

State Medical Board of Ohio
Formal Action Report – April 10, 2024

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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 April 10, 2024.

PRE-HEARING SUSPENSION

CARTHENS, Kyle, M.T., (#33.025072) – Cleveland, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), license to practice massage therapy summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that the massage therapist is in violation of Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, and that his continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 4/10/24. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

GERBER, Gregory J., M.D., (#35.075921) – Port Clinton, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 3719.121(C), Ohio Revised Code, license to practice allopathic medicine and surgery is immediately suspended based upon 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 4/10/24. (See also; Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

MANGLA, Pawan K., M.D., (#35.048541CTR) – Westlake, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), license to practice allopathic medicine and surgery summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that the doctor is in violation of Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code, and that his continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 4/10/24. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

SIEBENALER, Jack G., M.D., (#35.053850) – Toledo, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), license to practice allopathic medicine and surgery summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that the doctor is in violation of Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, and that his continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 4/10/24. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

SYRIANOUDIS, Fidel R., M.T., (#33.025775) – Canfield, Ohio

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), license to practice massage therapy summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that the massage therapist is in violation of Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, and that his continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 4/10/24. (See also: Citations/Proposed Denials below.)

CITATIONS/PROPOSED DENIALS

BAKER, Paige, P.A., (#50.006978RX) – Sharpsville, Pennsylvania

Based on allegations the physician assistant failed to comply with the terms of a 7/12/23 Board Order when she failed to submit to random toxicology screenings between October 2023 and February 2024, those acts and/or omissions, individually and/or collectively constitute: violation of the conditions placed by the board on a license to practice as a physician assistant. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing effective 4/11/24.

BUTLER, Michelle, M.T. Applicant – Warren, Ohio

Based on the submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on allegations that the massage therapist's plea of guilty in the Denver County Court, City and County of Denver, State of Colorado to Reckless Endangerment, 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 involving moral turpitude. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing effective upon service.

CARTHENS, Kyle, M.T., (#33.025072) – Cleveland, Ohio

Based on allegations with respect to the care and treatment of three specified patients, when the massage therapist failed to properly drape patients, performed an inappropriate massages on patient upper thighs near the vagina the breast's, vagina, and buttocks, and inserted a finger into a patient's vagina, those acts and/or omissions, 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: prohibition regarding sexual misconduct, which also constitutes 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. Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing effective 4/11/24.

CELESTIN, Jackie, M.D., (#35.095446) – Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Based on allegations when the doctor failed to provide on-site direction and supervision when she delegated the administration of injections of botulinum toxin to a registered nurse without ever being physically present at the clinic, those acts and/or omissions, 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: Delegation of medical tasks, which also 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 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 Hearing effective 4/11/24.

GERBER, Gregory J., M.D., (#35.075921) – Port Clinton, Ohio

Based on allegations that the doctor's plea of guilty and conviction in the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Western Division, to one felony count of Distribution of Controlled Substances, 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 Immediate Suspension and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing effective 4/11/24.

MANGLA, Pawan K., M.D., (#35.048541CTR) – Westlake, Ohio

Based on allegations the doctor failed to comply with Ohio Professionals Health Program monitoring when he missed check-ins to the testing notification system, and missed several toxicology tests, those acts and/or omissions, individually and/or collectively constitute: impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of substance use disorder or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that may impair ability to practice. Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing effective 4/14/24.

ORLANG, Lavern E., M.D., (#35.051642) – East Liverpool, Ohio

Based on allegations with respect to the care and treatment of ten specified patients, when the doctor inappropriately treated and/or failed to appropriately treat and/or failed to appropriately document treatment of the patients, those acts and/or omissions, individually and/or collectively constitute: 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; 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; 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: Prescribing for subacute and chronic pain, and General provisions. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing effective 4/12/24.

SHRADER, Gina M., M.T., (#33.021591) – Parma, Ohio

Based on the massage therapist's prior August 2023 Board Order, and on allegations the massage therapist failed to comply with the terms and conditions of that Order when she failed to appear in person before the Board or its designated representative; and failed to submit quarterly declarations, those acts and/or omissions, individually and/or collectively constitute: violation of

the conditions of limitation placed by the board upon a license or certificate to practice. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing effective upon service.

SIEBENALER, Jack G., M.D., (#35.053850) – Toledo, Ohio

Based on allegations with respect to the care and treatment of one identified patient, when the doctor failed to appropriately evaluate, assess, treat, monitor and/or manage the patient, or assure that other health care providers had performed and appropriate pre-operative work-up for a liposuction procedure, those acts and/or omissions, 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 also 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: Liposuction in the Office Setting, which also 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. Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing effective 4/14/24.

