

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – September 11, 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 September 11, 2019.

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

BADII, Roozbeh, M.D., (#35.127228) – Coronado, California

Based on allegations that the doctor was excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid, and all Federal health care programs by the United States Department of Health and Human Services because of the doctor's failure to cooperate in an audit. Also based on: the doctor's response to a Board subpoena, to which he provided eleven of the requested thirteen patient records; and on the doctor's statement during a board deposition that he was unsure as to the accuracy or completeness of the provided records, which was contrary to his signed certification. The allegations, if proven true, would individually and/or collectively constitute: a termination or suspension from participation in the medicare or medicaid programs by the department of health and human services or other responsible agency; and 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, 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. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 9/12/2019.

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

Based on allegations that the respiratory care professional failed to comply with the terms of a December 12, 2018 Consent Agreement when she tested positive for EtG/EtS, and failed to call-in and also submit screenings on multiple dates. The allegations, if proven true, would 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. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 9/12/2019.

ENTSUAH, Laurence Kobina, M.D., (#35.083222) - Canal Winchester, Ohio

Based on allegations with respect to the routine care and treatment of seven specified patients, the doctor inappropriately treated, and/or failed to properly treat, or properly document consent, and/or departed from, or failed to conform to minimal standards of care for similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances. Also based on a prior action by the State of Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine, which issued an 8/21/2018 Notice of Final Denial of Licensure, that was based in part on the doctor's failure to disclose a loss of clinical privileges and a pending malpractice claim. The allegations, if proven true, would individually and/or collectively, 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; 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. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 9/12/2019.

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

Based on the allegation that on or about 8/1/2019 the doctor executed a Surrender For Cause of DEA Certificate of Registration of Controlled Substances Privileges; also based on the terms conditions and limitations as set forth in a 5/13/2015 Board Order, and as modified and extended by a 6/12/2019 Board Order. The allegations, if proven true, would individually and/or collectively, constitute: the revocation, suspension, restriction, reduction, or termination of clinical privileges by the United States department of defense or department of veterans affairs or the termination or suspension of a certificate of registration to prescribe drugs by the drug enforcement administration of the United States department of justice. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 9/12/2019.

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

Based on allegations with respect to the routine care and treatment of twelve identified patients, the doctor inappropriately diagnosed, inappropriately and/or inadequately manage patient treatment; inappropriately and/or excessively prescribed multiple medications without sufficient justifications or monitoring; and failed to adequately investigate or order appropriate testing when needed. The allegations, if proven true, would individually and/or collectively, 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; and 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. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 9/12/2019.

ZAVELL, Peter, M.D., Applicant - Charleston, South Carolina

Based on the doctor's submission of an application for a license to practice medicine and surgery; also based on the doctor's conviction in the United States District Court, District of South Carolina, to one felony count of Willfully Making and Subscribing a False Tax Return; and on a prior action by the Texas Medical Board, which issued a 9/17/2017 Agreed Order, which reprimanded and reinstated the doctor's license. The allegations, if proven true, would 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. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 9/12/2019.

NON-DISCIPLINARY CITATIONS

BARBOUR-WHITE, David Anthony, M.T. (#33.016983) - Tempe, Arizona

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 more than two years. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 9/17/2019.

HERMAN, Lisa Arlene, R.C.P. (#RCP.8524) - Uniontown, Ohio

Based on the respiratory care professional's submission of an application for restoration of license to practice respiratory care, and on allegations that the licensee has not been engaged in the active practice of respiratory care for more than two years. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 9/17/2019.

HILBERS, Claire Elizabeth, L.M.T., Applicant – Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Based on the massage therapist's submission of an application for a license to practice massage therapy; also based on allegations that the applicant does not hold a diploma or certificate from a school in good standing as determined by the Board, or hold a diploma or certificate from a school in another state or jurisdiction that meets the Board's required course of instruction, and that the applicant has not held a current license in another state for the preceding five years. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 9/17/2019.

PATEL, Ankitaben, R.C.P., Applicant – Cincinnati, Ohio.

Based on the respiratory care professional's submission of an application for a license to practice respiratory care; also based on allegations that applicant has failed to pass an examination

approved under the rules adopted by the board, and that the applicant does not hold a current license issued in another state. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 9/17/2019.

RILEY, Michael, M.T. (#33.009770) - Urbana, Ohio

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 more than two years. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 9/17/2019.

SCHMIDT, Lisa Mae, R.C.P., Applicant – New Cumberland, West Virginia.

Based on the respiratory care professional's submission of an application for a license to practice respiratory care; also based on allegations that applicant has failed to pass an examination approved under the rules adopted by the board, and that the applicant does not hold a current license issued in another state. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 9/17/2019.

