

**State Medical Board of Ohio**  
**Formal Action Report – June 2016**

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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in June 2016 and an update of Board matters pending or decided in courts as of June 8, 2016.

**PRE-HEARING SUSPENSIONS**

**MABE**, James Austin, PA (#50.001905RX)--Erlanger, Kentucky

Pursuant to Section 4730.25(G), Ohio Revised Code, license to practice as a physician assistant summarily suspended based on the Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that the physician assistant is in violation of Sections 4730.25(B)(2), (3), (8), and (27), Ohio Revised Code, and that his continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 6/8/16. (*See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.*)

**CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS**

**HOLLINGSWORTH**, J. Derek, DO (#34.007332)—Gallipolis, Ohio

Based on the prior action of the West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine which suspended the doctor's license for at least five years based in part on the determination that the doctor engaged in dishonorable and unethical conduct by attempting to maintain a pain management practice without being a licensed pain clinic. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 6/9/16.

**JOHNSON**, Sonney Patrice (MT applicant)—Cincinnati, Ohio

Massage therapy applicant notified of right to request a hearing on the question of whether her failure to submit to a chemical dependency examination as ordered by the Board was due to circumstances beyond her control. Based on the legal presumption that massage therapy applicant's failure to submit to a chemical dependency examination as ordered by the Board constitutes an admission that she is unable to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 6/9/16.

**MABE**, James Austin, PA (#50.001905RX)--Erlanger, Kentucky

Based on allegations that the physician assistant's certification with the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants expired, that the physician assistant failed to comply with the Board's laws and rules with respect to renewing a certificate of registration, and that the physician assistant made a false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statement in securing or attempting to secure a license to practice as a physician assistant. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 6/9/16.

**MIMA**, James Patrick, PA (#50.001830RX)—Deerfield, Ohio

Based on allegations that the physician assistant violated the conditions of limitation placed by the Board upon his certificate to practice by failing to timely call in or submit a specimen for drug and alcohol screening as required by the January 2016 Step I Consent Agreement. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 6/9/16.

**SIMPSON**, Barbara Sue Vanwey, MT (#33.011261)—Cincinnati, Ohio

Based on allegations that massage therapist engaged in sexual misconduct with one specified patient. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 6/9/16.

**WASHINGTON**, William Lloyd, MD (#35.060842)—Gahanna, Ohio

Based on allegations that with respect to ten specified patients, doctor failed to maintain minimal standards applicable to the selection or administration of drugs, or failed to employ acceptable scientific methods in the selection of drugs or other modalities for treatment of disease and based on allegations that the doctor's acts, conduct or omissions departed from or failed to conform to minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 6/9/16.

## **FINAL ORDERS**

**HAGEDORN**, Megan Marie (MT applicant)—Bellbrook, Ohio

Application for certificate to practice massage therapy denied. Based upon the finding that the massage therapy applicant is not able to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of mental illness or physical illness. Order effective June 9, 2016. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**NICHOLS**, Lydia Caroline (MD applicant)--Spartanburg, South Carolina

Application for certificate to practice medicine and surgery denied. Based on the doctor's failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board. Order effective June 9, 2016. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**O'KEEFE**, Meghan Joy, MT (#33.015862)--Jackson, California

Certificate to practice massage therapy permanently revoked. Based on massage therapist's conviction in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas of Falsification in a Theft Offense, a fifth degree felony. Order effective June 9, 2016. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**RIZVI, Hil, MD (#35.079117)--Penacook, New Hampshire**

Certificate to practice medicine and surgery permanently revoked. Based on the November 2014 Maine Board Order denying the doctor's application for licensure to practice medicine and based on the finding that the doctor made a false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statement in securing or attempting to secure any certificate to practice or certificate of registration issued by the Board. Order effective June 9, 2016. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

### **VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/RETIREMENTS/WITHDRAWALS**

**GHABAG, Faraj Alhadi (MD applicant)—Oregon, Ohio**

Permanent withdrawal of application to practice medicine and surgery authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(11), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 6/8/16.

**KLEEREKOPER, Michael, MD (#35.098828)—Bloomfield Hills, Michigan**

Voluntary permanent retirement of certificate to practice medicine and surgery authorized by doctor in lieu of further investigation regarding possible violations of Section 4731.22(B)(19), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 6/8/16.

### **CONSENT AGREEMENTS**

**CHAPEK, Jodi Harwood, PA (#50.001032)-- North Olmstead, Ohio**

Certificate to practice as a physician assistant suspended subject to interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement, including requirement that the physician assistant enter into a subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations as determined by the Board. Based on physician assistant's failure to hold a current certification with the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. Agreement effective 6/8/16.

**LAZZERINI, Frank Domenico, M.D. (#35.092741)—Lisbon, Ohio**

Certificate to practice medicine and surgery suspended for an indefinite period of time and subject to interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement. Based on the doctor's failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board. Agreement effective 6/22/16.

**LETIZIO, Anthony Michael, II, D.O. (#34.011032)—Erie, Pennsylvania**

Certificate to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery suspended for an indefinite period of time and subject to interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement. Based on the prior action by the State Board Osteopathic Board for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the doctor's failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board. Agreement effective 6/22/16.

**LUTZ, James Thomas, MD (#35.057139)**—Cincinnati, Ohio

Certificate to practice medicine and surgery reinstated subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least three years. Based on doctor having completed all requirements for reinstatement of license pursuant to the terms of a December 2015 consent agreement. Agreement effective 6/8/16. Reinstatement effective 7/8/16.

**PARKER, Gregory Allan, MD (#35.058477)**—Hamilton, Ohio

Certificate to practice medicine and surgery suspended for at least 90 days, subject to interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement including requirement that doctor enter into a subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations as determined by the Board. Based on doctor's admission that he is impaired in his ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. Agreement effective 6/8/16.