SYRIANOUDIS, Fidel R., M.T., (#33.025775) – Canfield, Ohio

Based on allegations when the massage therapist touched the vagina of two identified patients on multiple occasions, those actions and/or omissions, 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: Prohibitions regarding sexual misconduct with also 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. Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing effective 4/11/24.

NON-DISCIPLINARY CITATIONS

BURNHAM, Margaret, M.T. Applicant – Wooster, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Proposed conditional approval of application to practice massage therapy, based on the submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on allegations that the applicant has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy in the last two years. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing effective 4/11/24.

PURSLEY, Teresa, M.T. Applicant – Wadsworth, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Proposed conditional approval of application to practice massage therapy, based on the submission of an application to practice massage therapy, and on allegations that the applicant has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy in the last two years. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing effective 4/11/24.

FINAL ORDERS

ALTAWIL, Badi, M.D., (#35.072864) – Warren, Ohio

License to practice allopathic medicine and surgery indefinitely suspended for at least six months, and subject to conditions for reinstatement including payment of a six thousand dollar (\$6,000.00) fine and educational courses, and probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least one year. Based on the finding with respect to the care and treatment of one identified patient, when the doctor inappropriately touched the patient by reaching under her shirt and bra and then fondling her breasts, those actions and/or omissions, 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: Prohibitions regarding sexual misconduct, which also 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. Order effective 4/23/24.

BOSSE, Richard R., M.T., (#33.006974) – Mason, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for restoration of massage therapy license approved, provided that the massage therapist takes and passes the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination within six months. Based on the finding that that the massage therapist has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Order effective 4/12/24. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested)

HALL, Erica N., M.T., (#33.018528) – Jonesboro, Georgia (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for restoration of massage therapy license approved, provided that the massage therapist takes and passes the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination within six months. Based on the finding that that the massage therapist has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Order effective 4/11/24. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested)

MERANDA, David, M.D., (#35.132879) – Akron, Ohio

License to practice allopathic medicine and surgery permanently revoked, and fined eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00). Based on the finding that the doctor's plea of guilty in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas to Sexual Battery, a third degree felony requiring the doctor to register as a Tier III Sex Offender for life, 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 4/11/24.

PANUTO, John A., M.D., (#35.059393) – Avon Lake, Ohio

License to practice allopathic medicine and surgery permanently revoked. Based on the finding that the doctor's plea of guilty and conviction in the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division,

to Conspiracy to Commit Mail and Wire Fraud, 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 4/10/24.

PARSLEY, Jacob A., M.T., (#33.023947) – Centerville, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for restoration of massage therapy license approved, provided that the massage therapist takes and passes the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination within six months. Based on the finding that that the massage therapist has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Order effective 4/11/24. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested)

ROSKO, Natal, M.T., (#33.009320) – Canfield, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Application for restoration of massage therapy license approved, provided that the massage therapist takes and passes the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination within six months. Based on the finding that that the massage therapist has not been engaged in the active practice of massage therapy for more than two years. Order effective 4/12/24. (Journal Entry-No Hearing Requested)

CONSENT AGREEMENTS

AMIN, Assad F., M.D., (#35.134447) – Toledo, Ohio

License to practice medicine and surgery indefinitely suspended, and subject to general probationary requirements, and conditions for reinstatement. Based on the doctor's admission when he violated the terms of his prior Consent Agreement by using a prohibited substance on one occasion, those acts and/or omissions, individually and/or collectively constitute: violation of the conditions of limitation placed by the board upon a license or certificate to practice; and impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of substance use disorder or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that may impair ability to practice. Agreement effective 4/10/24.

GEE, Jillyne N., L.D. Applicant – Powell, Ohio

Application for a license to practice dietetics granted, and reprimanded with imposed conditions including payment of a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) fine. Based on the dietician's admission that when she had one client in the state of Ohio without having a license to practice as a licensed dietitian, those acts and/or omissions, individually and/or collectively constitute: commission of an act in the course of practice that constitutes a misdemeanor in the state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed, to wit: Penalty. Agreement effective 4/10/24.

HUSAIN, Khurshid N., M.D., (#35.039678) – Marion, Ohio

License to practice allopathic medicine and surgery reprimanded, with imposed conditions including completion of educational courses, and payment of a five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) fine. Based on the doctor's admission when he prescribed controlled substances to three patients and one family member of a previous patient without maintaining a medical record, and failed to check OARRS before prescribing to those individuals, those acts and/or omissions, 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 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: General Provisions, and Standards and procedures for review of Ohio Automated RX Reporting System. Agreement effective 4/10/24.

