

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – December 2013

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Please find below a summary of actions taken or initiated by the State Medical Board of Ohio in December 2013 and an update of Board matters pending or decided in courts as of December 11, 2013.

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

AKHTAR-ZAIDI, Syed Jawed, M.D. (#35-068528) – Solon, Ohio

Based on the Immediate Suspension of the doctor's Drug Enforcement Administration certificate of registration; the summary suspension of the doctor's terminal distributor's license by the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy; and the doctor's alleged failure to comply with the standards and procedures establishes for the operation of or the provision of care at a pain management clinic. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 12/12/13.

FROEHLICH, Kurt William, M.D. (#35-065417) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Based on the doctor's conviction in the Hamilton County, Ohio, Municipal Court on one misdemeanor count of assault, which was itself based on the doctor's assault of a female medical assistant and on allegations that the doctor engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct with two specified patients. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 12/12/13.

HALLAK, Kassem M., M.D. (#35-071828) – Pottersville, Michigan

Based on the doctor's conviction in the Circuit Court for the County of Eaton, Michigan, on one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct (Person under 13, Defendant 17 years of age or older), one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct (Force or Coercion), and six counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct (Force of Coercion) and on prior action by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs which suspended the doctor's license for a period of two years based on its finding that the doctor had engaged in inappropriate sexual misconduct and/or sexually assault multiple patients. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 12/12/13.

HASSAN, Noor U., M.D. (#35-033418) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Based on allegations that the doctor post-dated prescriptions which, if proven, constitutes the commission of an act in the course of practice that constitutes a misdemeanor, and is a violation of the Board's rules governing the possession, distribution, or use of controlled substances, and on prior actions against the doctor's licenses by the Hawaii Medical Board and Florida Medical Board. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 12/12/13.

KARSH, Richard Bruce, M.D. (#35-087844) – Colorado Springs, Colorado

Based on prior actions by the Colorado Medical Board, which issued two Letters of Admonition to the doctor due to his failure to properly interpret film studies of two patients and failed to recommend further diagnostic testing as necessary. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 12/12/13.

LASKY, Brianna Nicole (M.T. Applicant) – Akron, Ohio

Applicant notified of right to request a hearing on the question of whether her failure to submit to a chemical dependency examination and psychiatric examination as ordered by the Board was due to circumstances beyond her control. Based on the legal presumption that applicant's failure to submit to a chemical dependency examination and psychiatric examination as ordered by the Board constitutes an admission that she is unable to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care by reason of her habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice and by reason of mental illness or physical illness. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed 12/12/13.

PEREZ, Clifford Michael, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Cleveland, Ohio

Based on an adverse credentialing action by the United States Department of Defense, United States Air Force, which permanently restricted the doctor's laparoscopic privileges and on prior action by the Medical Board of California which placed the doctor's license on probation for a period of four years. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 12/12/13.

TUCKER, Naja Norlishia (M.T. Applicant) – Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Based on allegations that the applicant made false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statements in attempting to secure a certificate to practice massage therapy by failing to fully and accurately disclose all criminal arrests and convictions on her application. Notice of opportunity for hearing mailed 12/12/13.

FINAL ORDERS

AMMON, John D., M.D. (#35-029763) – Burlington, Kentucky

Medical license suspended for at least 180 days following the date that the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure removes its restriction on the doctor's prescribing of controlled substances in Kentucky. Conditions for reinstatement or restoration established and license to be placed on probation for at least three years thereafter. Based on prior action by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, which restricted the doctor from prescribing, dispensing, or professionally utilizing controlled substances for at least twelve months and that authorization to resume such prescribing would not be considered until the doctor completed a prescribing course. Order effective 12/20/13.

KHAN, Ali, M.D. (#35-082837) – Perrysburg, Ohio

Medical license permanently revoked. Based on Board's determination that, even after dismissing an allegation regarding the doctor having permitted an unlicensed person to perform a laser skin treatment on a specified patient, the Order adopted by the Board on 9/12/12 was appropriate. Order effective 12/23/13. (Order entered pursuant to 4/2/13 remand from the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.)

MANSOUR, Waleed Nasr, M.D. (#35-078230) – Youngstown, Ohio

Doctor reprimanded and license placed on probation for at least two years. Based on findings that the doctor made false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statements in the course of practice by failing to disclose on an application for renewal of his license that he had been charged with a criminal offense. Order effective 12/20/13.

