

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Formal Action Mailing List

FROM: Lauren Lubow, Senior Executive Staff Attorney

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

### CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

**BARSOUM**, Wael Kamel (MD #35-072588) - Pepper Pike

Based on prior action against doctor's license by Florida's medical board in resolution of allegations that he performed a wrong-site surgical procedure. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 9/9/04.

**GOEL**, Mahesh Chand (MD #35-082727) - Cleveland

Based on doctor's alleged failure to provide complete and accurate information on Ohio licensure applications and Department of Insurance Standardized Credentialing Form pertaining to his having been arrested and criminally charged in the United Kingdom with unlawfully killing a patient; and prior action against doctor's medical registration by the General Medical Council of the United Kingdom following findings that he was guilty of serious professional misconduct. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 9/9/04.

**KHAN**, Mohammad I. (MD #35-036857) - Beverly Hills, CA

Based on prior action against doctor's license by California's medical board following legal conclusions that included that doctor had engaged in gross negligence and repeated negligent acts. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 9/9/04.

**LONERGAN, John Michael (MD #35-041091) - Parma**

Based on doctor having been found guilty of eight felony counts involving tax evasion, mail fraud and health care fraud. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 9/9/04.

**RUFFIN, Julia (DPM #36-002249) - Cincinnati**

Based on alleged impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to mental illness. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 9/9/04. (*See also: Pre-hearing Suspension, below*)

### DISMISSAL

**BRINDLE, Fred A. (MD #35-052438) - Sandusky**

7/14/04 Notice of Opportunity for Hearing dismissed on 9/7/04 without prejudice to future action, based on doctor having been acquitted by Erie County Court of Common Pleas of a crime for which he had been previously convicted, which conviction had served as the sole basis of Board's 7/14/04 Notice.

### FINAL ORDERS

**SOUTHERN, Brian D. (MD training certificate #57-008187) - Cleveland**

Permanent revocation of training certificate stayed, subject to indefinite suspension; Board shall not consider renewal of training certificate or issue any other certificate for at least one year; 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 history of substance abuse and relapse. Order mailed 9/24/04; Order effective 9/24/04.

### PRE-HEARING SUSPENSIONS

**RUFFIN, Julia (DPM #36-002249) - Cincinnati**

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), O.R.C., podiatry license summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that doctor's ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care is impaired due to mental illness, and that her continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Suspension effective upon mailing of notice on 9/9/04.

## CONSENT AGREEMENTS

**DIAMANTIS**, Nicholas Constantine (MD #35-069292) - Middleburg Heights

Medical license suspended for thirty days; subsequent probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least five years established. Based on doctor's admission that he performed dental procedures without holding a license to do so, and that insurance carriers were billed for and issued payment for dental procedures in the name of his business partner, a licensed physician/dentist, when doctor had actually rendered those services. Agreement ratified by Board on 9/8/04; agreement to become effective upon final signature (pending).

**GALANG**, Lamberto T. R., Jr. (MD training certificate #57-004620) - Cincinnati

Probationary terms, conditions and limitations established to monitor practice based on doctor's admission that he has been in treatment for dysthymia, social phobia and voyeurism, and on his having been deemed capable of practicing medicine according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care so long as he continues his current treatment for his psychiatric diagnoses. Agreement effective 9/9/04; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

**HUMES**, Katherine Alicia (MD #35-068502) - Lancaster

Medical license suspended for at least 120 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 impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to alcohol dependence, for which doctor has sought treatment through a Board-approved provider. Agreement effective 9/9/04.

**MOSLEY**, Francine Robinson (MD training certificate #57-005226/MD #35-085080) - London, KY

Medical license granted subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations to monitor practice based on doctor's history of recurrent Major Depressive Disorder, which is currently in full remission. Agreement effective 9/9/04; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

**ZAK**, John F. III (MD #35-073277) - Middleburg Heights

Medical license suspended for thirty days; subsequent probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least five years established. Based on doctor's admission that he allowed his business partner to perform dental procedures without holding a license to do so, and that insurance carriers were billed for and issued payment for dental procedures in his name when his business partner, a licensed physician, had actually rendered those

services. Agreement ratified by Board on 9/8/04; agreement to become effective upon final signature (pending).

#### INTERIM AGREEMENT

**JOSEY**, Willie Leroy (MD #35-055467) - South Shore, KY

By Interim Agreement effective 9/3/04, doctor agreed not to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio in any form until allegations contained in 11/12/03 notice of opportunity for hearing have been fully resolved.

#### VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/RETIREMENTS

**RICHARDS**, Philip O. (MD #35-030329) - Jackson, MI

Doctor's permanent voluntary surrender of medical license accepted by Board in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based on prior action against doctor's license by Michigan's medical board. Effective 9/8/04.

#### PROBATION MODIFIED

**BRIGGS**, Jeffrey Allen (MD #35-044176) - Westerville

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to once every six months granted by vote of the Board on 9/9/04.

**GOVIER**, Ann Verlene (MD #35-051156) - Newark

Doctor's requests to increase her work hours to 40 hours per week, to cover one night of call per week, but not on weekends, and to decrease her psychotherapy requirement to twice per month granted by vote of the Board on 9/8/04.

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

Doctor's request to reduce required alcohol and drug rehabilitation meetings to at least two meetings per week, with a minimum of ten per month, granted by vote of the Board on 9/9/04.

**MORRIS**, Louise Delyte (PA #50-000354) - Cedarville

Physician assistant's request to reduce required personal appearances to once every six months granted by vote of the Board on 9/9/04.

**TRUMBO**, John Rolla (MD #35-050813) - Caldwell, ID

Doctor's requests to reduce required personal appearances to once every six months and to reduce required alcohol and drug rehabilitation meetings to at least two meetings per week, with a minimum of ten per month, granted by vote of the Board on 9/9/04.

PROBATION TERMINATED

**GREATHOUSE**, Mark K. (MD #35-065623) – Pittsburgh, PA

Probation terminated upon verification of Doctor's compliance with terms for three biennial registration periods. Effective 9/2/04.

**LUNDERMAN**, Jack Catlett, Jr. (MD #35-052430) - Centerville

Probation terminated upon verification of Doctor's compliance with terms for three biennial registration periods. Effective 9/1/04.

**ROBINSON**, John P. (DO #34-003721) - Akron

Doctor's request for release from terms of 9/8/99 consent agreement granted by vote of the Board on 9/8/04.

**TALBOT**, Kathleen Ellen (MD #35-053141) - Cleveland

Doctor's request for release from terms of 9/8/99 consent agreement granted by vote of the Board on 9/8/04.

COURT ACTIONS

**DAHLQUIST**, Glenda M. (MD #35-061900) - Dayton

By Entry filed on 8/18/04, Tenth District Court of Appeals denied doctor's motion for a stay of Board's 1/14/04 permanent revocation Order pending her appeal in that court.

**PRADA**, German Virgilio (MD #35-039814) - Dayton

By Decision filed 9/14/04, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed Board's 3/10/04 indefinite suspension Order. Entry to filed.

**SCHECHTER**, John Michael (MD #35-061517) - Akron

By Decision filed on 9/2/04 and documented by Entry filed on 9/15/04, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed Board's 3/10/04 permanent revocation Order.

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

By Opinion and Entry filed on 9/2/04, Tenth District Court of Appeals affirmed Board's 12/11/02 Order permanently denying application for medical licensure.

**VINSON**, David Jr. (MD #35-058761) - Chicago, IL

By Decision filed on 9/1/04 and documented by Entry filed on 9/16/04, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed Board's 6/11/03 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.