

State Medical Board of Ohio
Corrected Formal Action Report – December 2016-

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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in December, 2016 and an update of Board matters pending or decided in courts as of December 14, 2016.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSIONS

VELASQUEZ, David Antonio, MD (#35.081766)—Westerville, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 3719.121(C), Ohio Revised Code, doctor's license to practice is immediately suspended based upon a finding of guilt to one felony count of Permitting Drug Abuse and two felony counts of Trafficking in Drugs by the Coshocton County Court of Common Pleas. Order effective December 15, 2016. (*See also; Citations/Proposed Denials below.*)

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

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

Based on allegations that massage therapist violated the terms and conditions of the March 9, 2016 Board Order by failing to submit random urine drug screens. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 12/15/16.

FESKE, William Ira, MD applicant--Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Based on prior action by the California Board of Medicine which issued a Public Letter of Reprimand on June 25, 2015 and on prior action by the South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners which adopted a Consent Agreement with Reprimand on September 8, 2016. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 12/15/16.

GRAY, Marcia, MT (#33.017131)--Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Based on allegations that the massage therapist failed to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 12/15/16.

HALKIAS, Alexander Clark, MD (#57.019940)--North Canton, Ohio

Based on allegations that the doctor violated the terms and conditions of the March 2013 Step I Consent Agreement by failing to submit a quarterly declaration, failing to make personal appearances before the Board or its designated representative, failure to undertake and maintain participation in an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program and failure to enter into an aftercare contract with a Board-approved treatment provider. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 12/15/16.

VELASQUEZ, David Antonio, MD (#35.081766)—Westerville, Ohio

Based on the doctor's conviction in the Coshocton County Court of Common Pleas on one felony count of Permitting Drug Abuse and two felony counts of Trafficking in Drugs and on the allegations that the doctor's conduct constitutes 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. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 12/15/16.

FINAL ORDERS

BANSAL, Surinder K., MD (#35.036799)—Lima, Ohio

Medical license reprimanded. Based on conviction in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Western Division of one count of Receipt and Delivery of Adulterated or Misbranded Drugs, a misdemeanor committed in the course of practice. Order effective 12/15/16.

HALL, Adam Patrick, DO (#34.008707)--New Smyrna Beach, Florida

Osteopathic medical license permanently revoked. Based on convictions in the Court of Common Pleas of Lawrence County, Ohio in which doctor pled guilty to Attempted Tampering with Evidence, a fourth degree felony and Possession of Criminal Tools, a fifth degree felony; allegations that doctor violated the conditions of limitation placed by the Board upon his certificate to practice; and allegations that his acts, conduct or omissions occurring after 3/14/07 and before 3/14/12 constitute making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in the solicitation of or advertising for patients; in relation to the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery; or in securing or attempting to secure any certificate to practice or certificate of registration issued by the Board. Order effective 12/15/16.

JOHNSON, Molly Marie, MT applicant—Bettsville, Ohio

Application to practice massage therapy denied. Based on the finding that the massage therapy applicant 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. (Journal Entry—No Hearing Requested). Order effective 12/15/16.

MITRIONE, Robert Thomas, MD applicant--Richmond, Indiana

License to practice medicine and surgery granted and reprimanded. Based on doctor's conviction in the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois, Springfield Division on one felony count of Mail Fraud and one felony count of False Claims and based on prior actions by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation; the Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs; and the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana. Also based on doctor's exclusion from all Federal health care programs. Order effective 1/9/17.

VENNE, Alexander Ryan, MT (#33.018216)—Columbus, Ohio

Massage therapist's certificate to practice massage therapy revoked. Based on massage therapist's felony plea of guilty to one felony count of Aggravated Possession of Drugs in the Common Pleas Court of Franklin County, Ohio and based upon a finding that the massage therapist made false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statements in securing or attempting to secure any certificate to practice or certificate of registration issued by the Board. Order effective 12/15/16.

WARDROP, Patricia Joanne, MT (#33.013668)—Toledo, Ohio

Massage therapist's certificate to practice massage therapy permanently revoked. Based on the massage therapist's conviction in the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas of a felony, Theft from an Elderly Person or Disabled Adult; and the finding that the massage therapist failed to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board. (Journal Entry—No Hearing Requested). Order effective 12/15/16.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/RETIREMENTS/WITHDRAWALS

ANDERSON, James Eric, MT (#33.005586)--St. Clairsville, Ohio

Permanent revocation of license to practice massage therapy authorized by massage therapist in lieu of formal disciplinary proceeding pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, to wit: Prohibitions, Rule 4731-26-02, Ohio Administrative Code. Agreement effective 12/14/16.

