

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – April 10, 2019

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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio and an update of Board matters pending or decided in courts as of April 10, 2019.

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

GERRITSEN, Ryan Lee, M.D., Applicant - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Based on the doctor's submission of an application to practice medicine and surgery in which the doctor answered affirmatively to having been diagnosed, or hospitalized for a medical condition that impairs or limits the doctor's ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety; also based on the doctor's disclosure that he self-prescribed Modafinil during residency, tested positive for Modafinil during an employer drug-test, was diagnosed with substance use disorder during a mandatory five-day evaluation, and completed a six week inpatient treatment program. The doctor's alleged acts, conduct, or omissions would individually or collectively, constitute an impairment of 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 a Hearing mailed 4/11/2019.

HURVITZ, James Sandor, M.D., (#35.040607) – West Hills, California

Based on the doctor's submission of an application for restoration of medical license; also based on an October 2002 Decision and Order by the Medical Board of California ("California Board") that revoked the doctor's license, stayed the revocation, and placed the doctor on probation for five years; also based on a January 2004 Decision and Order by the California Board that revoked the doctor's license, stayed the revocation, and placed the doctor on probation for seven years; also based on a January 2011 finding by the California Board that the doctor had successfully completed probation, and fully restored the doctor's license. The California Board's October 2002, and January 2004 Orders as alleged, would individually or collectively constitute any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 4/11/2019.

KIRILA, Paul Andrew, D.O., (#34.003816) - Mason, Ohio

Based on allegations with respect to the care and treatment of fourteen identified patients, the doctor inappropriately treated, and/or failed to appropriately treat and/or failed to appropriately document treatment of the patients, when the doctor kept poor or illegible records that were not conducive to the accurate conveyance of medical information, failed to document reasons for prescribing medications, failed to appropriately document a plan or methodology, failed to refer patients to appropriate specialists, and failed to perform or document laboratory tests on a sufficiently regular basis to confirm the presence of prescribed medications. The doctor's alleged acts, conduct and or omissions, would individually or collectively, constitute a failure to maintain minimal standards applicable to the selection or administration of drugs, or failure to employ acceptable scientific methods in the selection of drugs or other modalities for treatment of disease; a departure from, or the failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established; and "violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board, to wit: Utilizing Prescription Drugs for the Treatment of Intractable Pain, and the rules for Standards and Procedures for Review of "Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 4/11/2019.

LU, Kang, M.D., (#35.099301) - Athol, Massachusetts

Based on prior actions by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine, which issued a February 2019 Order of Temporary Suspension, that immediately suspended the doctor's license; and a prior action by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Health Professions, which issued a February 2019 Order of Mandatory Suspension, that suspended the doctor's license to practice, based on the February 2019 Massachusetts Order. The Massachusetts Board's February 2019 Order and the Virginia Board's February 2019 Order, as alleged would individually or collectively, constitute any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 4/11/2019.

MADSEN, Terry Douglas, M.D., (#35.083939) - Richardson, Texas

Based on a prior action by the Texas Board of Medicine, which issued a December 2018 Agreed Order Upon Formal Filing, that issued a public reprimand against the doctor's license, and required the doctor to disclose financial and ownership interests in healthcare-related companies; inform patients of those interests; obtain a medical evaluation from a Board-approved psychiatrist; and pay a \$3,000.00 fine. The Texas Board's December 2018 Order as alleged would individually or collectively, constitute any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care

occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 4/11/2019.

NOSCHANG, Raymond Louis, M.D., (#35.058457) - Cincinnati, Ohio

Based on allegations with respect to the care and treatment of twelve identified patients, the doctor inappropriately treated, and/or failed to appropriately treat and/or failed to appropriately document treatment of the patients. The doctor's alleged acts, conduct and or omissions, would individually or collectively, constitute a failure to maintain minimal standards applicable to the selection or administration of drugs, or failure to employ acceptable scientific methods in the selection of drugs or other modalities for treatment of disease; a departure from, or the failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established; and "violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board, to wit: Utilizing Prescription Drugs for the Treatment of Intractable Pain, and the rules for Standards and Procedures for Review of "Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 4/11/2019.

NON-DISCIPLINARY CITATIONS

ALLEN, Dawn Janelle, R.C.P., (#R.C.P.11578) – Trenton, Ohio

Based on the respiratory care professional's submission of an application for restoration of her license to practice respiratory care; and on allegations that the respiratory care professional has not been engaged in the active practice of respiratory care for more than two years. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 4/12/2019.

