

**State Medical Board of Ohio**  
**Formal Action Report – April 14, 2021**

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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 14, 2021.

**PRE-HEARING SUSPENSIONS**

**ALHALLAQ**, Yousif A., M.D., (#35.094254) - Canton, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), medical license summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that doctor is in violation of Sections 4731.22(B)(3), 4731.22(B)(12), 4731.22(B)(10) Ohio Revised Code, and that his continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 4/14/21. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

**CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS**

**ALHALLAQ**, Yousif A., M.D., (#35.094254) - Canton, Ohio

Based on allegations that when the doctor administered a substance he identified as an herb, but was in fact mifepristone, to a patient without her knowledge in an attempt to terminate her pregnancy, which resulted in the patient hemorrhaging and requiring emergency care, those acts as alleged, individually and/or collectively would constitute the 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 of any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution, or use of any drug; the commission of an act in the course of practice that constitutes a misdemeanor in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed; and the commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 4/15/21.

**BELCHER**, Joshua V., M.T., (#33.023111) - Hermitage, Pennsylvania

Based on allegations that the massage therapist's plea of guilty in the Court of Common Pleas, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, to Theft by Deception, a first-degree misdemeanor; and on a plea of guilty in the Franklin County Municipal Court, Franklin County Ohio, to Petty Theft, a first-degree misdemeanor; and on the massage therapist's submission of a renewal application wherein the massage therapist failed to disclose his prior criminal charges, which as alleged,

individually and/or collectively would constitute: a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude; and making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in the solicitation of or advertising for patients; in relation to the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or a limited branch of medicine; or in securing or attempting to secure any license or certificate to practice issued by the board. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 4/15/21.

**GARRETT**, Ariel R., M.T. Applicant - Toledo, Ohio

Based on the massage therapist's submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on allegations that when the massage therapist entered into an Intervention in Lieu of Conviction in Lucas County Court of Common Pleas, Lucas County Ohio, and on her subsequent plea of guilty and conviction to Misuse of Credit Card, and one count of Identity Fraud, both fifth-degree felonies, and her violation of community control to which she was sentenced to six months to a Correctional Treatment Facility, those acts, as alleged, individually and/or collectively would constitute 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; and a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a felony. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 4/15/21.

**HUANG**, Deren, M.D., (#35.091766) - Westerville, Ohio

Based on allegations with respect to the care and treatment of one identified patient, when the doctor performed a breast exam on a patient whom had been referred to the doctor for a neurological exam, and on the doctor's admission that he neglected to properly employ disrobing and draping practices, to provide a chaperone, or appropriately explain or document the reason and result of the breast exam, those acts, as alleged, individually and/or collectively would constitute 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: the Board's prohibition against engaging in sexual misconduct with a patient or key third party; and 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. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 4/15/21.

**KUHN**, James R., P.A., (#50.000714) - Columbus, Ohio

Based on allegations that when the physician assistant's certification to practice as a physician assistant was revoked by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA), based on noncompliance with the NCCPA's continuing medical education requirements, and on the physician assistant's failure to notify the Board of his change in certification status within fourteen days of having received notice, those acts, as alleged, individually and/or collectively would constitute: having certification by the national commission on certification of physician assistants or a successor organization expire, lapse, or be suspended or revoked; and violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or

assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision of chapters 4730 or 4731, Ohio Revised Code, or the rules adopted by the Board. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 4/15/21.

**RICHARDSON, Steven, P.A., (#50.006158RX) - Santa Ana, California**

Based on allegations that a prior action by the Physician Assistant Board of California which issued a Decision on Ex Parte Petition for Interim Suspension, that suspended the physician assistant's license based on the physician assistant's plea of guilty in the Orange County Superior Court to two felony charges of Prescribing Controlled Substances Without Legitimate Medical Purpose, and Identity Theft, those acts, as alleged, individually and/or collectively would constitute: any of the following actions taken by the state agency responsible for regulating the practice of physician assistants in another state, 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; and a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a felony. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 4/15/21.

**WARREN, Uniqua, M.T. Applicant - Dayton, Ohio**

Based on the massage therapist's submission of an application for a license to practice massage therapy, and on allegations that when the massage therapist failed to disclose a prior disciplinary action by the Ohio Nursing Board, and failed to disclose having been granted an Intervention in Lieu of Treatment by the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court, those acts, as alleged, individually and/or collectively would 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; and making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in the solicitation of or advertising for patients; in relation to the practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, podiatric medicine and surgery, or a limited branch of medicine; or in securing or attempting to secure any license or certificate to practice issued by the board. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 4/15/21.