HALEY, Daniel Thomas, DPM (#36.002711)—Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Permanent revocation of license to practice podiatric medicine authorized by podiatric physician in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings in Case No. 16-CRF-003, pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(2), Ohio Revised Code, to wit: Rules 4731-26-02, 4731-26-03(A), 4731-11-08, 4731-11-11, Ohio Administrative Code; Sections 4731.22(B)(6), 4731.22(B)(12), 2925.11, 4731.22(B)19 and 4731.22 (B)(43), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 12/14/16.

ROSSI, Anthony Frederick, DPM (#36.002539)--Hermitage, Pennsylvania

Permanent revocation of license to practice podiatric medicine authorized by podiatric physician in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceeding in Case No. 16-CRF-0126 pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(24), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 12/14/16.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

BROWN, Paul Robert, PA (#50.001371)—Perrysburg, Ohio

Certificate to practice as a physician assistant suspended for at least 90 days with interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established including requirement that physician assistant enter into a subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations as determined by the Board. Physician assistant subject to monetary fine in the amount of \$7500.00 to be paid within 30 days of the effective date of the agreement. Based on the physician assistant's admission that he is impaired in his ability to practice medicine in accordance with 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 December 14, 2016.

HODGE, John Cameron, DO (#34.011389)--Grove City, Ohio

Osteopathic medical license suspended subject to interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established. Based on the doctor's admission that he has failed to comply with an investigation of the Board. Agreement effective December 14, 2016.

LENTINI, Ross Rosario, MD (#35.063449)--East Liverpool, Ohio

Medical license reinstated with probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least five years based on the doctor's admission that he has fulfilled the conditions for reinstatement as established by the August 2016 Step I Consent Agreement. Agreement effective December 14, 2016.

SAMPSON, Shane T., M.D. (#35.063468)--Greenville, Ohio

Commencing on the 31st day after the effective date of the agreement, medical license suspended for at least 180 days subject to interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement including requirement that doctor enter into a subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations as determined by the Board. Based on the doctor's admission that he engaged in sexual misconduct with one specified patient and that the doctor failed to obtain and/or document obtaining or accessing a report from the Ohio Automated RX Reporting System with respect to two specified patients. Agreement effective December 14, 2016. Suspension effective 1/14/17.

STIPE (Hobson), Elizabeth MT (#33.017562)—Lorain, Ohio

Restoration of certificate to practice massage therapy granted and suspended for a definite period of ninety days with interim monitoring conditions and upon reinstatement, probationary terms and conditions for at least two years. Massage therapist subject to a monetary fine in the amount of \$500.00 to be paid within 30 days of the effective date of the agreement. Based on massage therapist's admission that her license lapsed on 1/1/14 and she continued to practice massage therapy until 12/7/16, acts which constitute a felony. Agreement effective December 14, 2016.

SWANSON, Shannon Lee, DO (#34.008887)--East Springfield, Pennsylvania

Medical license suspended for a definite period of thirty days with probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least two years. Medical license subject to prescribing limitation that doctor will not prescribe controlled substances until her access to the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System is restored. Doctor subject to a monetary fine in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be paid within 30 days of the effective date of the agreement. Based on the doctor's admission that she was found guilty of two misdemeanor counts of Attempted Misuse of the Ohio Automated Rx Report System in the Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas. Agreement effective December 14, 2016.

ZEWAIL, Aly Mohamed Aly, MD (#35.088417)—Doylestown, Ohio

Medical license reinstated with probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least five years based on doctor's admission that he has fulfilled the conditions for reinstatement as established by the August 2016 Superseding Step I Consent Agreement. Agreement effective December 14, 2016.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

BANGERT, Michael Theodore, MD (#35.123521)—Troy, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of treating psychiatrist granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16.

BASEDOW, William K, DO (#34.005686)—Ironton, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of controlled substance prescribing course and medical recordkeeping course granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16.

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

Doctor's request to discontinue the requirement for chart review granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16.

