

MEMORANDUM

TO: Formal Action Mailing List

FROM: Lauren Lubow, Communications Administrator

DATE: August 20, 2003

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

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

JONES, Miles James (MD #35-079363) - Lee's Summit, MO

Based on prior actions against doctor's medical licenses in North Dakota, Wisconsin, Missouri, New York, Alabama and Oklahoma, following conclusions by one or more of the medical boards in those states that doctor had prescribed over the internet without prior patient examination or establishment of a legitimate physician-patient relationship, and that he had been subject to discipline in other states based on those acts. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 7/14/03.

LEON, Alberto A. (MD #35-046211) - Xenia

Based on doctor's alleged commission of acts that would constitute felonies (to wit: Trafficking in Drugs, Deception to Obtain a Dangerous Drug, Illegal Processing of Drug Documents), stemming from his having prescribed controlled substances to five specified patients, including a family member, without complying with Medical Board rules requiring examination, evaluation and documentation to support such prescribing; and doctor's alleged diversion of controlled substances for his own use. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 7/11/03.

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

Based on doctor's alleged 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. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 7/11/03.

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

Based upon doctor's alleged 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. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 7/11/03.

VASIC, Vladimir (MD #35-078402) - Painesville

Based on doctor's alleged failure to provide complete and accurate information on hospital privilege applications pertaining to a prior hospital privileges action and prior action against his medical license in Ontario, Canada; and allegedly making a false statement regarding the latter to the Ohio Medical Board. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 7/11/03.

VIDYASAGAR, Maiyoor Sitaram (MD #35-059957) - Port Clinton

Based on prior action against doctor's license by Nevada's medical board due to doctor's falsification of his renewal application; and prior action by Michigan's medical board based on Nevada's action and doctor's failure to timely inform the Michigan Board of same. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 7/11/03.

FINAL ORDERS

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

Medical license permanently revoked based on doctor having been convicted in U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, of 19 felony counts of misapplying money and funds – each of a value in excess of \$1000 - belonging to a gaming establishment operated by an Indian tribe. Order mailed 7/15/03; Order effective 7/15/03. (*See also: Court Actions, below*)

BRADY, Brian T. (MT applicant) - Mentor

Application for massage therapy certificate denied based on finding by Board, following applicant's failure to comply with Board-ordered examination, that applicant is unable to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. (Journal Entry). Order mailed 7/11/03; Order effective 7/11/03.

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

Medical license indefinitely suspended based on prior actions against doctor's license by Kentucky's medical board, including an Amended Emergency Order of Suspension and a Final Order upholding that emergency suspension, which actions were based on allegations of improper prescribing of controlled substances, including Vicodin and Oxycontin. (Journal Entry - hearing not timely requested) Order mailed 7/11/03; Order effective 7/11/03. Order to remain in effect until either (1) issuance of a final action by Ohio Board based on a final resolution of the pending Kentucky action; or (2) a determination by Ohio Board, following final resolution of the pending Kentucky action, that no further action by Ohio Board is warranted. (*See also*: Court Actions, *below*)

KADER, Ayman M. (MD #35-073825) - Berwick, PA

Medical license permanently revoked based on doctor having been found guilty of felony counts of Trafficking in Drugs and Illegal Processing of Drug Documents and, on a separate occasion, of misdemeanor Medicaid Fraud; doctor's failure to provide complete and accurate information on his license renewal application in response to questions about criminal actions and charges; and his failure to advise the Board on his renewal application that his clinical privileges at Twin City Hospital in Dennison, Ohio, had been permanently revoked. Order mailed 7/15/03; Order effective 7/15/03.

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

Permanent revocation of medical license stayed subject to indefinite suspension for at least six months; conditions for reinstatement and subsequent probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least three years established. Based on doctor's failure to conform to the minimal standard of care and violation of a Code of Professional Ethics by having engaged in sexual contact with a specified patient despite their on-going physician-patient relationship. Order mailed 7/30/03; Order effective 7/30/03.

