

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – November 13, 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 November 13, 2019.

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

ALMAWALDI, Mohamad Moutaz, M.D., (#35.087382) - Sterling, Virginia

Based on the prior actions by the California Medical Board, which issued a 6/14/2019 Order revoking the doctor's license; and by the Virginia Department of Health Professions, which issued an 8/1/2019 Order suspending the doctor's license. The prior orders, as alleged, would 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. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 11/14/2019.

AMIN, Shivangi, M.D., (#35.134353) - Thurmont, Maryland

Based on a prior action by the Maryland State Board of Physicians, which issued an 8/5/2019 Consent Order that reprimanded the doctor's license, imposed probation for at least two years during which the doctor is prohibited from prescribing or dispensing controlled substances, and required to complete prescribing and medical documentation courses. The prior order, as alleged, would 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. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 11/14/2019.

GODOFSKY, Alan A., M.D., (#35.053644) - Cincinnati, Ohio

Based on the doctor's conviction in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky, to five felony counts of Aiding and Abetting the Distribution of Oxycodone Outside the Scope of Professional Practice, to which the doctor was sentenced to sixty months of

incarceration, and a five hundred thousand dollar (\$500,000.00) fine. The conviction, as alleged, 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 felony. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 11/14/2019.

LIEBMAN, Curt E., M.D., (#35.131236) - Santa Monica, California

Based on the doctor's submission of a 7/2/2018 renewal application, in which the doctor failed to disclose prior misdemeanor and/or felony convictions; and based on the prior actions by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, which issued a 10/10/2018 Agreed Order, that placed the doctor's license on probation, and by the California Medical Board, which issued a 5/22/2019 Decision and Order which reprimanded the doctor and required completion of prescribing courses. All of the doctor's actions, as alleged, would 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 also 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 11/14/2019.

RING, Joseph John, D.O., (#34.008390) - Globe, Arizona

Based on a prior action by the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery, which issued a 5/15/2019 Order, that placed the doctor on probation for three years, and required a preceptorship to oversee patient care, controlled substance prescribing and medical record keeping. The prior Order, as alleged, would 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. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 11/14/2019.

SHARMA, Rakesh, M.D., (#35.074089) - Hamilton, OH

Based on the doctor's plea of guilty in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio to one felony count of Conspiracy to Commit Healthcare Fraud, to which the doctor was sentenced to twelve months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, and ordered to pay a six thousand dollar (\$6,000.00) fine, and restitution in the amount of four hundred and ten thousand two hundred and seventy six dollars and seventy six cents (\$410,276.76). The

conviction, as alleged, 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. Notice of opportunity for a hearing mailed 11/14/2019.

NON-DISCIPLINARY CITATIONS

PENRICE, Leah Q., M.T., (#33.016375) - Toledo, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Based on the massage therapist's submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy; and on the fact 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 11/14/2019.

RUBENSTEIN, Brian G., M.T., (#33.017658) - Akron, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Based on the massage therapist's submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy; and on the fact 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 11/14/2019.

TURKOVICH, Lisa M., M.T., (#33.010312) - Brecksville, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Based on the massage therapist's submission of an application for restoration of license to practice massage therapy; and on the fact 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 11/14/2019.

FINAL ORDERS

EDEL, Thomas Bernard, M.D., (#35.058044) - Avon Lake, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery limited and restricted as follows: not to perform invasive procedures, including all cardiac electrophysiology procedures. Based on the finding that the doctor is not currently capable of practicing 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. Order effective 11/14/2019.

GRUSD, Ronald Selwyn, M.D., (#35.040650) - Los Angeles, California

License to practice medicine and surgery permanently revoked. Based on the finding that the doctor's conviction in the United State District Court, Southern District of California to thirty-nine felonies, including Health Care Fraud, Conspiracy to Commit Honest Services Mail Fraud, Honest Services Mail Fraud, Honest Services Wire Fraud, and violations of the Travel Act, and on prior actions by the Texas Medical Board, which issued a December 14, 2018 Order, and the Medical board of California, which issued a December 21, 2019 Notice of Automatic Suspension

of License; 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 11/14/2019. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested).

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

Commencing on 31st day following the effective date of the order, the doctor's license to practice medicine and surgery is indefinitely suspended and subject to conditions for reinstatement, and probationary terms and conditions for at least two years. Doctor is prohibited from admitting new patients during the 31-day interim. Based on the finding that with respect to one specified patient, the doctor violated the Board's rules prohibiting sexual misconduct with patients; and on allegations that the doctor's conduct 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 11/14/2019.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

BJARKE, Chris, M.D., (#35.132483) - Renton, Washington

License to practice medicine and surgery reprimanded, and fined five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). Based on the doctor's admission that a prior action by the California Medical Board, Department of Consumer Affairs, 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. Agreement effective 11/13/2019.

