

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Formal Action Mailing List

FROM: Lauren Lubow, Communications Administrator

DATE: March 19, 2003

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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in January 2003.

### CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

**BERTANI**, Charles B. (DO #2096) - Columbus

Based on allegations that doctor failed to conform to minimal standards of care with respect to his treatment of 29 specified patients; that he violated the Code of Professional Ethics by engaging in sexual conduct with two patients; and that he failed to comply with Medical Board rules concerning the prescribing of controlled substance anorectics for weight reduction. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/9/03.

**BRIDGES**, Michael Howard (MD #68312) - High Point, NC

Based on prior actions against doctor's North Carolina medical license related to doctor having been diagnosed with and received treatment for Bipolar I disorder. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/9/03.

**CRAWFORD**, Steven Warren (MD #67148) - Portsmouth

Based on doctor having been found eligible for treatment in lieu of conviction on felony counts of Possession of Drugs, Deception to Obtain a Dangerous Drug, and Illegal Processing of Drug Documents; and his alleged provision of false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statements in response to Medical Board interrogatories. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/9/03. (*See also: Pre-hearing Suspensions, below*)

**HAREWOOD**, Sandra Kay (MD #45538) - Kettering

Based on alleged impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to alcohol relapse; and alleged violation of conditions of limitation imposed on license by 8/14/02 consent agreement. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/9/03.

**HELPHENSTINE**, James Charles (DO #4200) - Miamisburg

Based on alleged impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care, as evidenced by urine screen reflecting the presence of benzodiazepines. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/9/03.

**KENNEN**, James Michael (DO #4546) - Cleveland

Based on alleged impairment of ability to practice and violation of conditions of limitation imposed on license by 8/14/02 Board Order due to alcohol relapse. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/9/03.

**LISS**, Richard W. (MD #47064) - Columbus

Based on allegations that doctor failed to conform to minimal standards of care and violated the Code of Professional Ethics by engaging in sexual conduct with a patient, failing to maintain complete records of that patient's care, and failing to document specified controlled substance prescriptions he wrote for that patient. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/9/03.

**SNYDER**, Charles William (MD #71606) - Granville

Based on doctor's alleged failure to comply with Continuing Medical Education requirements. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/9/03.

**STEELE**, Jack E. (MD #21894) - Dayton

Based upon alleged improper prescribing and failure to conform to minimal standards of care with respect to psychiatric care rendered to two specified patients. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/9/03.

#### FINAL ORDERS

**ADAS**, Mohammad A. (MD #55276) - Maumee

Permanent revocation of medical license stayed; subject to indefinite suspension for at least two years; interim monitoring conditions, conditions for reinstatement, and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least five years

established. Based on doctor having been found guilty of seven felony counts of Complicity in the Commission of Practicing Medicine or Surgery Without a Certificate. Order mailed 1/10/03; Order effective 1/10/03.

**ARZADON**, Rodrigo Porsovigan (PA #1226) - Flint Township, MI

Medical license suspended for at least one year; conditions for reinstatement and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least three years established. Based on physician assistant having been found guilty of one felony count of Attempted Medicaid Fraud/False Claim due to his having attempted to file a claim for a controlled substance, acetaminophen with codeine, when he could not, by law, prescribe a controlled substance. Order mailed 1/28/03; Order effective 1/28/03.

**AUBRECHT**, John R. (MT #5350) - Newburgh Heights

Certificate to practice massage therapy permanently revoked and pending application for restoration of that certificate permanently denied based on massage therapist's failure to provide complete and accurate information on restoration application pertaining to 1990 Board action for practicing massage therapy without a license, and his having practiced from 1999 to September 1, 2002 without a valid license. (Journal Entry - no hearing requested) Order mailed 1/9/03; Order effective 1/9/03.

**BAMBRICK**, William S., III (MD #43889) - Williston, ND/Erie, PA

Medical license revoked based on prior action against doctor's North Dakota medical license following doctor's admission to that board that he had engaged in a continuing pattern of inappropriate care and lacked appropriate documentation in his medical records for diagnosis, testing and treatment of patients. (Journal Entry - no hearing requested) Order mailed 1/9/03; Order effective 1/9/03. (*See also: Court Actions, below*)

**HELPHENSTINE**, James Charles (DO #4200) - Miamisburg

Permanent revocation of medical license stayed; subject to indefinite suspension for at least two years; interim monitoring conditions, conditions for reinstatement, and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least five years established. Based on violation of conditions of limitation imposed on license by 9/99 consent agreement due to relapse; impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use of drugs; and commission of an act that constitutes a felony, to wit: Illegal Processing of Drug Documents. Order mailed 1/28/03; Order effective 1/28/03. (*See also: Citations/Proposed Denials, above*)

**KATONA**, Attila Arthur (MD applicant) – Oakbrook, IL

Application for medical licensure permanently denied based on applicant's alleged failure to advise Ohio Board on or as a supplement to licensure application that (1) he had been

removed from patient related activities during a pathology residency and his contract was not renewed; (2) the Illinois Board had issued an order of refusal to renew his medical license in that state; and (3) he had entered into a consent order with Illinois' medical board. (Journal Entry – no hearing requested) Order mailed 1/9/03; Order effective 1/9/03.