### **NON-DISCIPLINARY CITATIONS**

**TOMKO, Dawn M., R.C.P. (#RCP.8222) - Youngstown, Ohio**

Proposed conditional approval of restoration application, based on the submission of an application for restoration of license to practice respiratory care, and on the allegation that the applicant has not actively practiced respiratory care for more than two years. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 4/15/21.

## **FINAL ORDERS**

**BUTLER, Darnika M., R.C.P., (#RCP.11802) - Duluth, Georgia (Non-Disciplinary)**

Application for restoration of a license to practice respiratory care denied. Based on the respiratory care therapist's submission of a restoration application, and based on the respiratory care therapist's failure to timely renew her license, and on the failure to complete an examination approved by the Board. Order effective 4/15/21. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**CUNNINGHAM, Wendy N., R.C.P, (#RCP-9995) - Cambridge, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)**

Conditional approval of application for restoration of a license to practice as a respiratory care professional, provided that the applicant takes and passes the Clinical Simulation Examination (CSE) within six months. Based on the submission of an application to practice respiratory care, and on the finding that the applicant had not been engaged in the active practice of respiratory care for over two years. Order effective 4/15/21. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**FALLS, Thomas D., M.D., (#35.142058) - Elizabethtown, Kentucky**

Application to practice medicine and surgery granted, reprimanded, and subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least one year. Based on the doctor's submission of an application to practice medicine and surgery, and on the finding that the doctor's plea of guilty to a misdemeanor charge of Soliciting Prostitution in Jefferson County, Kentucky; a prior action by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure which issued a 10/18/2018 Agreed Order; and a prior action by the New York State Department of Health which issued a 6/18/19 Consent Order, individually and/or collectively, constitute: a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude; and 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 4/27/21

**GIANFRATE, Gianmarino, D.O., (#58.031534) - Boardman, OH**

Application for a training certificate to practice medicine and surgery granted for the period of 7/1/20 through 6/30/21. Commencing on 7/1/21, the doctor's license is suspended for a definite period of thirty days, and subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations. Based on the submission of an application for a training certificate, and on the finding that the disclosure made by the doctor therein of a prior misdemeanor offense in the General Court of Justice, District Court Division, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina to Assault on a Female, individually and/or collectively, constitute a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, or a judicial

finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. Order effective 4/27/21

**HALL, April D., R.C.P Applicant - Flatwoods, Kentucky (Non-Disciplinary)**

Application for a license to practice respiratory care denied. Based on the submission of an application to practice respiratory care, and on the applicant's failure to provide documentation of successful completion of an examination acceptable to the Board. Order effective 4/15/21. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**JOSMA, Israelite, R.C.P. Applicant - Fort Pierce, Florida (Non-Disciplinary)**

Application for a license to practice respiratory care denied. Based on the submission of an application to practice respiratory care, and on the applicant's failure to provide documentation of successful completion of an examination acceptable to the Board. Order effective 4/15/21. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**MCCABE, Nicole M., M.T., (#33.017231) - Logan, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)**

Conditional approval of restoration of license to practice massage therapy, provided that the applicant takes and passes the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) within six months. Based on the submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant had not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Order effective 4/15/21. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**VALLADOLID, Donghong, M.T. Applicant - Hollywood, Florida (Non-Disciplinary)**

Application to practice massage therapy denied. Based on the submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant does not hold a diploma or certificate from a school, college, or institution in another state or jurisdiction that meets the Board's required course of instruction and has not held a current license, registration or certificate of good standing for massage therapy issued in another state for at least five years. Order effective 4/15/21. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**WILLIAMS, Garnetta D., M.T., (#33.020629) - Cleveland, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)**

Conditional approval of restoration of license to practice massage therapy, provided that the applicant takes and passes the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) within six months. Based on the submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant had not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Order effective 4/15/21. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

**ZHENG, Meihua, M.T. Applicant - Flushing, New York (Non-Disciplinary)**

Application to practice massage therapy denied. Based on the submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on the finding that the applicant does not hold a diploma or certificate from a school, college, or institution in another state or jurisdiction that meets the Board's required course of instruction and has not held a current license, registration or certificate of good standing for massage therapy issued in another state for at least five years. Order effective 4/15/21. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

### **CONSENT AGREEMENTS**

**BARROWS**, Courtney E., M.D., (#35.140203) – Cleveland Heights, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery indefinitely suspended, but not less than ninety days, subject to general probationary requirements, and conditions for reinstatement/restoration including entering into a subsequent consent agreement. Agreement effective 4/14/21.