KLEIN, Ira A., M.D., (#35.145001) – Bronx, New York

License to practice allopathic medicine and surgery reprimanded, with imposed conditions including completion of educational course and payment of a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) fine. Based on the doctor's admission that a prior disciplinary action by the Investigative Committee of the Nevada Medical Board, with whom he entered into a Settlement Agreement and an Order, those acts and/or omissions, 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 4/10/24.

LUSK, Timothy A., M.T., (#33.021412) – Saint Paris, Ohio

License to practice massage therapy reinstated, and subject to probationary terms, conditions and limitations for at least one year. Based on the massage therapist having satisfied all the conditions for reinstatement as set forth in the 8/9/23 Consent Agreement. Agreement effective 4/10/24.

SAMUEL, Milroy J., M.D., (#35.075146)

License to practice allopathic medicine and surgery reprimanded, and subject to completion of educational courses and payment of a five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) fine. Based on the doctor's admission when he inappropriately treated, or failed to appropriately treat or document treatment of ten specified patients, those acts and/or omissions, 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. Agreement effective 4/10/24.

UPCHURCH, Bennie R., M.D., (#35.067988) – Grove City, Ohio

License to practice allopathic medicine and surgery reprimanded, and subject to probationary terms including completion of educational courses, and payment of a seven thousand five hundred dollar (\$7,500.00) fine. Based on the doctor's admission that his plea of guilty to Disorderly Conduct in the Franklin County Municipal Court, Franklin County, Ohio, constitute: commission of an act involving moral turpitude that constitutes a misdemeanor in this state, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the act was committed. Agreement effective 4/10/24.

VOLUNTARY PERMANENT SURRENDERS, RETIREMENTS, REVOCATIONS, WITHDRAWALS

BYLER, Ruth A., M.T. App. – Hartville, Ohio (Non-Disciplinary)

Non-permanent withdrawal of pending application to practice massage therapy, authorized by massage therapist. Agreement effective 4/10/24.

GHERMAN, John D., M.D., (#35.134629) – Petoskey, Michigan

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice allopathic medicine and surgery, authorized by the doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(15), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 4/10/24.

HORVATH, Nicholas, M.T., (#33.026142) – Highland Heights, Ohio

Permanent surrender and revocation of license to practice massage therapy, authorized by the massage therapist in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(14), Ohio Revised Code, and as set forth in the 5/10/23 Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. Agreement effective 4/10/24.

SONDERGARD, Ryan B., D.O. Applicant – Dayton, Ohio

Permanent withdrawal of application to practice allopathic medicine and surgery authorized by the doctor in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(10), Ohio Revised Code. Agreement effective 4/10/24.

REINSTATEMENTS

TENPENNY, Sherri J., D.O., (#34.003789) – Middleburg Heights, Ohio

Doctor's request for reinstatement of license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/24. Based on having satisfied all the conditions for reinstatement as set forth in the 8/10/23 Board Order.

PROBATIONARY RELEASE

BURNS, Mackenzie M., M.T., (#33.014388) – Seaman, Ohio

Massage therapist's request for release from the terms of the 12/13/23 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/24. Release effective immediately.

DANKO, William, M.D., (#35.063773) – Maineville, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 8/21/20 Board Order, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/24. Release effective immediately.

FALLS, Thomas, M.D., (#35.142058) – Elizabethtown, Kentucky

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 4/14/21 Board Order, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/24. Release effective immediately.

MEHTA, Monal A., M.D., (#35.065500) – Cincinnati, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 10/11/23 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/24. Release effective immediately.

RAY, Daniel B., M.D., (#35.051283) – Liberty Township, Ohio

Doctor's request for release from the terms of the 4/12/23 Consent Agreement, granted by vote of the Board on 4/10/24. Release effective immediately.

DISMISSALS

SYRIANOUDIS, Fidel R., M.T., (#33.025775) – Canfield, Ohio

Entry of Order and Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing dated 3/13/24 pertaining to Case No. 24-CRF-0057 is dismissed without prejudice. Dismissal effective 4/10/24.

COURT ACTIONS

ZEDAKER, James C., P.A., (#50.002173RX) – Tallahassee, Florida

Notice of Appeal filed 4/10/24 with the Court of Appeals of Franklin County, Ohio, Tenth Appellate District.

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.