

State Medical Board of Ohio
Corrected Formal Action Report – June 2015

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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in June 2015 and an update of Board matters pending or decided in courts as of June 10, 2015.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSIONS

COOK, Deborah, DPM (#36.003231)—Mentor, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 3719.121(C), Ohio Revised Code, podiatric physician's license to practice is immediately suspended based upon plea of guilty to one felony count of Deception to Obtain a Dangerous Drug and two felony counts of Illegal Processing of Drug Documents by the Lake County Court of Common Pleas. Order effective June 10, 2015. (*See also*; Citations/Proposed Denials *below*.)

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

BABAR, Nabila Saed, MD (#35.067632)—Thames, New Zealand

Based on the allegation that in her care and treatment of two specified patients, the doctor departed from or failed to conform to minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, that the doctor violated the Board's rules on prescribing controlled substances and utilizing controlled substances for self and family members and that the doctor's conduct constituted commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, specifically Illegal Processing of Drug Documents. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed June 11, 2015.

BURICK, Joseph Peter, DO (#34.002729)--Wadsworth, Ohio

Based on the allegation that the doctor engaged in sexual misconduct with one specified patient which constitutes a violation of the Board's rule prohibiting sexual conduct with patients and constitutes a departure from or the failure to conform to minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed June 11, 2015.

CELESTE, Ronald John, MD (#35.066648)--Mentor, Ohio

Based on allegations that the doctor failed to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed June 11, 2015.

COOK, Deborah, DPM (#36.003231)—Mentor, Ohio

Based on podiatric physician's plea of guilty and finding of guilt to one felony count, Deception to Obtain a Dangerous Drug and two felony counts of Illegal Processing of Drug Documents by the Lake County Court of Common Pleas. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed June 11, 2015.

DAVIDSON, Heidi, MT (#33.019994)--Londonderry, Ohio

Based on allegations that massage therapist is impaired in her ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed June 11, 2015.

KONST, Lawrence William, DO (Applicant)--Livonia, Michigan

Based on prior action by the Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery which imposed a license limitation and probation for a minimum period of six months based on findings that the applicant's conduct constituted negligence or failure to exercise due care and incompetence and that the applicant unlawfully prescribed drugs for other than a lawful diagnostic or therapeutic purpose and failed to keep and maintain medical records. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed June 11, 2015.

MAUSER, Paul Joseph, MT (Applicant)--Moreland Hills, Ohio

Based on the massage therapy applicant's felony convictions of Theft, Attempted Safecracking, Burglary, and Grand Theft and allegedly making false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statements in securing or attempting to secure any certificate to practice or certificate of registration issued by the Board. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed June 11, 2015.

SMITH, Bruce David, MD (#35.037108)--Spring, Texas

Based on the doctor's voluntary surrender of controlled substance privileges to the U.S. Department of Justice-Drug Enforcement Administration and prior actions of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and the Texas Medical Board. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed June 11, 2015.

STEINER, Matthew Ray, MD (#35.073125)--Avon, Indiana

Based on the prior action of the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana which placed the doctor's license on indefinite probation for a minimum of one year based upon the doctor's December

2013 criminal conviction of two counts of Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor, a misdemeanor, that the doctor illegally possessed a Schedule IV controlled substance; that the doctor failed to keep abreast of current theory and practice and that the doctor engaged in a pattern of conduct which demonstrates an inability to exercise reasonable care and diligence as is normally exercised by practitioners in same or similar circumstances. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed June 11, 2015.

STEINHAUSER, Carli Ann, AA (#67.000189)--Newport, Kentucky

Based on allegations that anesthesiology assistant violated the terms and conditions of the August 13, 2014 Step I Consent Agreement, failed to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board, and allegations that she is impaired in her ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed June 11, 2015.

FINAL ORDERS

BASEDOW, William K., DO (#34.005686)--Ironton, Ohio

Commencing on the thirty-first day after the effective date of the Order, medical license suspended for at least ninety days with conditions for reinstatement or restoration of license established. Upon reinstatement or restoration, doctor's license shall be subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for a period of at least three years. Further, upon reinstatement or restoration, doctor's license shall be permanently limited and restricted to prohibit prescribing, administering, dispensing or otherwise providing any narcotic analgesics including but not limited to single entity or combination products containing oxycodone, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, oxymorphone or codeine. The limitation shall not apply to buprenorphine containing products or any other products that are approved to treat drug addiction provided that they are prescribed, administered, dispensed or otherwise provided in accordance with FDA approved labeling and other federal and state requirements. Based on the finding that in his care and treatment of five specified patients the doctor failed to maintain minimal standards applicable to the selection or administration of drugs or failed to employ acceptable scientific methods in the selection of drugs or other modalities for the treatment of disease and that with respect to six specified patients, the doctor departed from or failed to conform to minimal standards of care, and violated Medical Board rules governing the treatment of intractable pain. Order effective June 23, 2015.

FOOTE, Mary Jo, PA (#50.000864)--Wadsworth, Ohio

Certificate to practice as a physician assistant permanently revoked. Based upon the finding that the physician assistant's conduct constituted 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 that physician's assistant's conduct constitutes a violation of the August 2004 Step I Consent Agreement. Order effective June 23, 2015.

