

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Formal Action Mailing List

FROM: Lauren Lubow, Communications Administrator

DATE: April 10, 2003

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

### CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

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

Based on allegations that doctor failed to conform to minimal standards of care and violated a code of professional ethics by engaging in sexual contact with a specified patient despite their on-going physician-patient relationship. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 3/13/03.

**COHN**, Frederick (MD #35-065955) - Albuquerque, NM

Based on doctor's plea of guilty in U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Kentucky to felony counts of Attempt and Conspiracy, Laundering of Monetary Instruments, Health Care Fraud, and Criminal Forfeitures. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 3/13/03.

**HAI-HAMED**, Ghassan (MD #35-069745) - Cincinnati

Based on prior action against doctor's license by Kentucky medical board based on allegations of improper prescribing of controlled substances, including Vicodin and Oxycontin. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 3/13/03.

**MEJIA**, Juan Carlos (MD #35-077484) - Cincinnati

Based on prior action against doctor's license by Kentucky medical board based on allegations of improper prescribing of controlled substances, including Vicodin and Oxycontin. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 3/13/03.

#### FINAL ORDERS

**BURKE**, Paul Webber, Jr. (MD #35-053125) - Parkersburg, WV

Application for restoration of medical license granted, subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least three years. Based on doctor's history of alcohol dependence and relapse, and on prior action against doctor's license by West Virginia's medical board related to impairment. Order mailed 3/26/03; Order effective 3/26/03.

**EMAMI**, Mandana (MD #35-082399/MD training certificate #57-001902) - Dublin

Application for medical licensure granted following Board's determination that evidence was insufficient to support a conclusion that applicant had intended to divulge false or deceptive information pertaining to her medical education on applications for the ECFMG examination and residency training, and on applications for licensure in Ohio and Utah. Order mailed 3/13/03; Order effective 3/13/03.

**TOBIAS**, Jonathan (MD #35-078310) - Cincinnati

Medical license suspended for at least ninety days; interim monitoring conditions, conditions for reinstatement, and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least three years established. Based on doctor having been found guilty of two felony counts of Gross Abuse of a Corpse. Order mailed 3/26/03; Order effective 3/26/03.

**KENNEN**, James Michael (DO #34-004546) - Cleveland

Medical license revoked based on impairment of ability to practice and violation of conditions of limitation imposed on license by 8/14/02 Board Order due to alcohol relapse. (Journal Entry - no hearing requested) Order mailed 3/13/03; Order effective 3/13/03.

**MINOR**, David Cragar (MD #35-049411) - Lawton, OK

Medical license permanently revoked based on doctor's failure to comply with specified conditions of limitation imposed on license by 9/13/00 consent agreement. (Journal Entry - no hearing requested) Order mailed 3/13/03; Order effective 3/13/03.

#### CHILD SUPPORT DEFAULT SUSPENSION

**MOCK**, Theron Clay, Jr. (MD #35-045230) - Cleveland

Pursuant to determination by Portage County Child Support Enforcement Agency that doctor is in default under a child support order, medical license immediately suspended until such time as Board receives notice from Portage County Child Support Enforcement Agency that doctor is no longer determined to be in default. Notice mailed 3/17/03; suspension effective upon doctor's receipt of notice.

### CONSENT AGREEMENTS

**WORRELL**, Bruce S. (DO #34-002776) - Cincinnati

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 admissions that he suffers from chemical dependency, for which he has sought treatment through a Board-approved provider; that he obtained the controlled substance Vicodin for self-use by deceptively instructing clerical staff to call in prescriptions in the name of his wife, using his name and the name of an unknowing colleague as the prescribing physician; and that he was indicted for eight felony counts of Deception to Obtain a Dangerous Drug, for which his request for intervention in lieu of conviction remains pending. Effective 3/13/03.

### VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/RETIREMENTS

**AMSBARY**, Harry Lowell (MD #35-037329) - Parkersburg, WV

Permanent revocation of medical license authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based on his having plead guilty in West Virginia to two misdemeanor counts of Battery involving two patients by unlawfully and intentionally making physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature; and based on prior action against his license in West Virginia. Effective 3/31/03.

**CODDINGTON**, Robert Dean MD #35-029667) - St. Clairsville

Doctor's voluntary retirement of medical license accepted by Board in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based on 7/10/02 notice of opportunity for hearing and in consideration of his retirement from medical practice. Doctor permanently ineligible for future licensure in Ohio, and required to permanently surrender within 45 days all licenses authorizing practice in other jurisdictions. Effective 3/31/03.

