

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – February 10, 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 February 10, 2021.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSIONS

HECHT, Kristina L., R.C.P., (#RCP.5559) - Gambier, Ohio

License to practice as a respiratory care professional summarily suspended based on the Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that the respiratory care professional is in violation of Section 4761.09(A)(18), Ohio Revised Code, and that her continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 2/10/21.

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

BADIK, Michael D., D.O., (#34.009920) - Fostoria, Ohio

Based on allegations that with respect to the care and treatment of eleven specified patients, when the doctor inappropriately treated and/or failed to appropriately treat; and/or departed from, or failed to conform to, minimal standards of care for similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, those actions individually and/or collective 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; 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 general prohibitions and the Board's rules for prescribing for subacute and chronic pain; 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 2/11/21.

HECHT, Kristina L., R.C.P., (#RCP.5559) - Gambier, Ohio

Based on allegations that when the respiratory care professional failed to attend a Board ordered examination without notifying the Board that the failure to attend the examination was due to circumstances beyond her control, those actions individually and/or collectively 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. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing on Failure to Submit to an Examination and Notice of Summary Suspension Based Upon Presumption of an Admission of Impairment mailed 2/11/21.

KEATING, Robert J., M.D., (#35.060778CTR) - Cleveland, Ohio

Based on allegations that when the doctor: failed to respond to a Board subpoena; made threats of violence to a sergeant at the Parma Heights Police Department resulting in the doctor's plea of guilty in the Cuyahoga Court of Common Pleas to Aggravated Menacing; made threats to his former wife resulting in the doctor's plea of no contest in the Parma Municipal Court to one count of Aggravated Menacing, those actions individually and/or collective constitute failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the board, including failure to comply with a subpoena or order issued by the board or failure to answer truthfully a question presented by the board in an investigative interview, an investigative office conference, at a deposition, or in written interrogatories, except that failure to cooperate with an investigation shall not constitute grounds for discipline under this section if a court of competent jurisdiction has issued an order that either quashes a subpoena or permits the individual to withhold the testimony or evidence in issue; 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 2/11/21.

SMITH, Hannah F., M.T. Applicant - Centerville, Ohio

Based on allegations that when the massage therapist failed to submit to a Board ordered examination and failed to notify the Board that the failure to attend was due to circumstances beyond her control, those actions individually and/or collective constitute: an inability 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; and 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 2/11/21.

SMITH, Ronald D., M.D., (#35.071248) - Las Vegas, Nevada

Based on allegations that the prior action by the North Carolina Medical Board, which issued a Consent Order that indefinitely suspended the doctor's license, but stayed the suspension, individually and/or collective 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 2/11/21.

NON-DISCIPLINARY CITATIONS

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

Proposed denial of application based on the respiratory care therapist's submission of an application to practice respiratory care, and on allegations that the applicant has failed to provide evidence that the applicant has successfully completed both portions of the registered respiratory therapist (R.R.T.) examination. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 2/11/21.

CALLOWAY, Don-te J., M.T. Applicant – Sheffield Lake, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Proposed denial of application based on the massage therapist's submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on allegations that the applicant has failed to provide evidence that they completed a course of instruction that meets course requirements determined by the Board. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 2/11/21.

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

Proposed conditional approval of application based on the respiratory care professional's submission of an application for restoration of her license to practice as a respiratory care professional, and on allegations that she has not been engaged in the active practice of respiratory care for more than two years. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 2/11/21.

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

Proposed denial of application based on the respiratory care professional's submission of an application to practice as a respiratory care professional, and on allegations that the applicant has failed to provide evidence that the applicant has successfully completed both portions of the registered respiratory therapist (R.R.T.) examination. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 2/11/21.

STEBBINGS, Brian J., R.C.P. Applicant – Phoenix, Arizona (Non-Disciplinary)

Proposed denial of application based on the respiratory care professional's submission of an application to practice as a respiratory care professional, and on allegations that the applicant has failed to provide evidence that they have successfully completed both portions of the registered respiratory therapist (R.R.T.) examination. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 2/11/21.

VALLADOLID, Donghong – Cooper City, Florida (Non-Disciplinary)

Proposed denial of application based on the massage therapist's submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on allegations that the applicant has failed to provide evidence that

they completed a course of instruction that meets course requirements determined by the Board. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 2/11/21.

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

Proposed approval of restoration application based on the massage therapist's submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy, and on allegations that the massage therapist has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for two years. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 2/11/21.

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

Proposed denial of application based on the massage therapist's submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on allegations that the applicant has failed to provide evidence that they completed a course of instruction that meets course requirements determined by the Board. Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing mailed 2/11/21.