FIorentini, Robert Allen, R.C.P., (#R.C.P.1593) – Brooklyn, Ohio

Based on the respiratory care professional's submission of an application for restoration of his license to practice respiratory care; and on allegations that the respiratory care professional has not been engaged in the active practice of respiratory care for more than two years. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 4/12/2019.

HALL, Kristian Amymarie, M.T. Applicant – Cleveland, Ohio

Based on the massage therapist's submission of an application to practice massage therapy; and on allegations that the massage therapist has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 4/12/2019.

LONG, Gregory Lee, M.D., Applicant – Columbus, Ohio

Based on the doctor's submission of an application to practice medicine and surgery; and on allegations that the doctor has not been engaged in the active practice of medicine for more than two years. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 4/12/2019.

RAMADHIN, Abhishek, M.D., Applicant – Suwanee, Georgia

Based on the doctor's submission of an application to practice medicine and surgery; and on allegations that the doctor has not successfully completed at least twenty-four months of graduate medical education or its equivalent as determined by the Board. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 4/12/2019.

UHRMAN - SAMIEC, Julie Marie, M.T., (#33.011701) – Toledo, Ohio

Based on the massage therapist's submission of an application for restoration to practice massage therapy; and on allegations that the massage therapist has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 4/12/2019.

FINAL ORDERS

CURTIS, Rodney Lee, M.D., (#35.063517) - St. Clairsville, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery is permanently revoked, and subject to an eighteen thousand dollar (\$18,000.00) fine. Based on the doctor's conviction in the Common Pleas Court of Belmont County, Ohio, to two felony counts of Trafficking in Drugs, a fourth and fifth degree felony respectively, and one felony count of Possession of Drugs, a fifth degree felony, which constitutes a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a felony. Order effective 4/11/2019. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

REED, Tammy Marie, D.O., (#34.009050) - Bradenton, Florida

License to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery reprimanded, and subject to a one thousand five hundred dollar (\$1,500.00) fine, and probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least one year. Based on a prior action by the North Carolina Medical Board, which issued a May 2018 Order that reprimanded the doctor's license and ordered the doctor to complete continuing medical education related to prescribing, which individually or collectively, constitute any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand. Order effective 4/11/2019. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

ALEXANDER, Michael Anthony, D.O., (#34.013093) - Kilmarnock, Virginia

Doctor's license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery reprimanded, and subject to a three thousand five hundred dollar (\$3,500.00) fine, and probationary terms until the doctor provides acceptable documentation of the successful completion of professional ethics course. Based on the doctor's admission that when the Virginia Board of Medicine issued an April 2018 Order, that reprimanded the doctor's license, fined the doctor one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), and ordered the doctor to complete a continuing medical education course on emergency airway management. Agreement effective 4/10/2019.

BAULA, Marvin Mercado, M.D., (#35.099925) - Fairborn, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery reinstated, and subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least one year. Based on the doctor having completed all requirements for reinstate of license pursuant to the terms of an August 8, 2018 Consent Agreement. Agreement effective 4/10/2019.

PULAKHANDAM, Sreelatha, M.D., (#35.083088) - Lake Charles, Louisiana

Doctor's license to practice medicine and surgery reprimanded, and subject to probationary terms until the doctor provides acceptable documentation of the successful completion of medical records course. Based on the prior action of the Louisiana Board of Medical Examiners, in which the doctor entered into a September 20, 2017 Consent Agreement, that placed the doctor's license on probation for one year due to the doctor having pre-signed prescriptions for controlled substances, and falsification of patient records to indicate the doctor had examined patients. Agreement effective 4/10/2019.

SMITH, Randy Michael, D.O., (#34.013221) - Miamisburg, Ohio

License to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery indefinitely suspended, but no less than one hundred eighty (180) days, and subject to general probationary requirements, and conditions for reinstatement or restoration, including the requirement that the doctor enter into a subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations as determined by the Board. Based on the doctor's admission that he is unable to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of mental illness or physical illness, including, but not limited to, physical deterioration that adversely affects cognitive, motor, or perceptive skills. Agreement effective 4/10/2019.

