

MEMORANDUM

TO: Formal Action Mailing List

FROM: Lauren Lubow, Senior Executive Staff Attorney

DATE: April 15, 2005

Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in January 2005.

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

CHECK, Lynne Ellen Zegiob (MD #35-033827) - Garfield Heights

Based on doctor's alleged violation of conditions of limitation imposed on license by 3/04 consent agreement and her alleged failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board due to her failure to appear for a Board-ordered examination.
(*See also*: Final Orders, Pre-hearing Suspensions *and* Court Actions, *below*)

HAMED, Husam Eddin (MD #35-079659) - Cincinnati

Based on Emergency Order of Suspension and subsequent Agreed Order filed by Kentucky's medical board, the latter of which included provisions limiting doctor's authority to prescribe, dispense or otherwise professionally utilize controlled substances unless approved to do so by the Kentucky board. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/13/05.

KEGLER, James L. (MD #35-039513) - Cincinnati

Based on doctor's alleged failure to provide complete and accurate information on Kentucky licensure application pertaining to a past felony conviction in Ohio, and his alleged failure to provide complete and accurate information of Ohio licensure renewal application pertaining to action taken by Kentucky's board against his license in that state. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/13/05.

MASIMORE, Gregory Scott (MD #35-066335) - Toledo

Based on alleged impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to alcohol dependency relapse. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/13/05.

PARKS, Alan Joseph (MD #35-054686) - Columbus

Based on doctor's alleged failure to conform to minimal standards of care with respect to his treatment of three specified patients. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 1/13/05.

FINAL ORDERS

BRUMFIELD, Daniel Howard (MD #35-065317) - Fairborn

No further action taken, and doctor continued under the terms of his 1/16/04 consent agreement, based upon Board's finding that his submission of a urine specimen that tested positive for the presence of cocaine had not been the result of intentional ingestion of cocaine. Order mailed 1/24/05; Order effective 1/24/05.

CHECK, Lynne Ellen Zegiob (MD #35-033827) - Garfield Heights

Medical license indefinitely suspended; conditions for reinstatement established. Order entered due to doctor's failure to comply with Board-ordered examination, resulting in Board's finding, pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(26), O.R.C., that doctor's ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care is impaired because of habitual excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. (Journal Entry) Order mailed 1/13/05; Order effective 1/13/05. (*See also: Citations/Proposed Denials, above, and Pre-hearing Suspensions and Court Actions, below*)

FIERRA, Jeffrey James (MD #35-031774) - Cleveland

Permanent revocation of medical license stayed subject to indefinite suspension for at least six months; interim monitoring conditions, conditions for reinstatement, and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least five years established. Based on doctor's plea of guilty to two misdemeanor counts of Workers Compensation Fraud and one misdemeanor count of Aggravated Theft. Order mailed 2/4/05; Order effective 2/4/05. (*See also: Court Actions, below*)

GREER, Steven Franklin (MD training certificate 57-007242) - Cleveland

Permanent revocation of medical training certificate stayed subject to indefinite suspension for at least ninety days; 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 4/04 consent agreement and impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to relapse; and doctor having made false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statements by failing to reveal his history of cocaine abuse and dependence. Order mailed 2/4/05; Order effective 2/4/05.

HAIJ-HAMED, Ghassan (MD #35-069745) - Cincinnati

Medical license permanently revoked based on doctor's violation of conditions of limitation imposed on license by 11/14/03 consent agreement. Order mailed 2/4/05; Order effective 2/4/05. (*See also: Court Actions, below*)

HOWARD-MCGRADY, Felicia Kanaz (MD #35-078691) - Forest Park, IL/Kennesaw, GA

No further action ordered following determinations by Board that doctor's failure to pay Illinois state income tax, which had resulted in the suspension of her license in that state, was due to an oversight which she had worked diligently to correct, and that there was no evidence that doctor poses any threat to the public. Order mailed 1/14/05; Order effective 1/14/05.

PICKETT, Thomas Richard (PA applicant) - Columbus

Application for registration as a physician assistant granted, subject to indefinite suspension for at least 180 days; interim monitoring conditions, conditions for reinstatement, and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least five years established. Based on applicant's inability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to alcohol dependency. Order mailed 1/14/05; Order effective 1/14/05.

TRIPOULAS, John Alexander (MD applicant) - Rocky River

Application for medical licensure permanently denied based on applicant's failure to provide complete and accurate information pertaining to his residency training on an Ohio licensure application, on a Federation Credentials Verification Service application, and to specified residency programs. Order mailed 1/14/05; Order effective 1/14/05.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSIONS

CHECK, Lynne Ellen Zegiob (MD #35-033827) - Garfield Heights

Pursuant to §4731.22(G), O.R.C., medical license summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that doctor violated conditions of limitation imposed on her license by 3/10/04 consent agreement; and that doctor's continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Notice mailed 1/13/05; suspension effective 1/13/05. (*See also: Citations/Proposed Denials and Final Orders, above, and Court Actions, below*)

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

BRUENING, Frank Raymond (MD #35-032119) - 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 certain treatment and monitoring requirements are in place. Agreement effective 1/12/05; agreement to remain in effect for at least two years prior to any request for termination.

KIRKLAND, Jeanne Marie (MD #35-045543) - Dayton

In resolution of doctor's appeal of Board's 10/13/04 suspension Order, and in recognition of doctor's compliance with terms of suspension and conditions for reinstatement established by that Order, medical license reinstated, subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least four years. Agreement effective 1/13/05. (NOTE: License was suspended from 10/19/04 through 11/2/04)

MARSICO, Robert Edward, Jr. (MD #35-064913) - Akron

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 1/12/05; agreement to remain in effect for at least a five years prior to any request for termination.