FINAL ORDERS

BOVIA, Angela, R.C.P., (#RCP.10166) - Lexington, Ohio

License to practice as a respiratory care professional revoked, and subject to a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) fine. Based on the finding that when the respiratory care professional failed to comply with the terms of a 12/12/18 Consent Agreement, tested positive for EtG/EtS, and failed to call-in and also submit drug screenings on multiple dates, those actions individually and/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; and a violation of the conditions of limitation placed by the board upon a license or permit. Order effective 2/11/21. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

CANCHOLA, Daniel R., M.D., (#35.096267) - Dallas, Texas

License to practice medicine and surgery indefinitely suspended, and subject to a three thousand five hundred (\$3,500.00) fine, and conditions for reinstatement. Based on the finding that a prior action of the Texas Medical Board, which issued a 10/17/2019 Agreed Order of Suspension, and a prior action by the Virginia Board of Medicine, which issued a 12/11/2019 Order of Mandatory Suspension both individually and/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 2/11/21. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

COLEMAN, Linda E., M.D., (#35.051547) - Sterling, Virginia

No further action to be taken. Based on the finding that a prior action by the Virginia Board of Medicine, which issued a Consent Order, wherein the doctor's license was reprimanded due to the doctor having engaged in a romantic relationship with a patient, individually and/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 2/22/2021.

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

License to practice medicine and surgery permanently revoked, and subject to a six thousand dollar (\$6,000.00) fine. Based on the finding that the doctor's care and treatment of two specified patients, wherein the doctor allegedly engaged in inappropriate sexual contact and inappropriate sexual comments during patient examinations, individually and/or collectively, constitute violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any rule promulgated by the board, to wit: prohibitions; and would also constitute 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. Order effective 2/11/2021.

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

License to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery revoked, and subject to a three thousand dollar (\$3,000.00) fine. Based on the finding that when the doctor failed to respond to the Board's First Set of Interrogatories mailed 1/9/2020, and failed to respond to a certified letter requesting the doctor's response mailed on 1/15/2020, individually and/or collectively, constitute a failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the board, including failure to comply with a subpoena or order issued by the board or failure to answer truthfully a question presented by the board in an investigative interview, an investigative office conference, at a deposition, or in written interrogatories. Order effective 2/11/2021. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

MAGLIULO, Raymond R., D.O., (#34.004601) - S. Euclid, Ohio

License to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery permanently revoked. Based on the finding that the doctor's finding of guilt to Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent or Physically Disabled Person in the First Degree, a first degree felony, in the Suffolk County Court, New York, and on the prior action by the State of New York Department of Health State Board for Professional Medical conduct, which issued a 12/16/2019 Determination and 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 felony; 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 2/11/2021. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

NAUM, George P. III, D.O., (#34.005389) - Wheeling, West Virginia

License to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery permanently revoked, and subject to an eighteen thousand dollar (\$18,000.00) fine. Based on the finding that the doctor's conviction in the Northern District of West Virginia, to one count of Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Substances Outside the Bounds of Professional medical practice; and four counts of Aiding and Abetting the Distribution of Controlled Substances Outside the Bounds of Professional Medical Practice, 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 felony. Order effective 2/11/21. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

ZAHRA, Michael S., M.D., (#35.130046) - Maryville, Illinois

License to practice medicine and surgery revoked, and subject to a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) fine. Based on a July 2018 non-disciplinary Grant of Waiver for Out-of-State Impairment and based on a prior action by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation, which issued a 9/9/2019 Order, that indefinitely suspended the doctor's license which individually and/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; and 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. Order effective 2/11/21. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

BUTLER, George R. III, M.D. Applicant - Troy, Michigan

License to practice medicine and surgery granted, subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least five years. Based on the doctor's submission of an application to practice medicine and surgery, and on the doctor's admission that when he entered inpatient treatment for substance abuse, and has been assessed as capable of practice medicine and surgery according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care, so long as certain treatment and monitoring requirements are in place, those actions individually and/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. Agreement effective 2/10/21.

GIBSON, Benjamin R., M.D., (#35.097558) - Columbus, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery is indefinitely suspended for at least ninety days, and subject to general probationary requirements, and conditions for reinstatement. Based on the doctor's admission that when he relapsed following his residential treatment, his actions individually and/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. Agreement effective 2/10/21.

LEID, Adam N., D.O., (#58.030360) - Stevens, PA

Training certificate to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery is indefinitely suspended for at least ninety days, subject to generally probationary requirements, and conditions for reinstatement. Based on the doctor's admission that when he relapsed following residential treatment, his actions individually and/or collectively constitute an inability 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; and an inability 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 2/10/21.

