

Doctor's request for approval for drug testing to be conducted by the Alabama Physician Health Program while doctor is practicing outside of Ohio granted by vote of the Board on 11/4/15.

**DUNCAN**, Philicia Suanna, MD (#35.126932)—Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for permission to travel between Ohio and Michigan without prior approval so long as an approved testing site in Michigan is identified and documented granted by vote of the Board on 11/4/15.

**JOHNSON,** Peter Carl, MD (#35.066160)—Northwood, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of treating psychiatrist and approval of required ethics and boundaries courses granted by vote of the Board on 11/4/15.

KRAENZLER, Erick John, MD (#35.056589)—Brecksville, Ohio

Doctor's request for discontinuation of the drug log and audit report requirements granted by vote of the Board on 11/4/15.

MERKIN, Bruce Jeffrey, MD (#35.086596)—Copley, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of treating psychiatrist granted by vote of the Board on 11/4/15.

ROSS, John Allen, MD (#35.064459)—Fostoria, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of the required office management course granted by vote of the Board on 11/4/15.

SABINO, Alan Dale, MD (#35.084776)—Stockton, California

Doctor's request for approval of personal appearances via internet meeting source granted by vote of the Board on 11/4/15.

# **PROBATION TERMINATED**

**BRAUCH,** Rebecca Ann, MD (#35.122513)—Gainesville, Florida

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 11/13/13 Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 11/4/15. Effective 11/13/15.

**HEYD,** Timothy John, MD (#35.063863)—Beavercreek, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 10/8/08 Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 11/4/15. Effective 11/10/15.

#### REINSTATEMENTS

MACATOL, Michael Christopher, MD (#35.095993)—Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for reinstatement of license granted by vote of the Board on 11/4/15 subject to probationary terms and conditions established by the 12/10/14 Board Order. Effective 11/4/15.

#### **NON-DISCIPLINARY ORDERS**

**LYNCH**, Kevin Robert, MT (#33.013006)—Cleveland, Ohio

Application to restore license to practice massage therapy conditionally approved by the Board pending the massage therapist's passage of the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination no later than March 16, 2016. Order effective 11/5/15. (Journal Entry-No hearing requested).

ADEDOKUN, Emmanuel Adekunle, MD (applicant) Kingsport, TN

Non-permanent, non-disciplinary withdrawal of application for license to practice medicine and surgery accepted by Board. Effective 11/4/15.

## **COURT ACTIONS**

**ANGERBAUER,** Steven Ralph, M.D. applicant – New York, New York

By Judgment Entry dated October 20, 2015, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas vacated the December 10, 2014 Order of the Board and remanded the matter to the Board to schedule an administrative hearing on the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued by the Board on August 13, 2014.

FRANTZ, Nathan Buchanan, DO (#58.005803)--North Royalton, Ohio

Notice of Appeal of the Board's October 28, 2015 Order indefinitely suspending the doctor's osteopathic training certificate filed with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on October 30, 2015.

PARROTT, Cassandra Rose, D.O. (#58.005272)—Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Notice of Appeal of the Entry of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirming the Board's 9/10/14 Order filed with the Court of Appeals of Ohio, Tenth Appellate District on October 21, 2015.

By Journal Entry, the Court of Appeals of Ohio, Tenth Appellate District continued the conditional stay of the 9/10/14 Board Order.

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 <a href="http://www.med.ohio.gov/">http://www.med.ohio.gov/</a> 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.