LICENSE REINSTATED

WEINER, Mark Aaron, DO (#34.005502)--West Bloomfield, Michigan

Doctor's request for reinstatement of license granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/15 subject to probationary terms and conditions established by 10/8/14 Board Order. Effective immediately.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/RETIREMENTS/WITHDRAWALS

HODGE, Christopher Joseph, DO (#34.010686)--Warren, Ohio

Permanent revocation of license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22 (B)(19), Ohio Revised Code. Effective June 10, 2015.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

MA, Muyuan, MD (#57.025518)--Parma, Ohio

Medical training certificate subject to probationary terms and conditions for at least three years. Based on doctor's inability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of mental illness or physical illness. Effective June 10, 2015.

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

Medical license subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations including a temporary practice limitation that the doctor shall not engage in the practice of interventional cardiology nor perform any interventional cardiology procedures. The consent agreement shall remain in effect until the doctor's Kentucky medical license has been restored to full and unrestricted status or for three years, whichever is longer. Based on prior action by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure which temporarily limited the doctor's license by ordering that he shall not practice interventional cardiology and that he must complete a clinical skills assessment in interventional and diagnostic cardiology and enter into an educational plan if recommended. Effective June 10, 2015.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

ADAS, Mohammad A., MD (#35.055276)--Perrysburg, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of a modified practice plan granted by vote of the Board on June 10, 2015.

AMAN, Sohail, MD (#35.099366)--Church Creek, Maryland

Doctor's request to reduce personal appearances to annual, to make appearances utilizing an internet meeting source and to reduce number of charts reviewed by monitor to ten per month granted by vote of the Board on June 10, 2015.

BAUS, Joseph Edward, MD (#35.097298)--New Philadelphia, Ohio

Doctor's request to discontinue use of daily Naltrexone granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/15.

BRUNO, Patrick Lewis, MD (#35.096568)--Burton, Ohio

Doctor's request to modify practice plan and to reduce the number of charts reviewed by monitor to ten charts per month granted by vote of the Board on June 10, 2015.

CAMPBELL, Jennifer Carole, MD (#35.090769)--Bay Village, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/15. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitor established.

DUNLAP, Gary Allan, DO (#34.002045)--Dayton, Ohio

Doctor's request to discontinue chart review requirement and to reduce psychiatric sessions to once per month granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/15.

FORNEY, Erica Lynne, MT (#33.008524)--Youngstown, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for approval of ethics course granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/15.

GIBBS, Thomas Arthur, DO (#34.004094)--Alliance, Ohio

Doctor's request for discontinuance of chart review requirement granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/15.

KARAKASIS, Christopher John, MD (#35.095844)—Durham, NC

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician and discontinuance of the chart review requirement granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/15.

KAY, Bruce Saul, MD (#35.049187)--Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/15.

PALMA, Michael J., MD (#57.024151)—Topsham, Maine

Doctor's request for reduction in drug and alcohol rehabilitation meetings to 2 per week with a minimum of 10 per month and reduction in personal appearances to every six months granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/15.

SITARIK, Joseph P., DO (#34.004441)--East Liverpool, Ohio

Doctor's request for discontinuance of the controlled substance log requirement granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/15.

PROBATION TERMINATED

BALDWIN, Mark Denison, DO (#34.005880)--Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the November 12, 2009 Step II Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/15. Effective June 11, 2015.

MCRAE, Sharon Leilani, MD (#35.093580)--Southfield, Michigan

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the January 10, 2013 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/15. Effective immediately.

SCHWARTZ, Steven Edward, PA (#50.000297)--Salesville, Ohio

Physician Assistant's request for release from the terms of the November 12, 2008 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/15. Effective immediately.

SHANK, Myron Lyle, MD (#35.057234)--St. Clairsville, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the December 14, 2011 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 6/10/15. Effective immediately.

YAMOUR, Adil Younis, MD (#35.047500)--Mt. Sterling, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the October 12, 2011 Board Order granted by vote of the Board. Effective immediately.

COURT ACTIONS

HAKIM, Arif Hussain, MD (#35.094002)--West Bloomfield, Michigan

Notice of appeal of Board's 5/14/15 order filed by the doctor with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 5/28/15.

DEMINT, Franklin Donald, DO (#34.005493)--Kingston, Ohio

By Journal Entry filed on June 3, 2015, Court of Appeals of Ohio. Tenth Appellate District denied the doctor's motion to stay the Board's 11/5/14 Order of suspension.

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

Notice of appeal of Board's 5/27/15 order filed by the doctor with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on June 9, 2015.

FROEHLICH, Kurt William, MD (#35.065417)--Cincinnati, Ohio

By Decision and Entry filed on June 9, 2015, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas affirmed the Board's February 3, 2015 order of permanent revocation.

NON-DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

DURBIN, Sandra Lynn, MT (#33.009126)--North Canton, Ohio

Application for restoration of massage therapy license approved by the Board provided that the massage therapist take and pass the Massage Therapy Licensure Examination. Order effective June 11, 2015. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

ORAGWU, Obiageli Grace M., PA (applicant)--Cleveland Hts., Ohio

Non-disciplinary withdrawal of application for certificate to practice as a physician assistant authorized by applicant. Effective June 10, 2015.

PAP, Steven Michael, MD (#35.042863)--Westfield Center, Ohio

Application for restoration of certificate to practice medicine and surgery approved by the Board with the condition that the license is restricted to participation in a six month preceptorship which will be terminated upon documentation that the doctor has satisfactorily completed the preceptorship. Effective June 11, 2015. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

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 at <http://www.med.ohio.gov/> under "Licensee Profile and Status." If you have questions or need additional details about Citations, Board Orders, Consent Agreements, or Court Actions, please contact the Case Control Office. If you have questions regarding a probationary modification or a probationary request, please contact the Compliance Office. Our offices may be reached at (614) 466-3934.