STRIEGEL, Peter Guyon, M.D., (#35.081434) - Akron, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery reprimanded, subject to a three thousand dollar (\$3,000.00) fine, and probationary terms until the doctor provides acceptable documentation of the successful completion of professional ethics and boundaries courses. Based on the doctor's

admission that he violated Principle VIII of the American Medical Association Code of Medical Ethics, requiring a “physician shall, while caring for a patient, regard responsibility to the patient as paramount,” when the doctor despite not having performed a formal assessment of the patient, and having documented the patient as alert, oriented, and a reliable historian of the patient’s own medical history, the doctor generated a letter declaring a patient incompetent at the request of the patient’s family member, whom was also an employee of the doctor. Agreement effective 4/10/2019.

VOLUNTARY PERMANENT SURRENDERS, RETIREMENTS, REVOCATIONS, WITHDRAWALS

ADAMS, Frederick David, M.D., (#35.080574) - Huntington, West Virginia

Permanent revocation of license to practice medicine and surgery authorized by the doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(19), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 4/10/2019.

CASH, Michael Stephen, D.O., (#34.006328) - Indiana, Pennsylvania

Permanent revocation of license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery authorized by the doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(22) and 4731.22(B)(24), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 4/10/2019.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

ANIKEEV, Michael Herman, M.D., (#35.091515) - Canal Winchester, Ohio

Doctor’s request for approval of treating psychiatrist, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/2019.

BANGERT, Michael Theodore, M.D., (#35.123521) - Jacksonville, Florida

Doctor’s request for approval of discontinuance of the psychotherapy sessions, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/2019.

DUMA, Gregory G., M.D., (#35.068722) - Mason, Ohio

Doctor’s request for approval of a reduction in appearance from every three months to every six months; and approval of a reduction in recovery meeting attendance from three meetings per week to two meetings per week, with a minimum of ten meetings per month, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/2019.

GUPTA, Pankaj Chand, M.D., (#35.099606) - Cleveland, Ohio

Doctor’s request for approval of medical ethics course, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/2019.

HSU, Gerry Victor, P.A., (#50.005962RX) - Mason, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of patient boundaries, and medical ethics course, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/2019.

KREBS, John Keith, M.D., (#35.066400) - Elyria, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of a reduction in drug and alcohol rehabilitation meeting attendance from three meetings per week to two meetings per week, with a minimum of ten meetings per month, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/2019.

PALMER, Joshua David, M.D., (#35.129918) - Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval to: discontinue the drug log requirement; to discontinue the audit and assay report requirements; and a reduction in personal appearances from every three months to every six months, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/2019.

PESA, Nicholas Lawrence, M.D., (#35.095374) - Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of a reduction in psychiatric treatment sessions from every three months to every six months, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/2019.

SIDDIQUI, Siraj Ahmed, M.D., (#35.065056) - Mansfield, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval to discontinue the chart review requirement, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/2019.

SMILO, John Michael, D.P.M., (#36.002663) - Coshocton, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of controlled substance prescribing course, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/2019.

TANDON, Rajive, M.D., (#35.075550) - Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of new monitoring physician, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/2019.

YURICH, Joseph Froilan, M.D., (#35.092679) - Youngstown, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of specifically tailored medical ethics course, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/2019.

REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS

BERING, Thomas Gerard, M.D., (#35.088008) - York, Pennsylvania

Doctor's request for reinstatement of license to practice medicine and surgery granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/2019, subject to terms and conditions established by the 10/10/2018 Board Order, for at least five years. Effective immediately.

PROBATION TERMINATED

CAPURRO, John Robert, M.D., (#35.058936) - Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 4/11/2018 Board Order, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/2019. Effective 4/26/2019.

COOK, Robert Michael, M.D., (#35.059715) - Kettering, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the January 11, 2017 Board Order, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/2019. Effective 4/13/2019.

REDDY, Srinivas Perugu, M.D., (#35.130052) - Scottsdale, Arizona

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the March 12, 2014 Board Order, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/2019. Effective 4/12/19.

WAXMAN, Howard Mitchell, D.P.M., (#36.002098) - Willoughby Hills, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of release from the terms of the December 12, 2018 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/2019. Effective immediately.

COURT ACTIONS

CASSELBERRY, Ronald Blane, M.D. (#35.054022) – Lyndhurst, Ohio

Entry denying the doctor's motion to stay the 2/13/2019 Board Order pending appeal, filed on 4/1/2019, in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

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 "Lookup a License." 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.