NOLAND, Tony E. (M.T. Applicant) – Columbus, Ohio

Application for license to practice massage therapy granted and license immediately suspended for 30 days. Upon reinstatement or restoration, license is placed on probation until such time as he completes a personal/professional ethics course. Based on the applicant's failure to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Board in that he failed to respond to written interrogatories. Order effective 12/20/13.

STEIN, Marsha Joan, M.D. (#35-063573) – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Medical license revoked. Based on prior action by the Pennsylvania Board of Medicine which indefinitely suspended the doctor's license due to her failure to submit to a mental and physical examination as ordered. (Review and Journal Entry – No hearing requested.) Order effective 12/12/13.

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

BALDIE, Kevin Gordon, M.D. (#57-023701) – Akron, Ohio

Training certificate subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least three years. Based on doctor's admission that he has a history of psychiatric treatment for Bipolar Disorder, including a psychiatric hospitalization, and that following an evaluation it was determined that he is capable of practicing medicine and surgery contingent upon appropriate treatment, monitoring, and supervision. Agreement effective 12/11/13.

DICKSON, Bradley Earl, M.D. (#35-065323) – Grove City, Ohio

Medical license suspended for 45 days, with interim terms, conditions and limitations established. License to remain on probation for at least three years following reinstatement. Based on the doctor's admission that he has treated friends, neighbors, employees and members of his family, but has not consistently maintained patient records and that he violated the Board's rules governing the treatment of intractable pain. Agreement effective 12/11/13.

JUDGE, Leigh Allison, P.A. (#50-003384 & Provisional Certificate to Prescribe Applicant)

Provisional Certificate to Prescribe granted and 9/14/11 Consent Agreement amended to add additional probationary terms, conditions, and limitations relevant to the authority to prescribe drugs, including drug associated restrictions and verification of prescribing. Addendum effective 12/11/13; addendum and 9/14/11 Consent Agreement to remain in effect for at least five years from 9/14/11 or at least two years from the date the provisional certificate to prescribe is granted, whichever is later.

LUBITZ, Deborah S., M.D. (#35-059082) – Wantagh, New York

Medical license subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least two years. Based on doctor's admission that she has a history of psychiatric treatment for Major Depressive Disorder and that following an evaluation it was determined that she is capable of practicing medicine and surgery contingent upon appropriate treatment, monitoring, and supervision. Agreement effective 12/11/13.

ROSENSTEIN, Robert James, D.P.M. (#36-001919) – Highland Heights, Ohio

Podiatric medical license suspended at least 90 days, with interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations to monitor practice. Based on podiatrist's conviction in the United States

District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, on one felony count of Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud. Agreement effective 12/11/13.

SUBRAMANI, Govindaraju, M.D. (#35-056404) – Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Application for restoration of license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio granted. Medical license suspended at least one year, with interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statements in the course of practice, the underlying basis being the doctor's failure to fully disclose his history of multiple convictions for driving under the influence of alcohol. Agreement effective 12/11/13.

UNK, Elizabeth Sauter, M.D. (#35-082178) – Lewis Center, Ohio

Medical license indefinitely suspended, with interim monitoring conditions and conditions for reinstatement established, including requirement that doctor enter into subsequent consent agreement incorporating probationary terms, conditions and limitations to monitor practice. Based on doctor's admission that she has been found impaired in her ability to practice medicine and surgery due to her diagnosis of alcohol abuse. Agreement effective 12/11/13.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS/RETIREMENTS

AMATO, Eric Paul, M.T. (#33-018245) – St. Marys, Ohio

Permanent revocation of license authorized by massage therapist in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4371.22(B)(34), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 12/11/13.

AMPRIM, Frank Lawrence, Jr., M.D. (#35-065903) – Grosse Ile, Michigan

Permanent withdrawal of application for restoration and permanent revocation of license authorized by doctor in lieu of further investigation pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(34), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 12/11/13.

CULLINAN, Stephen Austin, M.D. (#35-083595) – Peoria, Illinois

Permanent revocation of medical license authorized by doctor in lieu of further investigation regarding a possible violation of Section 4371.22(B)(22), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 12/11/13.