OSTING, Ralph George (DPM #36-002996) - Elyria

Doctor reprimanded and license to practice podiatric medicine suspended for thirty days; probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least two years established. Based on doctor's admission that he was found guilty of Voyeurism, a third degree misdemeanor; and on doctor having been deemed capable of practicing podiatric medicine according to usual and prevailing standards of care following a Board-ordered assessment to determine whether he was impaired due to mental illness or chemical dependency. Agreement effective 1/12/05.

PIDHORODECKY, Nykolai Vasil (MD #35-079642) - Akron

Medical license suspended for at least 180 days; 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 chemically dependent and has sought treatment through a Board-approved provider; and that he pled guilty to, and was found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction of, one felony count of Possession of Cocaine. Agreement effective 1/12/05.

RENZ, Mark Allan (MD training certificate #57-007902) - Columbus

Medical training certificate suspended for at least one year; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement/renewal 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 sought treatment through a Board-approved provider for chemical dependency at the referral of his anesthesia residency training program. Agreement effective 1/12/05.

SCHNEIDER, Andrew (MD #35-053843) - Dublin

Summary suspension imposed on 11/1/04 terminated, with agreement that parties will file a joint motion dismissing doctor's appeal of Board's 11/1/04 summary suspension Order; medical license suspended for at least 90 days; 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 his ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care is impaired due to chemical dependency relapse on opiates, for which he has sought treatment through a Board-approved provider. Agreement effective 1/12/05.

SHAW, Christopher S. (MD training certificate #57-006421) - Akron

10/15/04 consent agreement amended to extend minimum term of suspension to 120 days from 11/25/04, based on doctor's relapse and subsequent completion of 28 days of residential treatment for chemical dependence. Agreement effective 1/12/05.

SPEARS, David Paul (DO training certificate #58-001123) - Marietta

Medical 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 certain treatment and monitoring conditions are in place. Agreement effective 1/12/05; agreement to remain in effect until doctor has completed at least a five year probationary period prior to any request for termination.

SULLIVAN, Michael William (MD #35-066178) - Omaha, NE

Restoration of medical license granted subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations based on doctor's history of drug dependence and treatment; and based on prior action against doctor's Nebraska license for reasons related to chemical dependency. Agreement effective 1/12/05; Agreement to remain in effect for a minimum of three years prior to any request for termination.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/RETIREMENTS

SIEGLER, Edward Earle (MD #35-015255) - Lyndhurst

Doctor's voluntary retirement accepted by Board effective 3/9/05; doctor ineligible for licensure in the future. (**Non-disciplinary**)

PROBATION/MONITORING TERMS MODIFIED

BROCK, David Todd (DO #34-007161) - London

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by vote of the Board on 1/13/05.

CRAWFORD, William Lawrence (MD #35-032527) - Warren

Doctor's request to reduce required drug screens to twice per month granted by vote of the Board on 1/13/05.

GRAY, John H. (DO #34-003191) - Lorain

Doctor's request to eliminate chart monitoring requirement granted by vote of the Board on 1/13/05.

PADHIAR, Ashok Vishram (MD #35-052511) - Steubenville

Doctor's request to reduce required drug screens to twice per month granted by vote of the Board on 1/13/05.

SHOR, Steven John (MD #35-060259) - Amherst

Doctor's request to reduce required psychiatric sessions to once per month granted by vote of the Board on 1/13/05, with the understanding that doctor will continue with psychological counseling.

STORROW, Alan B. (MD #35-060445) - Cincinnati, OH/Villa Hills, KY

Doctor's requests to reduce required personal appearances to every six months and drug screens to twice per month granted by vote of the Board on 1/13/05.

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

Massage therapist's request to required counseling sessions to once per month granted by vote of the Board on 1/13/05.

MODIFICATION OF PROBATION/MONITORING TERMS DENIED

GRAY, John H. (DO #34-003191) - Lorain

Doctor's request to eliminate drug log requirement denied by vote of the Board on 1/13/05.

REINSTATEMENTS

STEWART, Scott T. (P.A. #50-000926) - Gahanna

Physician assistant's request for reinstatement of P.A. registration granted by vote of the Board on 1/13/05, subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations established by 7/12/00 Board Order.

PROBATION TERMINATED

HEIM, Brian David (MD #35-071122) - Copley

Doctor's request for release from terms of 9/9/98 consent agreement granted by vote of the Board on 1/12/05.

COURT ACTIONS

CHECK, Lynne Ellen Zegiob (MD #35-033827) - Garfield Heights

Notice of appeal of Board's 1/12/05 indefinite suspension Order filed by doctor with Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on or about 1/26/05.

FIERRA, Jeffrey James (MD #35-031774) - Cleveland

Notice of appeal of Board's 1/12/05 indefinite suspension Order filed by doctor with Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on or about 2/16/05.

HAJ-HAMED, Ghassan (MD #35-069745) - Cincinnati

Notice of appeal of Board's 1/12/05 permanent revocation Order filed by doctor with Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on or about 2/8/05.

KALIA, Jitander N. (MD #35-066425) - Warren

By Decision filed on 1/7/05 and documented by Entry filed on 1/25/05, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed Board's 8/11/04 permanent revocation 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 <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.