LOOS, Bryan D., M.D., (#35.062744) – Olmstead Falls, Ohio

Commencing on the thirty first day following effective date of agreement, license to practice medicine and surgery is suspended for a definite period of one year, subject to general terms and requirements, including completion of professional ethics courses. Based on the doctor's admission that despite the physician/patient relationship when he engaged on two occasions in sexual activities with on patient outside the office setting, his actions individually and/or collectively constitute: a violation of any provision of a code of ethics of the American medical association; 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 rules promulgated by the Board, to wit, the Board's prohibition against sexual interaction with patients. Agreement effective 2/10/21.

RAHEJA, Deepak, M.D., (#35.065408) – Hudson, Ohio

Doctor enters into Interim Agreement, agreeing to not practice medicine and surgery until the allegations contained in the Board's 9/11/2019 Notice of Opportunity for Hearing have been examined and a Final Order issued by the Board. Interim Agreement effective 3/10/2021.

TAK, James I., M.D., (#35.131951) – Beachwood, Ohio

Within thirty days of the effective date of the addendum to the March 2018 Step II Consent Agreement, the doctor shall pay a one thousand dollar (\$1000.00) fine, and to remain subject to the terms, conditions and limitations set forth in the March 2018 Step II Consent Agreement as modified by the Board on 3/9/2018 and on 12/1/2019 for at least five years and six months. Based on the doctor's admission that when he failed to attend weekly psychotherapy sessions and failed to submit to random screenings for drugs and alcohol or to comply with a daily call-in procedure, as required by the March 2018 Step II Consent Agreement, his actions individually and/or collectively constitute a violation of the conditions of limitation placed by the board upon a license or certificate to practice. Agreement effective 2/10/21.

VOLUNTARY PERMANENT SURRENDERS, RETIREMENTS, REVOCATIONS, WITHDRAWALS

ABRAHAM, Kamel S., M.D., (#35.054847CTR) - Springfield, Ohio

Permanent revocation of license to practice medicine and surgery authorized by doctor in lieu of further investigation and/or formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(2), 4731.22(B)(6) and 4731.22(B)(2) relating to a violation of minimal standards of care and Board rules concerning the care and treatment of seven patients as set forth in the May 13, 2020 Notice of opportunity for hearing in Case No. 20-CRF-0061 and 4731.22(B)(19), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 2/10/21.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

ALDERSON, Julie M., D.O., (#34.014253) - Akron, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval to discontinue drug log requirement, and approval to administer, personally furnish, dispense and possess controlled substances, granted by vote of the Board on 2/10/21.

BAUER, Matthew D., D.O., (#34.011699) - Dayton, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of new monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 2/10/21. Determination of the frequency and number of chart review established as 10 charts per month.

GANTNER, Thomas J., P.A., (#50.003782Rx) - Baltimore, Ohio

Physician assistant's request for approval of reporting physician, granted by vote of the Board on 2/10/21.

HOUSE, Stephen T., M.D., (#35.034342) - Miamisburg, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of medical records and prescribing courses, granted by vote of the Board on 2/10/21.

REYNOLDS, Vern D., D.O., (#34.006761) - Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of a prescribing course, granted by vote of the Board on 2/10/21.

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

Doctor's request for approval of an office management course, granted by vote of the Board on 2/10/21.

PROBATION TERMINATED

BANGERT, Michael T., M.D., (#35.123521) - Noblesville, Indiana

Doctor's request for approval of new treating psychiatrist, and approval of an early release from the terms of the 3/8/2017 Step II Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 2/10/21.

BURKONS, David M., M.D., (#35.040676) - Shaker Heights, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of release from the terms of the 7/12/17 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 2/10/21. Release effective immediately.

REINSTATEMENTS

LAWRENCE, Susan D., D.O., (#34.005458) - Athens, Ohio

Doctor's request for reinstatement of license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery granted by vote of the Board on 2/10/21. Subject to the probationary terms and conditions established by the 2/13/2019 Board Order for at least five years.

WELDEN, Scott R., M.D., (#35.137180) - Covington, KY

Doctor's request for reinstatement of license to practice medicine and surgery granted by vote of the Board on 2/10/21. Subject to the probationary terms and conditions established by the 6/12/2019 Board Order for at least five years.

COURT ACTIONS

URADU, Onyinyechi Rose, M.D., (#35.088677) – Russell, Kentucky

Notice of Appeal filed on 1/27/21, in the Common Pleas Court of Franklin County, Ohio.

GARBER, Michael, M.D., (#35.124020) – Brooklyn, New York

Notice of appeal filed on 2/10/21, in the Common Pleas Court of 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.