

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – October 2016

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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in October 2016 and an update of Board matters pending or decided in courts as of October 19, 2016.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSIONS

DUNCAN, Philicia Suanna, MD (#35.126932)—Columbus, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, medical license summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that doctor is in violation of Section 4731.22(B)(15) and 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code, and that her continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective October 19, 2016. (*See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.*)

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

DUNCAN, Philicia Suanna, MD (#35.126932)—Columbus, Ohio

Based on allegations that the doctor violated the terms, conditions and limitations of the October 2013 Step II Consent Agreement and allegations that the doctor is impaired in her 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. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 10/20/16.

LAUB, James Leigh, DO (#34.008358)—Dayton, Ohio

Based on allegations that with respect to eight specified patients, the 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; that the doctor's acts conduct or omissions allegedly constitute a departure from or the failure to conform to minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances; and that the doctor's conduct allegedly violated the Board's rules on the Standards and Procedures for the Operation of a Pain Management Clinic and on Utilizing Prescription Drugs for the Treatment of Intractable Pain. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 10/20/16.

XIONG, Yi, DO (#58.007571)—Cincinnati, Ohio

Based on prior action by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing which reprimanded the doctor's nursing license and ordered completion of courses on Nursing Jurisprudence, Critical Thinking, Nursing Documentation and the Roles and Responsibilities of the Registered Nurse and imposed an administrative penalty. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 10/20/16.

FINAL ORDERS

DAUGHERTY, III, Joseph Franklin, MD (#35.039319)--Park Hills, Kentucky

Certificate to practice medicine and surgery fined in the amount of \$10,000 and permanently revoked. Based on prior action of the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure which temporarily restricted the doctor's license to practice and based upon the violation of the terms and conditions of the doctor's 12/12/12 Consent Agreement with the Board. Order effective 10/28/16.

EPSTEIN, Donald Leslie, MD (#35.040595)--Pepper Pike, Ohio

Certificate to practice medicine and surgery permanently limited and restricted such that doctor shall not practice in a critical care or emergency care setting; doctor shall not practice medicine in a hospital inpatient setting or perform pulmonary medicine procedures without supervision of a qualified physician and doctor's work hours shall not exceed eight hours per day or five days per week. Doctor's certificate to practice medicine and surgery also subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for as long as doctor practices medicine in Ohio or as otherwise determined by the Board. Based on the finding that the doctor is unable to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care without appropriate treatment, monitoring or supervision by reason of mental or physical illness. Order effective 10/20/16.

HAHN, Jerry Mitchel, MD (#35.054197)--Yellow Spring, West Virginia

Application for restoration of license to practice medicine and surgery denied. Based on prior action by the West Virginia Board of Medicine which reprimanded the doctor's license to practice medicine based upon his failure to properly maintain and retain medical records. Also based on the finding that the doctor made false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statements in the solicitation of or advertising for patients; in relation to the practice of medicine and surgery and in securing or attempting to secure any certificate to practice issued by the Board and based upon the finding that doctor failed to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board. Order effective 10/20/16.

MABE, III, James Austin, PA (#50.001905RX)--Florence, Kentucky

License to practice as physician assistant fined in the amount of \$5000 and permanently revoked. Based on the finding 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. Order effective 10/28/16.

MOORE, III, John Pease, MD (#35.069259)—Dayton, Ohio

Certificate to practice medicine and surgery permanently revoked. Based on conviction in the Greene County Court of Common Pleas of four felony counts of Trafficking in Drugs, one felony count of Medicaid Fraud, one felony count of Theft, and one felony count of Permitting Drug Abuse and based on finding that those events constituted selling, giving away, personally furnishing, prescribing, or administering drugs for other than legal and legitimate therapeutic purposes or a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction of, a violation for any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution, or use of any drug. Order effective 10/20/16.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/RETIREMENTS/WITHDRAWALS

KORBY, Gordon J., DO (#34.006814)—Columbus, Ohio

Permanent revocation of certificate to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery authorized by doctor in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code to wit: Chapter 4731-26, Ohio Administrative Code, Section 4731.22(B)(5) and Section 4731.22(B)(34), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 10/19/16.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

DHILLON, Jagprit Singh, MD (#35.070181)—Brecksville, Ohio

Certificate to practice medicine and surgery reinstated subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least five years. Based on doctor having completed all requirements for reinstatement of license pursuant to the terms of a July 2016 consent agreement. Agreement effective 10/19/16.