**HARRIS**, Dale A., M.D., (#35.074799) - Westerville, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery indefinitely suspended, but not less than ninety days, subject to general probationary requirements, and conditions for reinstatement/restoration, including entering into a subsequent consent agreement. Based on the doctor's admission that while employed as an anesthesiologist he diverted multiple medications, controlled substances, syringes and other medical equipment used to administer drugs. Agreement effective 4/14/21.

**KAUSCH**, Otto, M.D., (#35.061303) - Akron, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery reprimanded, fined five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and subject to probationary terms until the doctor submits satisfactory documentation of completion of medical education courses. Based on the doctor's admissions that after a patient expressed romantic feelings, he subsequently accessed the file of the patient once the physician-patient relationship was terminated to retrieve the patient's contact information, and began texting, emailing, and calling the former patient without a clinical motive for approximately three years. Agreement effective 4/14/21.

**KHORASHADI**, Farhad, M.D., (#35.096782) - San Diego, California

License to practice medicine and surgery reprimanded, and fined one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Based on the doctor's admission that his license was revoked by the California Medical Board based on the doctor's plea of guilty to and conviction of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol in the Orange County Superior Court of California. Agreement effective 4/14/21.

**MEACHAM**, Mark H., M.D., (#35.062265) - Akron, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery suspended for a definite period of one year, a six thousand dollar (\$6,000.00) fine, and subject to probationary terms until the doctor submits documentation of successful completion of required medical education courses. Based on the

doctor's admission that he engaged in a sexual relationship with a current patient. Agreement effective 4/14/21.

**WALSH, Michele C., M.D., (#35.052102) - Highland Heights, Ohio**

Doctor's license to practice medicine and surgery indefinitely suspended, but not less than ninety days, subject to general probationary requirements, and conditions for reinstatement/restoration, including entering into a subsequent consent agreement. Agreement effective 4/14/21.

### **VOLUNTARY PERMANENT SURRENDERS, RETIREMENTS, REVOCATIONS, WITHDRAWALS**

**CESMEBASI, Alper, M.D. Applicant - Boston, Massachusetts (Non-Disciplinary)**

Non-disciplinary withdrawal of application to practice medicine and surgery authorized by the doctor in lieu of further formal proceedings pursuant to the 12/9/20 Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing. Withdrawal effective 4/14/21.

**GRACE, Ted W., M.D., (#35.039747) - Carbondale, Illinois**

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice medicine and surgery, authorized by the doctor in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(5), 4731.22(B)(20) Ohio Revised Code. Effective 4/14/21.

**JARRETT, Jeffrey A., M.D., (#35.050456) - Trenton, Ohio**

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice medicine and surgery, authorized by the doctor in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(2), 4731.22(B)(20) Ohio Revised Code. Effective 4/14/21.

**KING, Kristie L., R.C.P., (#RCP.16138) - Maybee, Michigan**

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice as a respiratory care professional, authorized by the respiratory care therapist in lieu of further investigation into a possible violation of Section 4761.09(A)(18), Ohio Revised Code, related to possible intoxication at work. Effective 4/14/21.

**NOWAK, David E., M.D., (#35.127409) - Williamsville, New York**

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice medicine and surgery, authorized by the doctor in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(9), Ohio Revised Code, a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, a determination of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction for a felony, related to the doctor's pleas to one count of Receipt of Child Pornography, and one count of Possession of Child Pornography, in the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida. Effective 4/14/21.

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

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice medicine and surgery, authorized by the doctor in lieu of further disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Sections 4731.22(B)(22), 4731.22(B)(26) Ohio Revised Code. Effective 4/14/21.

**SCHWARZ, Daniel A., M.D., (#35.059398) - Waterford, Michigan**

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice medicine and surgery, authorized by the doctor in lieu of further investigation and/or formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(10), Ohio Revised code related to pending criminal charges of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, and/or Section 4731.22(B)(20) Ohio Revised Code, to wit: the Board's prohibition against engaging in sexual misconduct with a patient or key third party. Effective 4/14/21.