SINGH, Paramjit (MD #35-066022) - East Liverpool

Permanent revocation of medical license stayed subject to indefinite suspension for at least one year; conditions for reinstatement established. Based on doctor having been found guilty of one felony count of Aggravated Possession of Drugs. Order mailed 7/30/03; Order effective 7/30/03.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

HASSINK, George V. (MD #35-045682) - Findlay

Suspension imposed by 2/03 consent agreement terminated; medical license suspended for at least one year from date doctor enters residential treatment which concludes in his successful completion of that treatment; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for

consideration for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations to monitor practice. Based on impairment of doctor's ability to practice and his violation of conditions of limitation imposed on his license by 2/03 consent agreement due to chemical dependency relapse. Effective 7/9/03.

LEWIS, Carol Elaine (MD #35-061461) - Cleveland

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 7/9/03; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

SHIPPEL, Allan Hendley (MD #35-042499) - Canton, GA

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 7/9/03; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

YUN, Mary Mei-Ling (MD #35-072128) - Cincinnati

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 7/9/03; agreement to remain in effect for at least ten years prior to any request for termination.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/RETIREMENTS

BIBB, Richard Edward (MD #35-026338) - Cincinnati

Permanent revocation of medical license authorized by doctor in lieu of formal proceedings pursuant to §4731.22(B)(18), O.R.C., which authorizes the Board to take action based on violation of a Code of Professional Ethics. Effective 7/9/03.

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

OTTO, David Robert (MD #35-069223) - Wadsworth

Doctor's request to withdraw pending application for restoration of medical license accepted on behalf of Board in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based on doctor's

admissions that he has received treatment for diagnoses that include alcohol and opioid dependence, major depression, panic disorder and anxiety; that he received treatment after relapsing by self-administering Fentanyl and Sufentanil that he obtained from a hospital by theft; and that he plead guilty to misdemeanor criminal charges relative to that theft in Kansas in 9/02. Effective 7/9/03.

DISMISSAL

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

9/12/01 citation dismissed as moot following entry on 6/11/03 of permanent revocation Order based on separate (3/12/03) allegations, which doctor did not appeal. Effective 7/10/03.

PROBATION MODIFIED

BIRDSONG, Edward Miles (DO #34-003450) – Huntington, NY

Doctor's requests to continue with the terms of the Board's 5/12/02 Order while he is residing and practicing in New York, eliminate chart review requirement, and waive appearances until doctor is eligible for release from probation in 2005 granted by vote of the Board on 7/9/03.

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

Doctor's request to eliminate chart review requirement granted by vote of the Board on 7/9/03.

HIGHBERGER, W. Andrew (MD #35-056976) - Marysville

Doctor's request to perform operative anesthesia only in a hospital or an ambulatory surgery facility granted by vote of the Board on 7/9/03.

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

Doctor's request for permission to apply for D.E.A. certificate, and to prescribe, administer, dispense, order, write orders for, give verbal orders for, or possess any controlled substances with the maintenance of a controlled substance log granted by vote of the board on 7/9/03.

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

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by vote of the Board on 7/9/03.

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

Massage therapist's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted by vote of the Board on 7/9/03.

WILSON, Paul Wesley (DO #34-002939) - Toledo

Doctor's request to eliminate drug screen requirement granted by vote of the Board on 7/9/03.

WINDOM, Reginald Odester (MD #35-059407) - Chillicothe

Doctor's request to reduce psychiatric sessions and Depakote level testing to once per month granted by vote of the Board on 7/9/03.

TARESHAWTY, Eugene Frank, Jr. (MD #35-058757) - Youngstown

Doctor's requests to reduce personal appearances to every six months and drug screens to twice per month granted by vote of the Board on 7/9/03.

WOODROW, Virginia Catherine (MD #35-047163) - Lima

Doctor's requests to reduce personal appearances to every six months granted by vote of the Board on 7/9/03.