FINAL ORDERS

ADLER, Roger Todd, M.D., (#35.082044) - Dunlap, Illinois

License to practice medicine and surgery reprimanded, fined one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), and subject to conditions for restoration. Based on the finding that a prior action by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, which issued a March 19, 2018 Consent Order that indefinitely placed the doctor's license on probation for at least twelve months, constitutes 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 9/12/2019.

ALI, Asad Syed, M.D., (#35.077032) - Hamilton, Ohio

Commencing on the thirty-first day following the effective date of the order, license to practice medicine and surgery is suspended for an indefinite period of time, but not less than two years, and subject to conditions for reinstatement or restoration, and probationary terms, conditions, and limitations for at least three years. Based on the finding that when the doctor failed to secure pre-signed blank prescriptions; and subsequently authorized a prescription for a non-patient ex-girlfriend, that he knew to be fraudulent, his conduct individually and/or collectively constitutes a 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 selling, giving away, personally furnishing, prescribing, or administering drugs for other than legal and legitimate therapeutic purposes. Order effective 10/1/2019.

BADII, Roozbeh, M.D., (#35.127228) – Coronado, California (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for a certificate to recommend the medical use of marijuana is denied. Based on the doctor's prior February 8, 2017 Consent Agreement, that was based in whole or in part, on inappropriate prescribing, personally furnishing, dispensing, diverting, administering, supply or selling of a controlled substance or other dangerous drug. Order effective 9/12/2019. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

CRAMBLETT, Desiraa Anna-Marie, R.C.P., (#RCP.13425) - Scio, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for restoration of license to practice as a respiratory care professional approved, provided that applicant takes and passes the Therapist Multiple Choice examination within six months of the mailing of the Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing. Based on the respiratory care professional's submission of an application for restoration of license to practice as a respiratory care professional, and on the finding that the applicant has not practiced respiratory care for more than two years. Order effective 9/12/2019. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

GOTTSCHALK, Kara, M.T., (#33.023530) - Toledo, Ohio

License to practice massage therapy revoked, and subject to a six thousand dollar (\$6,000.00) fine. Based on the finding that when the massage therapist engaged in sexual misconduct with one specified patient, despite having an ongoing massage therapist-patient relationship, the massage therapist violated the Board's prohibition against engaging in sexual misconduct with a patient, and departed from, or failed 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 9/12/2019. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

MANUEL, Timothy Scott, M.D., (#35.065764) - Bellbrook, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery permanently revoked, and subject to an eighteen thousand dollar (\$18,000.00) fine. Based on the doctor's plea of guilty in the Court of Common Pleas, Highland County, Ohio to four counts of Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs, a third – degree felony, and one count of Worker's Compensation Fraud, to which the doctor was sentenced to five years in prison. Also based on allegations that the doctor executed a Voluntary Surrender of Controlled Substances Privileges to the U.S. Department of Justice – Drug Enforcement Administration, due to the doctor's alleged failure to comply with the Federal requirements pertaining to controlled substances, all of which individually 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 the revocation, suspension, restriction, reduction, or termination of clinical privileges by the United States department of defense or department of veterans affairs or the termination or suspension of a certificate of registration to prescribe drugs by the drug enforcement administration of the United States department of justice. Order effective 9/12/2019. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

NASHER-ALNEAM, Muhammed Samer, M.D., (#35.094800) - Charleston, West Virginia

License to practice medicine and surgery indefinitely suspended, and subject to conditions for reinstatement or restoration. Based on the finding that a prior action of the West Virginia Board of Medicine, with whom the doctor entered a Consent Agreement terminating the doctor's pain management practice, and prohibiting the doctor from prescribing opiates, benzodiazepines, Suboxone and methadone, individually and/or collectively constitutes 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 9/12/2019.

PEREZ, Tonie Lynn, R.C.P., (#RCP.1878) - Orlando, Florida (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for restoration of license to practice as a respiratory care professional approved, provided that applicant takes and passes the Therapist Multiple Choice examination within six months of the mailing of the Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing. Based on the respiratory care professional's submission of an application for restoration of license to practice as a respiratory care professional, and on the finding that the applicant has not practiced respiratory care for more than two years. Order effective 9/12/2019. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

SPLAN, Thomas Paul, M.D., (#35.129728) - Yorktown, Virginia

License to practice medicine and surgery revoked, and subject to a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) fine. Based on the finding that when the doctor failed to disclose in his renewal application a prior action of the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure which issued an Emergency Order of Suspension that was based on the doctor's relapse of alcohol, the doctor 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; and that his actions 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 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, 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. Order effective 9/12/2019. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

SYED, Mohsin Mazhar, M.D., (#35.070648) - Midland, Texas

License to practice medicine and surgery permanently revoked, and subject to an eighteen thousand dollar (\$18,000.00) fine. Based on the finding that when the doctor was convicted in the District Court of the 238th Judicial District in Midland County, Texas, to four counts of Sexual Assault, a second-degree felony, to which the doctor was sentenced to twelve years in prison, those acts 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 9/12/2019. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