LALLI, Lorenzo S., M.D. (#35-055703) – Bay Village, Ohio

Permanent revocation of medical license authorized by doctor in lieu of further investigation and/or formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4371.22(B)(2), (B)(3), and/or (B)(6), Ohio Revised Code. Effective 11/25/13.

STRIFLER, Eric Alexander, D.P.M. (D.P.M. Applicant) – Cleveland, Ohio

Permanent withdrawal of application for license to practice podiatric medicine and surgery accepted by the Board in lieu of further investigation by the Board related to a possible violation of the Medical Practices Act. Effective 12/11/13.

PROBATIONARY REQUESTS AND MODIFICATIONS

ATANASOFF, Nicholas Anthony, D.O. (#34-007837) – Struthers, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of treating psychiatrist and psychologist granted by vote of the Board on 12/11/13.

BHATIA, Ajay, M.D. (#35-094880) – Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of treating psychiatrist and monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 12/11/13. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitoring physician established.

GIBBS, Thomas Arthur, D.O. (#34-004094) – Alliance, Ohio

Doctor's request to discontinue required drug log granted by vote of the Board on 12/11/13.

GRIFFIN, Brian Frederic, M.D. (#35-044328) – Powell, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 12/11/13. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitoring physician established.

KIRKWOOD, David Charles, M.D. (#35-050689) – Arcanum, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 12/11/13. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitoring physician established.

LOPREATO, Paul Dominic, P.A. (#50-001095) – Florence, Kentucky

Physician assistant's request for approval of Kentucky Physicians Health Program to conduct monitoring while he resides in Kentucky granted by vote of the Board on 12/11/13.

MCMAKEN, David Allen, M.D. (#35-060233) – Pataskala, Ohio

Doctor's request to reduce required personal appearances to once a year granted by vote of the Board on 12/11/13.

RUBENS, Lawrence Michael, M.D. (#35-092837) – Westerville, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of treating psychiatrist granted by vote of the Board on 12/11/13.

RYU, Dan, M.D. (#35-067499) – Brook Park, Ohio

Doctor's request to discontinue required controlled substance log granted by vote of the Board on 12/11/13.

TRACY, David Alexander, M.D. (#57-022859) – Cleveland, Ohio

Doctor's request to travel to Michigan without prior notification granted by vote of the Board on 12/11/13.

TURNER, Robert C., M.D. (#35-037925) – Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for approval of practice plan and monitoring physician granted by vote of the Board on 12/11/13. Frequency and number of charts to be reviewed by monitoring physician established.

PROBATION TERMINATED

LITTLE, Larry John, M.D. (#35-047090) – Columbus, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from terms of 12/10/08 Board Order granted by vote of the Board on 12/11/13, effective immediately.

MORGAN, Breton Lee, M.D. (#35-066241) – Point Pleasant, West Virginia

Doctor's request for release from terms of 11/20/08 Consent Agreement granted by vote of the Board on 12/11/13, effective 12/20/13.

COURT ACTIONS

BADAR, Jehangir, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – Pearland, Texas

By Journal Entry filed on 11/22/13, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas remanded the case to the State Medical Board of Ohio for further consideration.

CARDWELL, Philip Leroy, P.A. (#50-001230) – Columbus, Ohio

By Decision and Entry filed on 11/26/13, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas upheld Board's 3/13/13 permanent revocation order.

JACOBS, Kymberly, M.T. (#33-017782) – Columbus, Ohio

Notice of appeal of Board's 9/12/13 order of revocation filed by the massage therapist with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 11/7/13.

NALLURI, Anil Choudary, M.D. (#35-040657) – Canfield, Ohio

Notice of appeal of Board's 11/13/13 order of probation filed by the doctor with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas on 11/26/13.

WEISS, Justin Fredric, M.D. (#35-096979) – Bonsall, California

Notice of appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court from the 9/26/13 Entry of the 10th District Court of Appeals filed by the doctor on 11/14/13.

NON-DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

CRESPO, Jose Alberto, M.D. (M.D. Applicant) – East Liverpool, Ohio

Application for license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio approved provided that doctor successfully completes one year of additional training in a residency or fellowship program. Based on doctor not having practiced in at least two years prior to application for a license. Order effective 12/12/13. (Journal Entry – Hearing request not timely.)

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.