**PARKS**, Michael J. (MD #41103) – Hillsdale, MI/Oskaloosa, IA

Medical license revoked based on prior action against doctor's Michigan license by that state's medical board following findings that, during surgery, doctor left a patient's distal fibula in an unacceptable position in violation of his general duty and thereby demonstrated incompetence; and on doctor's failure to advise Ohio Board on license renewal application that an administrative complaint had been filed against him by the Michigan Board. (Journal Entry – no hearing requested) Order mailed 1/9/03; Order effective 1/9/03.

#### PRE-HEARING SUSPENSIONS

**CRAWFORD**, Steven Warren (MD #67148) - Portsmouth

Pursuant to Section 3719.121(C), O.R.C., medical license immediately suspended based on doctor having plead guilty to felony counts of Possession of Drugs, Deception to Obtain a Dangerous Drug, and Illegal Processing of Drug Documents, for which he was found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction. Notice mailed 1/9/03. (**NOTE:** license already suspended pursuant to 8/14/02 consent agreement)

#### CONSENT AGREEMENTS

**CRAWFORD**, William Lawrence (MD #32527) - Warren

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 1/10/03; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

**GOVIER**, Ann Verlene (MD #51156) - Toledo

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 1/13/03; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

**JOHNSON**, Cynthia Joan (PA #1350) - Cleveland Heights

Physician assistant registration reinstated subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations based on P.A. 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 1/8/03; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

**PORTER**, Stephen Randall (MD #69802) - Oxford

Indefinite suspension imposed by 8/02 consent agreement terminated; license suspended for at least 180 days from 10/22/02, the date that doctor entered treatment for chemical dependency. Based on violation of conditions of limitation imposed on license by 8/02 consent agreement due to chemical dependency relapse. Effective 1/10/03.

**RANIERI**, Thomas Anthony (MD #61039) - Scranton, PA

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 1/8/03; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

#### PROBATION MODIFIED

**ESPINOZA**, Nicholas Gerard (DO #5306) - Toledo

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by vote of the Board on 1/8/03.

**STERNS**, Jordan Ben (MD #63665) - Cleveland Heights

Doctor's requests to reduce drug screens to twice per month and to eliminate psychotherapy treatment requirement granted by vote of the Board on 1/8/03.

**TORE**, Joseph Anthony (MD training certificate #2244) - Toledo

Doctor's request to eliminate alcohol and drug rehabilitation meeting requirement granted by vote of the Board on 1/8/03.

#### PROBATION TERMINATED

**HUMES**, Katherine Alicia (MD #68502) - Bremen

Doctor's request for release from terms of 12/3/97 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 1/8/03.

**PASTOR**, Joseph Martin (MD #61864) - Denver

Doctor's request for release from terms of 1/14/98 consent agreement granted by vote of the Board on 1/8/03, effective 1/14/03.

**REDMOND**, Geoffrey Plimsoll (MD #48031) - New York, NY

Doctor's request for release from terms of 9/8/99 consent agreement granted by vote of the Board on 1/8/03, effective 1/21/03.

**SWOPE**, Scott Ray (DO #1354) - Springboro

Doctor's request for release from terms of 7/1/99 consent agreement granted by vote of the Board on 1/8/03, effective 1/12/03.

#### COURT ACTIONS

**ADAMSON**, Wallace Cobner (MD #49575) – Delaware

By Decision and Entry filed 1/17/03, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas denied doctor's motion for a stay of Board's 12/11/02 permanent revocation Order.

**AUBRECHT**, John R. (MT #5350) - Newburgh Heights

Notice of appeal of Board's 1/8/03 Order filed by massage therapist with Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on or about 1/23/03.

**BAMBRICK**, William S., III (MD #43889) - Williston, ND/Erie, PA

Notice of appeal of Board's 1/8/03 revocation Order filed by doctor with Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on or about 1/22/03.

**KITCHEN**, Anthony W. (MD #69821) - Belpre

Notice of appeal of Board's 12/11/02 Order filed by doctor with Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on or about 1/23/03. By Entry filed 1/30/03, Court granted doctor's motion for a temporary stay of Board's Order, provided that doctor complies with requirements of his 5/00 agreement with West Virginia's medical board and probationary conditions of Ohio Board Order, and provided that he practice in accordance with terms of practice plan approved by Ohio Board.

**MARSH**, Lonnie II (MD #38543) - Cleveland

Entry documenting Court of Common Pleas' 12/26/02 Decision affirming Board's permanent revocation Order filed on 1/15/03.

**PACHUDA**, Nicholas Michael (DPM #2865) - Sandusky

By Entry filed 1/15/03, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas granted doctor's motion for a stay of Board's 11/13/02 indefinite suspension Order, noting that doctor has agreed to maintain an open door policy and have a chaperone physically present during patient visits.

**VOORHIS**, Charles C. (MD #31920) - Panama City, FL

By Decision filed 1/24/03, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas reversed Board's 8/14/02 reprimand Order. Entry to be filed.

**WEBB**, Deleno H., III (MD #37883) - Huntington, WV

Voluntary dismissal of appeal filed by doctor with Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on or about 1/15/03.

### **NON-DISCIPLINARY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

#### **FINAL ORDERS**

**LEE**, Effie M. (M.D. applicant) - Toledo

Application for waiver of seven year rule granted based on Board's conclusion that applicant had suffered from a significant health condition which, by its severity, would necessarily cause a delay to the applicant's medical study. The waiver will expire after June 2003. Order mailed 1/10/03; Order effective 1/10/03. (**Non-disciplinary**)

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 [www.state.oh.us/med/](http://www.state.oh.us/med/) under "Physician Profile and Status." If you have questions or need additional details about specific cases, please contact Annette Jones at (614) 728-3686.