THORNBURG, Rebecca A., R.C.P., (#RCP.6019) - Portland, Indiana (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for restoration of license to practice as a respiratory care professional approved, provided that applicant takes and passes the Therapist Multiple Choice examination within six months of the mailing of the Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing. Based on the respiratory care professional's submission of an application for restoration of license to practice as a respiratory care professional, and on the finding that the applicant has not practiced respiratory care for more than two years. Order effective 9/12/2019. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

ZIZZO, Steven, M.D., Applicant - Ontario, Canada (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for a certificate to practice telemedicine denied. Based on the doctor's submission of an application to practice telemedicine; and on the finding that the applicant has not provided evidence he has his principal place of practice in, and holds a current, unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery issued by, another state that requires license holders to complete at least fifty hours of continuing medical education every two years; and meet the same age, moral character, and educational requirements as non-telemedicine physician applicants. Order effective 9/12/2019.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

DIZECHI, Soaman, D.O., (#34.013085) - Columbus, Ohio

License to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery reprimanded and fined three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00); and subject to general probationary requirements. Based on the doctor's admission that when he accessed the medical record of a colleague for other than a permitted purpose, he violated a provision of a code of ethics of the American osteopathic association. Agreement effective 9/11/2019.

FISHER, Jeremy G., M.D., (#35.128754) - Bryan, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery suspended for a definite period of ninety days, fined seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00), and subject to probationary terms, conditions, and limitations. Based on the doctor's admission that when the doctor wrote fraudulent prescriptions in another's name to obtain drugs for self-use, those actions constitute the

commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed, to wit: Deception to Obtain a Dangerous Drug, or the Illegal Processing of Drug Documents. Agreement effective 9/11/2019.

GROTHAUS, Matthew Christian, M.D., (#35.087589) - Hicksville, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery reprimanded, and subject to a four thousand five hundred dollar (\$4,500.00) fine, and probationary terms and conditions. Based on the doctor's admission that when the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana issued a 10/15/2018 Final Order, that placed the doctor's license on indefinite probation, but not less than ninety days, that action constitutes 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. Agreement effective 9/11/2019.

VOLUNTARY PERMANENT SURRENDERS, RETIREMENTS, REVOCATIONS, WITHDRAWALS

JENKINS, Oliver H., M.D., (#35.078360) - Toledo, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice medicine and surgery authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(34), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 9/12/2019.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

ADAM, Stewart I., III, M.D. (#35.124493) - Dayton, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician, granted by vote of the Board on 9/11/2019. Determination of frequency of chart review established at 10 charts per week.

AMORN, Allen M., M.D., (#35.124017) - Mason, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of treating psychiatrist and psychologist, granted by vote of the Board on 9/11/2019.

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

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician, granted by vote of the Board on 9/11/2019. Determination of frequency of chart review established at 10 charts per week.

MASON, Richard Ray, D.O. (#34.007364) - Powell, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval to discontinue the drug log requirement, granted by vote of the Board on 9/11/2019.

SCHWARTZ, Paul J., M.D. (#35.050898) - West Chester, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of personal and professional ethics courses, granted by vote of the Board on 9/11/2019.

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

Doctor's request for approval of ethics course, granted by vote of the Board on 9/11/2019.

VERCHIO, Melissa L., M.D. (#35.124228) - Ontario, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician, granted by vote of the Board on 9/11/2019. Determination of frequency of chart review established at 10 charts per week.

WELDEN, Scott R., M.D. (#35.137180) – Covington, Kentucky

Doctor's request for approval of psychiatrist to conduct psychiatric assessment, granted by vote of the Board on 9/11/2019.

WINKLER, Aubrey D., P.A. (#50.004611RX) - Cleveland, Ohio

Physician assistant's request for approval to discontinue the chart review requirement, granted by vote of the Board on 9/11/2019.

YOKIEL, Jerome B., M.D. (#35.059140) - Solon, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of a reduction in personal appearances from every three months to every six months; and approval of a reduction in 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 9/11/2019.

PROBATION TERMINATED

ADAMS, Stephanie N., M.T. (#33.018238) - Lima, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for release from the terms of the March 9, 2016 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 9/11/2019. Release effective 9/12/2019.

GINEMAN, Danica, M.T. (#33.019940) - Swanton, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for release from the terms of the March 8, 2017 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 9/11/2019. Release effective immediately.

COURT ACTIONS

SEMAN, Christopher R., D.O., (#34.007229) – East Palestine, Ohio

Decision and entry affirming the order of the state medical board, filed 8/16/2019, Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County, Ohio.

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

Decision and entry and notice of final appealable order, affirming the order of the state medical board, filed 8/21/2019

VASHI, Christopher N., M.D., (#35.096249) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Notice of Appeal, filed 9/6/2019, 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.