

MEMORANDUM

TO: Formal Action Mailing List

FROM: Lauren Lubow, Communications Administrator

DATE: January 28, 2004

Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in January 2004.

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

FOOTE, Mary Jo (PA #50-000864) - Martins Ferry

Based on alleged impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care and violation of conditions of limitation imposed on certificate by 7/01 consent agreement due to relapse. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/15/04.

GERACI, Thomas L. (DPM #36-002265) - Hilliard

Based on doctor's pleas of guilty to ten felony counts, including seven felony counts of Illegal Processing of Drug Documents and three felony counts of Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drugs, for which he was found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/15/04. (See also: Pre-hearing Suspensions, below)

PARADIES, Karen Mary (MD #35-081388) - Cincinnati

Based on alleged impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care and violation of conditions of limitation imposed on certificate by 4/03 Board Order due to relapse. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/15/04.

RAMSEY, Katrina Renee (MT #33-011171) - Irondale

Based on massage therapist's plea of guilty to Theft, a fifth degree felony, the acts underlying which involved her having taken \$3,672.61 from a Dollar General store in 10/01. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/15/04.

RANK, Douglas Holland (MD applicant) - Cincinnati

Proposal to deny application for medical licensure based on applicant's failure to provide complete and accurate information on licensure application pertaining to action against his license by Kentucky's medical board; and on prior actions against doctor's licenses by medical boards in Kentucky and New York. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/15/04.

TRIPOULAS, John Alexander (MD applicant) - Rocky River

Proposal to deny application for medical licensure based on applicant's failure to provide complete and accurate information on Ohio licensure application and to specified residency programs pertaining to his residency training. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/15/04.

WEBSTER, Joseph Curley (MD applicant) - Columbus

Proposal to deny application for medical licensure based on applicant's failure to provide complete and accurate information on Ohio licensure application pertaining to the suspension of his clinical privileges at a state psychiatric facility in Middletown, CT, and the suspension of his clinical privileges while in the U.S. Air Force at Eglin Air Force Base (Florida) for inability to practice safely due to physical illness or impairment and alcohol or other substance abuse. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/15/04.

FINAL ORDERS

ALLEN, Mark L. (MD #35-063078) - Chagrin Falls

Medical license indefinitely suspended; interim monitoring conditions, conditions for reinstatement, and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least five years established. Based on impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to alcohol dependence. Order mailed 1/16/04, Order effective 1/16/04.

DAHLQUIST, Glenda Mae (MD #35-061900) – Springboro

Medical license permanently revoked based on inappropriate prescribing and failure to conform to minimal standards of care in the course of treatment of sixteen specified patients. Order mailed 2/3/04; Order effective 3/5/04.

GOODEN, Timothy Alwyn (MD #35-048868) - Mentor

Medical license suspended for one year; all probationary terms imposed by 2/02 consent agreement shall continue. Based on doctor having engaged in sexual activity with the mother of two of his pediatric patients, in violation of a provision of a code of professional ethics and minimal standards of care. Order mailed 2/3/04; Order effective 3/5/04.

LISS, Richard W. (MD #35-047064) - Columbus

Medical license permanently revoked based on doctor's failure to conform to minimal standards of care and violation of the American Medical Association's Principles of Medical 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. Order mailed 1/16/04; Order effective 1/16/04.

LITTLE, Larry John (MD #35-047090) - Columbus

Medical license suspended for at least 180 days; conditions for reinstatement and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least three years established. Based on doctor's improper provision of controlled substances to a family member and to five other specified patients without maintaining adequate medical records to justify such provision, as required by Board rule. Order mailed 1/16/04; Order effective 1/16/04.

SNYDER, Geoffrey D. (MD #35-068971) - Lewisville

Medical license permanently revoked based on doctor having been convicted of one felony count of Importuning, the conduct underlying which involved his soliciting, via the internet, a law enforcement officer posing as a minor to engage in sexual activity; and based upon doctor's failure to advise Board, during processing of his initial application for licensure, that he had been requested to appear at a General Court-Martial to answer charges that ultimately resulted in his dismissal from the United States Army. Order mailed 1/16/04; Order effective 1/16/04. (*See also: Court Action, below*)

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSIONS

GERACI, Thomas L. (DPM #36-002265) - Hilliard

Pursuant to §3719.121(C), O.R.C., podiatry license immediately suspended based on doctor having been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction of seven felony counts of Illegal Processing of Drug Documents and three felony counts of Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drugs. Notice mailed 1/15/04; suspension effective upon service of notice on doctor.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

BIERER, Craig Lindsay (DO training certificate #58-000448) - Cuyahoga Falls

Medical training certificate suspended for at least 90 days; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement, renewal or issuance of any other certificate established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admitted history of alcohol dependence and relapse. Agreement effective 1/14/03.

BRUMFIELD, Daniel H. (MD #35-065317) - Springfield

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 certain treatment and monitoring conditions are in place. Agreement effective 1/16/04; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

SHEDLOCK, Marie Therese (PA #50-000789) - Middleburg Heights

Certificate to practice as a physician assistant 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. Agreement effective 1/14/04; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/RETIREMENTS

MASON, Ulysses G. III (MD #35-036253) - Denver, CO

Doctor's permanent voluntary surrender of medical license accepted by Board in lieu of formal proceedings based on prior action against doctor's license by Colorado's medical board. Doctor ineligible for licensure in the future. Effective 1/12/04.