DARRAH, Casey Dave, MD (#35.127592)—Toledo, Ohio (Non-disciplinary)

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitor established.

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

Doctor's request to reduce personal appearances to every six months and request for approval of a monitoring physician and practice plan granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitor established.

DENNIS, Linda Jean, MD (#35.061450)--Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitor established.

DHILLON, Jagprit Singh, MD (#35.070181)—Brecksville, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitor established.

EPSTEIN, Donald Leslie, MD (#35.040595)--Pepper Pike, Ohio

Doctor's requests for approval of treating neurologist, practice plan and two monitoring physicians granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitors established.

GRIFFIN, Brian Frederic, MD (#35.044328)—Powell, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of the discontinuation of the drug log requirement granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16.

GRUENTHER, Raymond Carl, MD (#35.058309)—Gahanna, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician and practice plan granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by the monitor established.

KANG, Kavita A.J., DO (#34.010993)—Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of psychotherapist granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16.

MILLS, Kyle Finnian, MD (#35.065391)—Wapakoneta, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval to reduce personal appearances to every six months and to reduce monthly drug screens to two random drug screens per month granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16.

PALMER, Joshua David, MD (#35.129918)—Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request to approve monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitor established.

PALOSKI, William George, DO (#34.002293)—Canfield, Ohio

Doctor's requests for approval of a controlled substance prescribing course, a monitoring physician and practice plan granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitor established.

PESA, Nicholas Lawrence, MD (#35.095374)--Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval to reduce required attendance at 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 12/14/16.

RATNANI, M. Salim, MD (#35.066312)--Charleston, West Virginia

Doctor's request for approval of course regarding the maintenance of proper boundaries granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16.

RORICK, Marvin Horton III, MD (#35.052318)—Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitor established.

RUBENS, Lawrence Michael, MD (#35.092837)—Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of treating physician granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16.

SAQER, Rezik Abdul Aziz, MD (#35.065952)--Houston, Texas

Doctor's request for approval to make personal appearances via electronic means granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16.

SIDDIQUI, Siraj Ahmed, MD (#35.065056)—Mansfield, Ohio

Doctor's requests for approval of monitoring physician and practice plan granted by vote of the board on 12/14/16.

STRAUBING, Stephen Alan, MD (#35.040988)--Gainesville, Florida

Doctor's request for approval to make final personal appearance via electronic means granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16.

PROBATION TERMINATED

BALDIE, Kevin Gordon, MD (#35.128985)--Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the December 11, 2013 Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16. Effective immediately.

CORNELL, Betsy Louise, MT (#33.007260)—Columbus, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for release from the terms of the April 9, 2014 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16. Effective immediately.

FRAGATOS, Peter, MD (#35.083165)—Brecksville, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the December 8, 2010 Step II Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16. Effective immediately.

SIGNS, Denise J., MD (#35.049278)—Wooster, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the June 9, 2011 Step II consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 12/14/16. Effective immediately.

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

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the April 14, 2010 Board Order granted by vote of the board on 12/14/16. Effective 12/16/16.

COURT ACTIONS

DEMAS, Christopher Lou, MD (#35.042434)—Galena, Ohio

Notice of Appeal of the 11/9/16 Board Order filed with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on November 21, 2016.

HOLLINGSWORTH, J. Derek, DO (#34.007332)—Murray, Utah

By Decision and Entry dated November 22, 2016, the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas granted the State's Motion to Dismiss the doctor's appeal of the August 10, 2016 Board Order permanently revoking the doctor's license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery.

LANDRY, Kristen Gabrielle, MD (#57.025517)—Columbus, Ohio

By Decision and Entry dated November 21, 2016, the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas adopted the October 27, 2016 Magistrate Decision which denied the doctor's Motion for Stay of Enforcement During Appeal.

MASSOUH, Marwan, MD (#35.056179) -- Fairview Park, Ohio

By Decision and Entry dated November 8, 2016, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas reversed the March 11, 2015 Board Order and remanded the case to the Board for further proceedings.

Notice of Appeal of the November 8, 2016 Decision and Entry of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas filed by the State Medical Board on December 1, 2016.

URADU, Onyinyechi Rose, MD (#35.088677)--Russell, Kentucky

Notice of Dismissal of Appeal filed by doctor in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on December 7, 2016.

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 "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.