MODIFICATION OF PROBATION DENIED

ISKANDER, Hany Maurice (MD #35-074030) - Huntington, WV

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances denied by vote of the Board on 7/9/03.

TARESHAWTY, Eugene F., Jr. (MD #35-058757) - Youngstown

Doctor's request to reduce required alcohol and drug rehabilitation meetings denied by vote of the Board on 7/9/03.

WOODROW, Virginia Catherine (MD #35-047163) - Lima

Doctor's request to reduce frequency of required psychiatric sessions denied by vote of the Board on 7/9/03.

PROBATION TERMINATED

CAMPBELL, Jessica Beatrice (MD #35-057773) - Zanesville

Doctor's request for release from terms of 5/14/97 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 7/9/03.

COURT ACTIONS

BOLTON, Brett (DO #34-007377) - Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Notice of appeal of Board's 7/9/03 permanent revocation Order filed by doctor with Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on or about 7/18/03. By Entry filed 7/18/03, Common Pleas Court temporarily granted doctor's motion for a stay of Board's 7/9/03 permanent revocation Order.

GIPE, Dannie K., Jr. (MD applicant) - Lakewood

By Opinion and Judgment Entry filed on 7/31/03, Tenth District Court of Appeals affirmed Court of Common Pleas decision upholding Board's 2/13/02 Order permanently denying medical licensure.

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

Notice of appeal of Board's 7/9/03 indefinite suspension Order filed by doctor with Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on or about 7/22/03. Separate notice of appeal of 5/14/03 Order and Entry dismissing 3/12/03 citation filed by doctor with Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on or about 7/22/03.

PACHUDA, Nicholas Michael (DPM #36-002865) - Sandusky

By Decision filed on 7/1/03, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed Board's 11/13/02 indefinite suspension Order. Entry to be filed.

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

Notice of appeal to Tenth District Court of Appeals filed by doctor on 6/27/03.

ROYDER, Clayton H. (DO #35-004352) - Columbus

By Decision filed 7/15/03 and documented by Entry filed 7/24/02, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas granted Medical Board's motion to vacate 5/23/03 stay order and denied doctor's motion for clarification of that stay order. Allowing 30 days for doctor to close practice, as provided in original Board Order, permanent revocation Order effective 8/24/03.

STASCHAK, Michael Carmen (MD applicant) - Pittsburgh, PA

By Decision filed 7/9/03 and documented by Judgment Entry filed on 7/16/03, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed Board's 12/11/02 Order permanently denying medical licensure.

NON-DISCIPLINARY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

FINAL ORDERS

BERTANI, Leanne McDonald (MD #35-052568) - Columbus

Application for restoration of medical license approved, provided that doctor takes and passes special purposes examination (SPEX) within six months of 5/1/03. Order based on board's finding that doctor has not been engaged in the active practice of allopathic medicine and surgery for more than two years. (Journal Entry - no hearing request) Order mailed 7/11/03; Order effective 7/11/03. **(Non-disciplinary)**

MARTING, Rodger Allen (DO training certificate #58-00290) - Circleville

Application for medical license approved, provided that applicant takes and passes special purposes examination (SPEX) within six months of 5/6/03. Order based on Board's finding that applicant has not been engaged in the active practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery for more than two years. (Journal Entry - no hearing requested) Order mailed 7/11/03; Order effective 7/11/03. **(Non-disciplinary)**

VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/RETIREMENTS

HART, James Lee (MD #35-037544) - Beachwood

Doctor's voluntary retirement of medical license accepted on behalf of the Board effective 7/23/03; doctor ineligible for licensure in the future. **(Non-disciplinary)**

CATON, James W. (DO #34-000613) - Zanesville

Doctor's voluntary retirement of medical license accepted on behalf of the Board effective 7/23/03; doctor ineligible for licensure in the future. **(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/ under "Physician Profile and Status." If you have questions or need additional details about specific cases, please contact Annette Jones at (614) 728-3686.