BRAUER, Robert J., D.O., (#34.007242) - Chagrin Falls, Ohio

License to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery indefinitely suspended, but not less than ninety days, fined eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00), and subject to general probationary requirements, and conditions for reinstatement. Based on the doctor's admission that his conviction in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, to two third-degree misdemeanors, to wit: Prohibitions, Restriction on Obtaining Further Information, 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 committed in the course of practice; and the commission of an act that constitutes a felony in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed. Agreement effective 11/13/2019.

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

License to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery reprimanded, fined two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00); and subject to probationary requirements. Based on that doctor's admission that with respect to the care and treatment of two patients, the doctor, in the course of practice, authorized prescriptions for controlled substances without completing and maintaining accurate medical records, which 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 provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board, to wit: Rule 4731-11-02, Ohio Administrative Code; and constitutes 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; and constitutes 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; 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. Agreement effective 11/13/2019.

RYAN, Jon P., D.O., (#34.008006) - Dayton, Ohio

License to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery indefinitely suspended, but not less than one hundred and eighty days, fined one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), and subject to general probationary requirements, and conditions for reinstatement. Based on the doctor's admission that when he relapsed on drugs and alcohol and subsequently entered in-patient 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; and the making of 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. Agreement effective 11/13/2019

SIMMONS, Luke, M.D. (#57.245466) - Columbus, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery indefinitely suspended, but not less than ninety days, and subject to general probationary requirements, and conditions for reinstatement. Based on the doctor's admission that when he relapsed on alcohol, 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 11/13/2019

VOLUNTARY PERMANENT SURRENDERS, RETIREMENTS, REVOCATIONS, WITHDRAWALS

CONTRERAS, Crystal Leann, R.C.P., Applicant - Forth Worth, Texas

Application for a license to practice respiratory care permanently withdrawn. Based on the applicant's admission that when she submitted an application to practice as respiratory care professional, in which the applicant disclosed she entered into a Plea Agreement and was found guilty, in the United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, San Angelo Division; and based on the applicant's failure to respond to Board interrogatories; all of which 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 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. Based on Agreement effective 11/13/2019.

MADSEN, Terry Douglas, M.D., (#35.083939) - Richardson, Texas

Permanent revocation and surrender of license to practice medicine and surgery authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(22), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 11/13/2019.

MURPHY, Bradford James, D.O., (#34.003015) - Kettering, Ohio

Permanent revocation and surrender of license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery authorized by doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 11/13/2019.

PRICE, Franklin B., M.D., (#35.030162) - Gates Mills, Ohio

Voluntary permanent retirement of license to practice medicine and surgery authorized by doctor in lieu of further investigation into a possible violation of Section 4731.22(19), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 11/13/2019.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

ALEXANDER, Michael Anthony, D.O., (#34.013093) - Kilmarnock, Virginia

Doctor's request for approval of the ethics course, granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/2019.

BANGERT, Michael Theodore, M.D., (#35.123521) - Jacksonville, Florida

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician, granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/2019.

GERRITSEN, Ryan Lee, M.D., (#35.138042) - Chardon, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of a drug testing and recovery meeting monitoring program, granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/2019.

JENKS, Brenden Patrick, M.D., (#57.248438) - Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of treating psychologist, granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/2019.

RINGENBACH, Laura Ann, R.C.P., (#RCP.15979) - Dalton, Ohio

Respiratory care professional's request for approval of treatment plan, granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/2019.

PROBATION TERMINATED

ADIB, Malak S., M.D. (#35.070170) - Kettering, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 11/8/2017 Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/2019. Release effective immediately.

BREZNY, Steven Francis, M.D., (#35.081093) - Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 5/14/2014 Amended Board Order, granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/2019. Release effective 11/25/2019.

DAVIS, Tina Maria, M.T., (#33.020449) - Paris, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for release from the terms of the 11/14/2018 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/2019. Release effective 11/14/2019.

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

Doctor's request for approval of ethics course; and release from the terms of the 9/11/2019 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/2019. Release effective immediately.

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

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 9/11/2019 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/2019. Release effective immediately.

WHITE, Christopher Robert, M.D., (#35.074150) - Lewiston, New York

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 11/8/2017 Step II Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 11/13/2019. Release effective immediately.

COURT ACTIONS

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

Entry and Order denying doctor's motion to stay, filed October 22, 2019, in the Court of Common Pleas of Franklin County, Ohio.

Doctor's Notice to Withdraw Appeal filed November 6, 2019, in the Court of Common Pleas of Franklin County, Ohio.

MOORE, John Pease, III M.D., (#35.069259) – Dayton, Ohio

Judgment Entry filed October 23, 2019 in the Franklin County Court of Appeals, Tenth Appellate District, affirming the judgment of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

GERRITSEN, Ryan Lee, M.D. Applicant - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Notice of Appeal filed October 31, 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.