

**STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO
FORMAL ACTION REPORT – April 2009**

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Listed below is a summary of the disciplinary actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in April 2009 and an update of Board matters pending in courts as of the date of this document.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSION

ST. ONGE, Rick D. (MD #35-066328) – Gallipolis, OH

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), O.R.C., medical license summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that (1) doctor has an inability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to mental illness; and (2) doctor's continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Suspension effective 4/8/09; Notice mailed 4/9/09. (*See also: Citations & Proposed Denials below*)

STOWELL, Steven Douglas (MD #35-087608) – Cranberry Township, PA

Pursuant to Section 3719.121(C), O.R.C., medical license immediately suspended based on doctor having been found guilty of one felony count of Conspiracy/Violation Controlled Substance, Drug Device and Cosmetic Act, and one consolidated felony count of Violation Controlled Substance, Drug Device and Cosmetic Act in Butler County, PA. Suspension effective 4/8/09; Notice mailed 4/9/09. (*See also: Citations & Proposed Denials below*)

CHILD SUPPORT SUSPENSION

WASSIL, John George III (MD #35-077968) – Sharon, PA

Pursuant to determination by Trumbull County Child Support Enforcement Agency that doctor is in default under a child support order, Board ordered not to issue a license to doctor or reinstate doctor's medical license until such time as the Board receives notice from that agency that doctor is no longer determined to be in default. Notice mailed 4/16/09.

CITATIONS & PROPOSED DENIALS

BRONER, Cynthia W. (MD #35-058575) – Columbus, OH
a.k.a.: Wester-Broner, Cynthia D., M.D.

Based on doctor's alleged failure to fulfill conditions for reinstatement of doctor's license established in the 4/11/01 Board Order, which requires doctor to submit reports of psychiatric evaluations finding doctor capable of practicing according to acceptable prevailing standards of care, and on doctor's alleged failure to be engaged in active medical practice for a period in excess of two years. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 4/9/09.

HALPIN, John Albert (MD #35-037982) – Cincinnati, OH

Based on doctor's alleged failure to pay a \$5,000 fine and supply documentation showing satisfactory completion of CME, as required in the 8/14/08 Board Order. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 4/9/09.

HAQUE, Ehteshamul (MD #35-078962) – Norfolk, VA

Based on prior action of the Virginia Department of Health Professionals in suspending doctor's license in that state, the underlying basis being doctor having been convicted of two felony counts of Prescription Fraud and one felony count of Possession of Schedule IV Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 4/9/09.

MADAN, Ravi Dutt (MD #35-075868) – Lima, OH

Based on doctor's alleged violation of conditions of limitation placed on medical license by 10/8/08 Consent Agreement, alleged failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board, and alleged making of false statements in relation to the practice of medicine; the underlying basis being doctor's positive screens for alcohol, failure to submit to random urine specimens, and alleged false statements to a Board investigator and other Board staff. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 4/9/09.

McNEAL, Jason Rick (MT Applicant) – Conover, OH

Based on applicant's criminal history, including nine misdemeanor convictions alleged to constitute misdemeanors involving moral turpitude, and on applicant's alleged making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statements in attempting to secure a license; the underlying basis being applicant's failure to disclose all convictions in application documents and to Board staff. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 4/9/09.

NELSON, Charles Wayne (LMT #33-013065) – Brooklyn, OH

Based on massage therapist's having been convicted of Robbery, a second-degree felony, and Attempted Kidnapping, a second-degree felony; alleged making of a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in securing or attempting to secure a license by failing to disclose the felony convictions on the 2007 renewal application; and alleged failure to cooperate in a Board investigation by failing to answer written interrogatories presented by the Board staff. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 4/9/09.

RANESES, Jovencio L. (MD #35-028816) – San Diego, CA

Based on prior action by California's medical board in revoking doctor's license in that state, the underlying basis being doctor's failure to comply with that board's order to undergo psychiatric and physical examinations. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 4/9/09.

SEILER, Darrell Lee (MT Applicant) – Kenton, OH

Based on applicant's alleged having pled guilty to misdemeanor counts involving moral turpitude, the underlying basis being applicant's guilty pleas to two first-degree misdemeanor counts of Contributing to the Unruliness of a Minor. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 4/9/09.