**SWAYNGIM, Dowzell M., M.D., (#35.041426) - Sandusky, Ohio**

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice medicine and surgery, authorized by the doctor in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(10), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 4/14/21.

**YASSIN, Kamal, M.D. Applicant - Town and Country, Missouri (Non-Disciplinary)**

Non-disciplinary withdrawal of application to practice medicine and surgery authorized by the doctor in lieu of further formal proceedings pursuant to the 12/9/20 Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing. Withdrawal effective 4/14/21.

### **DISMISSALS**

**ESSMAN, Thomas C., R.C.P., (#RCP.3994) – Worthington, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)**

The Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing issued on 12/9/20, proposing to deny the respiratory care therapist's restoration application based on former Rule 4761-8-01(G)(3), is dismissed.

### **PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS**

**BAHNER, Jennifer D., M.D., (#35.123019) - Novelty, Ohio**

Doctor's request for approval of treating psychiatrist, granted by vote of the Board on 4/14/21.

**ELLIS, Ardeth K., M.T., (#33.009078) - Wellington, Ohio**

Massage therapist request for approval of professional ethics course, granted by vote of the Board on 4/14/21.



**JOHNSON**, Peter C., M.D., (#35.066160) - Oregon, Ohio

Doctor's request for a reduction in psychotherapy sessions from twice per month to once per month, granted by vote of the Board on 4/14/21.

**KAVLICH**, John J., M.D., (#35.057128) - Berea, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of doctor to conduct return to work psychiatric assessment for reinstatement, granted by vote of the Board on 4/14/21.

**MA**, Muyuan, M.D., (#35.130288) - Parma, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval to discontinue chart review requirement, granted by vote of the Board on 4/14/21.

**MOOREHEAD**, Colin S., M.D., (#35.077486) - Akron, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of medical records course, granted by vote of the Board on 4/14/21.

**RASMUSSEN**, Robert D., D.O., (#34.005755) - Richfield, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of medical records and controlled substance prescribing course, granted by vote of the Board on 4/14/21.

**SMITH**, Arthur H., M.D., (#35.083898) - Austintown, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of office management course, granted by vote of the Board on 4/14/21.

**TATRO**, Michael T., M.D., (#35.081291) - Lower Salem, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of new monitoring physician, granted by vote of the Board on 4/14/21.

**URBAN**, Derek K., M.D., (#35.068200) - Spring Hill, Tennessee

Doctor's request for approval of personal and professional ethics courses, granted by vote of the Board on 4/14/21.

**ZAINO**, John, M.D., (#35.073638) - Xenia, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of physician-patient boundary course, granted by vote of the Board on 4/14/21.

## **PROBATION TERMINATED**

**REED**, Tammy M., D.O., (#34.009050) - Sarasota, Florida

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 4/10/2019 Board Order, granted by vote of the Board on 4/14/21. Release effective immediately.

**SWANSON**, Shannon L., D.O., (#34.008887) - East Springfield, Pennsylvania

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 4/11/18 Superseding Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 4/14/21. Release effective immediately.

**WOODRUM**, Denise, C.T., (#32.006414) - Mason, Ohio

Cosmetic therapist's request for release from the terms of the 9/9/20 Board Order, granted by vote of the Board on 4/14/21. Release effective immediately.

## **COURT ACTIONS**

**COX**, Marcus F., M.D., (#35.082114) – Dover, Ohio

Decision and Entry Denying doctor's Motion to Stay, filed 3/29/2021, in the Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County, Ohio.

**CYR**, Melissa M., D.O., (#34.011353) – Valencia, Pennsylvania

Notice of Appeal filed 4/14/21, in the Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County, Ohio.

**EDEL**, Thomas B., M.D., (#35.058044) – Avon Lake, Ohio

Notice of Appeal filed 4/7/21, in the Tenth District Court of Appeals from the Decision and Judgment Entry dated 3/10/21.

**YOONESSI**, Mahmood, M.D., (#35.034317) – Rancho Palos Verdes, California

Notice of Appeal filed 3/18/21, in the Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County, Ohio.

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, or Court Actions, please contact the Case Control Office. If you have questions regarding a Consent Agreements, probationary modification or a probationary request, please contact the Compliance Office. Our offices may be reached at (614) 466-3934.