RAMIREZ, Roque Joel (MD #35-068714) - Mexia, TX

Doctor's permanent voluntary surrender of medical license accepted by Board in lieu of further formal proceedings based on doctor's admission to prior action against his Texas medical license following conclusions by that state's medical board that he had failed to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner. Doctor ineligible for licensure in the future. Effective 1/13/04.

PROBATION MODIFIED

GOVIER, Ann Verlene (MD #35-051156) - Granville

By vote on 1/14/04, Board granted doctor's requests (1) for permission to administer intravenous operative opiates; (2) to reduce frequency of psychotherapy sessions to once a week; (3) to increase work hours to 30 per week; (4) to reduce drug screens to twice per month; and (5) to replace breathalyzer testing with saliva testing.

TORE, Joseph Anthony (MD training certificate #57-002244) - Toledo

Doctor's request to eliminate drug screen requirement granted by vote of the Board on 1/14/04.

WAHL, Kelli Dawn (MT #33-005757) - Zanesville

Massage therapist's request to reduce frequency of required psychiatric sessions to once every three months granted by vote of the Board on 1/14/04.

REINSTATEMENTS

MCCOY, Terrence Francis (MD #35-058974) - Cincinnati

Doctor's request for reinstatement granted by vote of the Board on 1/14/04, effective 1/30/04 and subject to probationary terms established by 7/9/03 Board Order.

PROBATION TERMINATED

HARRISON, Wayne L. (MD #35-056362) - Cincinnati

Doctor's request for release from terms of 10/2/98 consent agreement granted by vote of the Board on 1/14/04.

COURT ACTIONS

BOLTON, Brett (MD #34-007377) - Ft. Lauderdale, FL/Columbus

By Decision filed on 1/9/04, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed Board's 7/9/03 permanent revocation Order. Entry to be filed.

GRAOR, Robert Alan (MD #35-044093) - Beavercreek

By Decision filed 1/7/04, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed Board's 2/12/03 permanent revocation Order. Entry documenting decision and lifting Court's 4/10/03 stay order filed on 1/22/04. By Decision and Entry filed on 1/20/04, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas overruled doctor's motion to continue stay. By Journal Entry filed on 1/21/04, Tenth District Court of Appeals granted doctor's motion for a stay of Board's 2/12/03 permanent revocation Order pending appeal.

ROSSITER, Lawrence J. (DO #34-001933) - Alliance

By Decision and Entry filed 1/15/04, Tenth District Court of Appeals affirmed decision of Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, which had upheld Medical Board's 7/10/02 suspension Order.

SNYDER, Geoffrey D. (MD #35-068971) - Lewisville

Notice of appeal of Board's 1/14/04 permanent revocation Order filed by doctor with Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 1/16/04. By Order filed on 1/16/04, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas stayed Board's permanent revocation Order pending the final disposition of doctor's appeal. Motion for reconsideration to be filed by State.

URBAN, Edward John (DO #34-003523) - Chagrin Falls

By Opinion and Entry filed on 1/13/04, Tenth District Court of Appeals affirmed decision of Common Pleas Court, which had upheld Board's 12/12/01 permanent revocation Order. By Journal Entry filed on 1/22/04, Tenth District Court of Appeals denied doctor's motion to continue the stay of Board's 12/12/01 permanent revocation Order.

NON-DISCIPLINARY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

CITATIONS/PROPOSED APPROVALS & DENIALS

GRISHABER, Judy E. (DO #34-003842) - Cleveland

Proposal issued to approve application for restoration of medical license provided that applicant takes and passes SPEX exam within six months. Based on applicant not having been engaged in the active practice of medicine for more than two years. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed on 1/7/04. (**Non-disciplinary**)

KHAN, Shagufta A. (MD applicant) - Loveland

Proposal issued to approve application for medical license provided that applicant takes and passes SPEX exam within six months. Based on applicant not having been engaged in the active practice of medicine for more than two years. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed on 12/30/03. **(Non-disciplinary)**

RIEDEL, Kathryn (MD applicant) - Strongsville

Proposal issued to approve application for medical license provided that applicant takes and passes SPEX exam within six months. Based on applicant not having been engaged in the active practice of medicine for more than two years. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed on 12/30/03. **(Non-disciplinary)**

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JOHNSON, Robert Klappert (MD #35-027329) - Edgewood, KY

Application for restoration of medical license approved, provided that applicant takes and passes SPEX exam within six months of 10/3/03. Based on applicant not having been engaged in the active practice of medicine for more than two years. (Journal Entry - hearing request withdrawn) Order mailed 1/15/04; Order effective 1/15/04. **(Non-disciplinary)**

MCCOMB, Rudolph Valentino (DPM applicant) - Pittsburgh, PA

Application for podiatry license denied based on applicant's failure to provide proof of completion of one year of acceptable postgraduate training, as required by Ohio law. (Journal Entry - no hearing requested) Order mailed 1/15/04; Order effective 1/15/04. **(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 <http://www.med.ohio.gov/> under "Physician Profile and Status." If you have questions or need additional details about specific cases, please contact Annette Jones at (614) 728-3686.