ST. ONGE, Rick D. (MD #35-066328) – Gallipolis, OH

Based on doctor's alleged inability to practice to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of mental illness, and on prior action by West Virginia's medical board in approving a Consent Order by which doctor permanently surrendered doctor's license in that state, the underlying basis being doctor's inappropriate sexual behavior within the patient-physician relationship. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 4/9/09. (See *also*: Pre-hearing Suspension)

STOWELL, Steven Douglas (MD #35-087608) – Cranberry Township, PA

Based on doctor having been found guilty of a state law regulating the possession, distribution, or use of any drug, doctor having been found guilty of a felony, and on the prior action of Pennsylvania's medical board in automatically suspending doctor's license in that state for at least 10 years; the underlying basis being doctor's conviction under Pennsylvania law of one felony count of Conspiracy/Violation Controlled Substance, Drug Device and Cosmetic Act, and one consolidated felony count of Violation of Controlled Substance, Drug Device and Cosmetic Act. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 4/9/09. (See *also*: Pre-hearing Suspension)

WILLIAMS, Wayne Marshall (MD #35-045265) – Fayetteville, GA

Based on doctor's alleged having made a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in securing or attempting to secure a license, the underlying basis being doctor's failure to disclose on the application for license restoration two convictions for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and a conviction for Disorderly Conduct. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 4/9/09.

FINAL DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

BANKS, Mark Andrew (MD #35-071099) – Lancaster, OH

Medical license revoked, based on doctor's impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of alcohol. Order effective 4/14/09.

LINDSAY, Scott Brian (DPM #36-002671) – Akron, OH

Podiatric medical license suspended for one year, with suspension stayed subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least one year. Based on doctor having pled guilty to one felony count of Health Care Fraud. Order effective upon mailing.

MUZZAMMEL, AI (MD #35-048619) – Vienna, VA

No disciplinary action taken. Based on Board's determination that disciplinary action imposed on doctor's license by Virginia's board does not require Ohio disciplinary action. Order effective 4/14/09.

OLSON, David Paul (MD #35-079489) – Ouray, CO

No disciplinary action taken. Based on Board's determination that action by Colorado's board does not require Ohio disciplinary action. Order effective upon mailing.

VELASQUEZ, David Antonio (MD #35-081766) – Coshocton, OH

Medical license suspended for 15 days, with suspension stayed subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least one year. Based on doctor having been convicted of a felony. Order effective upon mailing.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

CHAPPELOW, Aimee V. (MD Training Certificate #57-012162) – Cleveland, OH

Training certificate 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 of being impaired in ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to chemical dependency, with doctor obtaining Percocet for self-use from pills prescribed for a family member and by writing prescriptions in the name of a patient, for which doctor has sought treatment from a Board-approved treatment provider. Agreement effective 4/8/09.

HAAS, Marjorie Marie (MD #35-062341) – Dayton, OH

Permanent revocation of medical license stayed, with license suspended for at least 18 months; 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 of being impaired in ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to chemical dependency, with doctor obtaining oxycodone for self-use by prescribing in the names of former patients, for which doctor has sought treatment at a Board-approved treatment provider; and doctor's admission of having prescribed controlled substances to family members and others without performing medical examinations. Agreement effective 4/8/09.

HEBEN, Christopher McKinley (PA #50-002432) – Alliance, OH

Permanent revocation of physician assistant license stayed, with license suspended for at least two years; interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that physician assistant enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions, and limitations to monitor practice. Based on physician assistant's admission of having been found guilty of three fifth-degree felony counts of Forgery, the underlying conduct being the forging of prescriptions for controlled substances and using the physician assistant's position to facilitate the offenses. Agreement effective 4/8/09.

HEINRICHS, Timothy Arnold (MD #35-055465) – Coldwater, OH

Medical license reinstated subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations imposed to monitor practice 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 4/8/09; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

NOYES, Matthew Proctor (MD Training Certificate #57-013925) – Dayton, OH

Doctor reprimanded; probationary terms, conditions, and limitations established. Based on doctor's admission of having failed to fully disclose criminal convictions involving alcohol consumption and other matters on licensure application, and on the opinion of a Board-approved treatment provider that doctor does not meet criteria for diagnosis of alcohol dependence and is capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care without restriction, treatment, or monitoring. Agreement effective 4/8/09; agreement to remain in effect for at least three years prior to any request for termination.