**PORTER**, Charles Vernon (MD #35-039340) - Martin's Ferry

Permanent revocation of medical license authorized by doctor in lieu of further formal proceedings based on doctor's admissions that (1) he was convicted of one count of False Swearing on an Affidavit in West Virginia which, though a misdemeanor in West Virginia, would constitute a felony in Ohio; and (2) he deviated from the standard of care in connection with his treatment of a specified patient. Effective 3/11/03.

#### PROBATION MODIFIED

**BIRDSONG**, Edward Miles (DO #34-003450) - Dallas, TX

Doctor's request to remove "direct supervision" language of the Board's Order granted by vote of the board on 3/12/03, with the understanding that doctor will still have a monitoring physician who will review patient charts.

**PANCOAST**, Paul Edward (MD #35-048028) - Columbia, MO

Doctor's requests to reduce required drug screens to once per month and alcohol and drug rehabilitation meeting requirement to two per week granted by vote of the Board on 3/12/03.

**TRUMBO**, John Rolla (MD #35-050813) - Mountain Home AFB, ID

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months, and to reduce and subsequently discontinue chart review requirement granted by vote of the Board on 3/12/03.

#### MODIFICATION OF PROBATION DENIED

**BIRDSONG**, Edward Miles (DO #34-003450) - Dallas, TX

Doctor's request to work on a cruise ship without a monitoring physician denied by vote of the Board on 3/12/03.

#### DISMISSAL

**LA COGNATA**, Salvatore G. (DO #34-007441) - Mesa, AZ

Notice of opportunity issued by Board on 11/13/02 dismissed following doctor's provision of satisfactory proof of his timely completion of required Continuing Medical Education hours.

## COURT ACTIONS

**BAMBRICK**, William S., III (MD #35-043889) - Williston, ND/Erie, PA

Notice of voluntary dismissal of appeal filed by doctor with Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on or about 3/25/03.

**EL-MAHDY**, Amr Hamid (MD #35-051158) - Warren

By Decision filed 3/6/03, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas denied Board's motion to dismiss doctor's appeal as having been untimely filed, noting that clerk had timely docketed appeal despite the lack of a filing fee.

**ISTANBOOLY**, Faye Fatina (MD #35-060216) - Rancho Viego, TX

By Decision and Entry filed 3/11/03, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas granted doctor's motion to stay Board's 2/12/03 suspension Order until final adjudication of the merits of the appeal.

**ROYDER**, Clayton H. (DO #34-004352) - Columbus

Notice of appeal to Ohio Supreme Court filed by doctor on 2/7/03. By Decision filed 3/19/03, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas denied Board's motion to vacate stay previously granted to doctor, permitting doctor to continue practice under the terms of that stay pending determination of his appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court. Entry filed 3/27/03.

**URBAN**, Edward John (DO #34-003523) - Cortland

By Decision filed 3/20/03, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed Board's 12/12/01 permanent revocation Order. Entry filed 4/1/03.

**VOORHIS**, Charles C. (MD #35-031920) - Panama City, FL

By Decision and Entry filed 3/10/03, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas denied Board's motion asking that the Court reconsider its decision reversing the Board's reprimand Order and that the Court remand the case to the Board for further proceedings.

## **NON-DISCIPLINARY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

### FINAL ORDERS

**RAAL**, Frederick Johan (MD applicant) - Johannesburg, South Africa

Application for medical license denied because applicant did not graduate from a school accredited by the LCME, does not hold an ECMFG certificate, and has not completed two years of graduate medical education through the second year level or its equivalent, as required by Ohio law. (Journal Entry - no hearing requested) Order mailed 3/13/03; Order effective 3/13/03. (**Non-disciplinary**)

### CONSENT AGREEMENT

**CENTRAL OHIO SCHOOL OF MASSAGE, INC./**Sharon Thompson, Registrar

In order to facilitate graduation of currently enrolled students who successfully complete course of instructions on or before 9/30/03, Board will continue to recognize school as a school in good standing until 10/1/03, subject to school complying with probationary terms, conditions and limitations, including agreement that it not admit new students unless it first receives a valid certificate of registration and a valid massage therapy program authorization from the Ohio Board of Proprietary School Registration, and a certificate of good standing from the State Medical Board. Effective 2/18/03. (**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.