**PEREZ, Cara Elizabeth, MD (#35.081196)**—Dayton, Ohio

Certificate to practice medicine and surgery reprimanded and subject to terms, conditions and limitations for at least one year. Based on the doctor's admission that from November 2009 through December 2012, she supervised two physician assistants without a supervision agreement approved by the Board. Agreement effective 6/8/16.

### **PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS**

**AMBROSE, Martin Palmer, MD (#35.060025)**—Dayton, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce personal appearances to every six months granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16.

**BABAR, Nabila Saeed, MD (#35.067632)**—Mason, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of controlled substance prescribing course, medical record keeping course and professional ethics course granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16.

**BONNER, Courtney Deselm, DO (#34.006885)**—Cambridge, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce personal appearances to every six months and to reduce required attendance at drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to two per week with a minimum of ten per month granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16.

**BURLAS**, Regis Paul, DO (#34.002863)--Newport, Rhode Island

Doctor's request for approval of physicians to conduct return to work assessments granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16.

**ENGLISH**, James Carey, MD (#35.048622)—Westerville, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician and alternate monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed established.

**EWALD**, Jesse Michael, MD (#35.124055)—Westerville, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed determined.

**JOHNSON**, Peter Carl, MD (#35.0066160)—Graytown, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of polygraph technician granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16.

**KERNS**, John Raymond, DO (#34.004653)—Newark, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings from three per week to two per week with a minimum of ten per month granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16.

**LOPREATO**, Paul Dominic, PA (#50.001095)--Florence, Kentucky

Physician assistant's request for approval of monitoring by FL PRN while physician assistant resides in Florida and request for approval to make personal appearances via electronic means granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16.

**MAIER**, Adam Christopher, DO (#34.011814)—Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce personal appearances to every six months and to discontinue the film review requirement granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16.

**NEMETH**, Kimberly Marie, DO (#34.009391)—Streetsboro, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16.

**O'CONNELL**, David, MD (#35.082498)—Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce personal appearances to every six months granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16.

**RUFFA**, Anthony Mark, DO (#34.010895)--Erie, Pennsylvania

Doctor's request to reduce psychiatric treatment sessions to every six months, doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician and doctor's request to make personal appearances via an internet meeting source granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16.

**VARGO**, Bradley Joseph, DO (#34.004864)—Kirtland, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce frequency of drug and alcohol testing requirements to two per month, to reduce personal appearances to every six months, and to reduce drug and alcohol rehabilitation meeting requirements to two per week with a minimum of ten per month granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16.

**ZEWAIL**, Aly Mohamed Aly, MD (#35.088417)—Norton, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of personal and professional ethics course and controlled substance prescribing course granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16.

### **PROBATION TERMINATED**

**DESPOT**, Janet Elizabeth, MD (#35.055128)--Gig Harbor, Washington

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the May 11, 2011 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16. Effective immediately.

**HAAS**, Marjorie Marie, MD (#35.062341)—Lebanon, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the December 8, 2010 Step II Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16. Effective 6/29/16.

**HANSEN**, Ewa Marie, MD (#35.045807)—Toledo, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the May 8, 2013 Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16. Effective immediately.

**KAY**, Bruce Saul, MD (#35.049187)—Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the July 11, 2012 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16. Effective 6/12/16.

**KELLEMS**, Matthew David, MD (#35.091034)—Bainbridge, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the October 13, 2010 Step II Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16. Effective 6/9/16.

**NALLURI**, Anil Choudary, MD (#35.040657)—Canfield, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the November 13, 2013 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16. Effective 6/17/16.

**RYU**, Dan, MD (#35.067499)—Brookpark, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the June 9, 2011 Step II Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16. Effective 6/9/16.

**SALAS**, Neil Alejandro, MD (#35.122102)—Troy, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the June 9, 2011 Step II Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16. Effective 6/9/16.

**WEISBROT**, Albert Joseph, MD (#35.038648)—Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the June 12, 2013 Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16. Effective 6/12/16.

### **REINSTATEMENTS**

**HOSTETTLER**, Mark Eugene, MD (#35.052184)—Alliance, Ohio

Doctor's request for reinstatement of his license granted by the Board on 6/8/16 subject to the probationary terms, conditions and limitations of the October 14, 2015 Board Order for at least two years.

**STEINER**, Matthew Ray, MD (#35.073125)--Avon, Indiana

Doctor's request for the reinstatement of his license granted by vote of the Board on 6/8/16 subject to the probationary terms, conditions and limitations as outlined in the March 9, 2016 Board Order for at least two years.

### **NON-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

**CROFT**, Lisa Louise (DO applicant)--Westchester, Pennsylvania

License to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery granted and limited to the practice of non-clinical medicine until doctor provides documentation that she has successfully completed the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Variable-Purpose Examination (COMVEX). Order effective June 9, 2016. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**KAZ**, Steven Jonathan, MD (#35.048991)—Englewood, Ohio

Permanent surrender of certificate to practice medicine and surgery authorized by doctor in lieu of continuing compliance with the terms of the May 2013 Step 1 Consent Agreement. Effective 6/8/16.

### **COURT ACTIONS**

**GEIGER**, Robert Stephen, M.D. (#35.051474)—Stow, Ohio

Voluntary dismissal of appeal of the 3/9/16 Board Order permanently revoking the doctor's certificate to practice medicine and surgery filed with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 5/26/16.

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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 under "Licensee Profile and Status." If you have questions or need additional details about Citations, Board Orders, Consent Agreements, or Court Actions, please contact the Case Control Office. If you have questions regarding a probationary modification or a probationary request, please contact the Compliance Office. Our offices may be reached at (614) 466-3934.