PRATT-HARRINGTON, Dale (DO #34-006970) – Athens, OH

Medical license restored subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations imposed to monitor practice 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 4/8/09; agreement to remain in effect for at least five years prior to any request for termination.

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

WOLF, Gretchen Chapmen (MT Applicant) – Chardon, OH

Request for withdrawal of application for massage therapy licensure accepted by Board in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based on applicant's admission of having four misdemeanor convictions, a history of alcohol dependence and mental illness, and of not being qualified, by mental illness and/or impairment due to chemical dependence, to perform massage therapy in acceptance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care. Conditions established for any future application. Withdrawal effective 4/8/09.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

OGDEN, Michael (MD #35-022084) – Tempe, AZ

Board Order permanently revoking doctor's medical license as authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings based on prior action of Arizona's medical board. Effective 4/8/09.

PROBATION COMPLETED

JUNGBLUT, Melanie E. (MD #35-062650) – Norwalk, OH

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 4/14/04 consent agreement granted by 4/8/09 Board vote. Release from probation effective 4/15/09.

PROBATION – MONITORING TERMS MODIFIED

AXELSON, David Brian (MD #35-064318) – Centerville, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to every six months and reduce required drug screens to two times per month granted by 4/9/09 Board vote.

DENNISON, Patrick Robert (DO #34-003779) – Hilliard, OH

Monitoring physician approved and frequency and number of charts for review established by 4/9/09 Board vote.

GIORDANO, Stephen Robert (DO #34-009089) – Mooresville, NC

Doctor's request to discontinue required controlled substance log granted by 4/9/09 Board vote.

HALL, Adam Patrick (DO #34-008707) – Ironton, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required alcohol and drug rehabilitation meetings to two per week, with a minimum of 10 per month, granted by 4/9/09 Board vote.

HUBLEY, Robert Leighton (DO #34-009204) – South Euclid, OH

Doctor's request to reduce required drug screens to twice per month and reduce required personal appearances to every six months granted, monitoring physician approved, and frequency and number of charts for review established by 4/9/09 Board vote.

SCHLOTTERER, William L. (DO #34-003224) – Sandusky, OH

Doctor's request to eliminate required chart review granted by 4/9/09 Board vote.

TOWARD, Brett Edward (MD #35-075173) – Mansfield, OH

Monitoring physician approved and frequency and number of charts for review established by 4/9/09 Board vote.

COURT ACTION UPDATE

BHAMA, Savitri (MD applicant) – Clinton Twp., MI

Notice of appeal of the 10th District Court of Appeals 2/27/09 decision filed by doctor with the Ohio Supreme Court on 4/13/09.

GRIFFIN, Brian Frederic (MD #35-044328) – Columbus, OH

Notice of Appeal to the 10th District Court of Appeals of the Decision and 2/20/09 Entry of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, which had affirmed the Board's 8/13/08 Order, filed on 3/19/09.

LANE, Gerald William (DO #34-004829) – Columbus, OH

Notice of Appeal of Board's 3/11/09 Order permanently revoking doctor's medical license filed by doctor with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 3/20/09.

NUCKLOS, William W. (MD #35-058738) – Columbus, OH

By Decision and Entry rendered on 3/31/09, the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed the Board's 8/13/08 Order permanently revoking doctor's medical license.

Non-Disciplinary Administrative Actions

Approval of Application

SIMPSON, Lisa Ann (MD Applicant) – Cincinnati, OH

Application for medical licensure granted, provided that applicant takes and passes SPEX within six months of 4/14/09. Based on Board's finding that applicant had not engaged in the active practice of medicine for more than two years. Order effective 4/14/09. **(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 licensee'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://med.ohio.gov/> under "*Licensee Profile and Status*." If you have questions or need additional details about specific cases, please contact Annette Jones at (614) 728-3686.