HISSONG, Mitchum Allen, MT (#33.016542)—Caledonia, Ohio

License to practice massage therapy suspended at least until June 6, 2017, subject to interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that massage therapist enter into a subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations as determined by the Board. Based on massage therapist's admission that he violated the March 9, 2016 consent agreement and that he is impaired in his ability to practice massage therapy in accordance with 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. Also based on massage therapist's admission that his conduct constituted a departure from or the failure to conform to minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstance and violation of Rule 4731-26-02, Ohio Administrative Code prohibiting sexual misconduct as set forth in the March 9, 2016 consent agreement. Agreement effective 10/19/16.

PALOSKI, William George, DO (#34.002293)—Canfield, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery limited so that doctor shall not prescribe, order, administer, dispense or personally furnish any controlled substance until doctor completes a controlled substance prescribing course approved by the Board. License also subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least three years. Based on doctor's settlement agreement with the Ohio Board of Pharmacy regarding the terminal distributor of dangers drug license of BEM Medical Arts Center for which doctor was the responsible person. Agreement effective 10/19/16.

WELSH, Frank, MD (#35.040107)—Cincinnati, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery reprimanded and subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least one year. Based on doctor's admission that with respect to four specified patients in and around January 2015, his acts, conduct or omissions constituted a felony, Complicity and Practicing Medicine without a Certificate. Agreement effective 10/19/16.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

BANGERT, Michael Theodore, MD (#35.123521)—Troy, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of psychiatrists for reinstatement assessments granted by vote of the Board on 10/19/16.

BIERER, Craig Lindsey, DO (#34.008396)—Oxford, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of treating psychiatrist granted by vote of the Board on 10/19/16.

CROUSE, Micah Shawn, MD (#35.093481)—Lexington, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician and for discontinuation of chart review requirement granted by vote of the Board on 10/19/16.

DIAMANTIS, Nicholas Constantine, MD (#35.069292)—Bratenahl Village, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of personal and professional ethics course and medical recordkeeping course granted by vote of the Board on 10/19/16.

HELLESEN, Emily Koch, MT (#33.019705)--Shaker Heights, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for approval of ethics course granted by vote of the Board on 10/19/16.

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

Doctor's request for approval of psychiatrist to conduct return to work assessment granted by vote of the Board on 10/19/16.

TATRO, Michael Todd, MD (#35.081291)--Lower Salem, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 10/19/16. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitor established.

VELIGANDLA, Himachala Rao, MD (#35.087893)--Prestonsburg, Kentucky

Doctor's request for approval to make personal appearances via electronic means granted by vote of the Board on 10/19/16.

PROBATION TERMINATED

BOUTROS, Mounir, MD (#35.062133)—Sylvania, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 10/8/14 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 10/19/16. Effective 10/30/16.

HARRIS, Matthew Reid, DO (#34.008347)—Westerville, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 8/12/2009 Board Order as modified by the 2/3/15 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 10/19/16. Effective immediately.

TURNER, Robert C., MD (#35.037925)—Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 10/9/13 Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 10/19/16. Effective immediately.

ULMER, Chad Winfield, MD (#35.092791)—Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 4/8/15 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 10/19/16. Effective immediately.

LICENSE REINSTATED

FRYMAN, Ryan Steven, DO (#34.008473)—Galena, Ohio

Doctor's request for reinstatement of license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery granted by vote of the Board on 10/19/16 subject to terms and conditions established by the 8/10/16 Board Order. Effective 10/19/16.

NON-DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

DARRAH, Casey Dave, MD (#35.127592)—Toledo, Ohio

Medical license subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for a period of at least one year. Based on doctor's completion of the equivalent of twelve months of graduate medical education. Agreement effective 10/19/16.

COURT ACTIONS

EDMANDS, Christopher James, D.O. (D.O. Applicant) – Parkersburg, West Virginia

By Decision and Judgment Entry of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas dated 9/21/2016, the Board's 5/14/14 Board Order permanently denying doctor's application to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery affirmed.

FLYNN, Freeda J., M.D. (#35.066409)--St. Clairsville, Ohio

By Decision and Judgment Entry dated 9/22/16, the Court of Appeals of Ohio, Tenth Appellate District affirmed the decision of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas upholding the 5/13/15 Board Order.

KUMAR, Kush, MD (#35.091102)--Dublin, Georgia

Notice of appeal of the 9/14/16 Board Order filed with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 9/29/16.

PERSAUD, Harry, MD (#35.056175)—Westlake, Ohio

Notice of Appeal of the 7/13/16 Board Order and Request for Suspension of Order filed with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 10/6/16.

RORICK, Marvin Horton III, MD (#35.052318)—Cincinnati, Ohio

By Decision and Judgment Entry on 9/30/16, Court of Appeals of Ohio, Tenth Appellate District affirmed the decision of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas which upheld the 9/9/15 Board Order.

URADU, Onyinyechi Rose, MD (#35.088677)--Russell, Kentucky

Notice of appeal of 9/28/16 Board Order filed with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 10/6/16.

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.