



**Pennsylvania  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**STATE HEALTH LICENSING BOARDS  
DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS  
January 2008**

Secretary of the Commonwealth Pedro A. Cortés and Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner of the Department of State's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, announced that 44 disciplinary actions have been taken by certain State Health Licensing Boards. The following boards actively examined whether the citizens of the commonwealth are being protected: Chiropractic; Dentistry; Medicine; Nursing Home Administrators; Occupational Therapy; Optometry; Osteopathic Medicine; Pharmacy; Physical Therapy; Podiatry; Psychology; Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors; Examiners in Speech-Language and Hearing; and Veterinary Medicine.

Of these, the boards listed below took specific actions against individuals or firms in these counties: Allegheny (4 actions); Bucks (2 actions); Butler (1 action); Clearfield (1 action); Crawford (1 action); Dauphin (1 action); Erie (1 action); Lancaster (1 action); Lehigh (1 action); Luzerne (1 action); Montgomery (2 actions); Northumberland (1 action); Philadelphia (2 actions); Westmoreland (2 actions); Wyoming (1 action); York (4 actions).

Eighteen actions involved licensees with out-of-state addresses.

**BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC**

**Bucks County**

Jonathan P. Wiktorchik, Jr., license no. DC005398L, of Southampton, Bucks County, was suspended for no fewer than 2.5 years, six months of which shall be an active suspension, because Wiktorchik violated the Act in that he was convicted of a felony, and/or a misdemeanor in the practice of chiropractic, in the courts of this Commonwealth. (01-24-08)

**Luzerne County**

Paul J. Herbener, D.C., license no. DC006129L of Hazelton, Luzerne County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,200 and submit proof of completion of 24 hours of approved continuing education within six months after the date of this Order, because Herbener failed to provide proof of having completed at least 24 hours of continuing education in acceptable courses taken between September 2, 2004, and September 1, 2006. (01-24-08)

**Wyoming County**

Brent C. Levin, license no. DC-007120-L of Tunkhannock, Wyoming County, was

ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$450 and complete 24 hours of continuing education within 6 months, because Levin failed to provide proof of having completed 24 hours of continuing education. (01-24-08)

### **York County**

Kurt Richard Bauer, DC, license number DC-008728, of York, York County, was revoked, because he committed unprofessional conduct by willfully engaging in sexual activity with a patient within the scope of the chiropractor/patient relationship. (01-30-08)

### **Out of State**

Horace Samuels, DC, license no. DC-008797, of Trenton, NJ, was assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000 for failing to perform a statutory obligation placed upon licensed chiropractors, namely the requirement to submit to the Board evidence that he completed at least 24 hours of continuing chiropractic education within the immediately preceding two-year period. (01-30-08)

Eileen E. Means, D.C., license no. DC006710L of Palmyra, NJ, was actively suspended for no fewer than five years retroactive to the expiration of her license on September 1, 2006, because Means was convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor in the practice of chiropractic; displayed misconduct in carrying on the practice of chiropractic; committed immoral or unprofessional conduct; and committed an act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption. (01-24-08)

## **BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

### **Allegheny County**

Susan J. Bunson, license no. DH002736L of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$250, and to submit proof of her successful completion of 5 hours of approved continuing education credits within six months, because Bunson failed to submit proof of completion of at least 20 credit hours of continuing education in acceptable courses of which no more than 50% of the required courses were obtained through individual study. (01-11-08)

Michael R. Kahn, license no. DS-016446-L of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, had a reprimand placed on his record with the Board and was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,125, and shall complete 15 hours of continuing education credits within six months, because Kahn failed to complete thirty hours of continuing education. (01-11-08)

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Kenneth M. Sofranko, license no. DS024919L of Moon Township, Coraopolis, Allegheny County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$975.00 and to submit proof of successful completion of 13 hours of approved continuing education credits within 6 months, because Sofranko failed to submit proof of completion of at least thirty

credit hours of continuing education in acceptable courses of which no more than fifty percent of the required courses were obtained through individual study. (01-11-08)

### **Dauphin County**

Dana M. Fetterolf, license no. DS-030254-L of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, had a reprimand placed on her permanent record with the Board, and paid a civil penalty of \$750 and shall complete 10 hours of approved continuing education credits within six months, because Fetterolf failed to complete 30 hours of continuing education. (01-11-08)

### **Lancaster County**

David A. Zug, license no. DS023545L of Manheim, Lancaster County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$750, and to submit proof of successful completion of 10 hours of approved continuing education credits within six months, because Zug failed to submit proof of completion of at least thirty credit hours of continuing education in acceptable courses of which no more than fifty percent of the required courses were obtained through individual study. (01-11-08)

### **Montgomery County**

Hitesh N. Govani, license no. DS028922L of Colmar, Montgomery County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$825, and within six months shall submit proof of successful completion of 11 hours of approved continuing education credits, because Govani violated the Act since he failed to submit proof of completion of a least 30 credit hours of continuing education in acceptable courses of which no more than 50% of the required courses were obtained through individual study. (01-11-08)

Gregory A. Barksdale, DDS, license no. DS-024432-L, practicing in Laverock, Montgomery County, had his license suspended for failing to complete and submit acceptable proof of completion of continuing education credits. (01-28-08)

### **Philadelphia County**

Mark S. Goldstein, license no. DS-018048-L of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, because Goldstein knowingly maintained a professional connection or association with a person who did not possess an EFDA permit. (01-11-08)

### **Westmoreland County**

Jinan Dahar, of Irwin, Westmoreland County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000 and shall immediately cease and desist from engaging in the practice of dentistry and from holding herself out as being entitled to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, because Dahar engaged in the practice of dentistry in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania without being duly licensed to engage in such practice under the provisions of the Act. (01-11-08)

Joanne S. Petor, license no. DH067921 of Herminie, Westmoreland County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$150, and shall submit proof of successful completion of three hours of approved continuing education credits within six months, because Petor failed to submit proof of completion of at least 20 credit hours of continuing education in acceptable courses. (01-11-08)

### **York County**

William U. Blymire, III, DDS, license no. DS-025238-L, of York, York County, had his license probation period terminated and his license suspended for a period of three years, retroactive to December 3, 2007 for violating the terms of his DMU agreement. (01-11-08)

Kristy L. Michael, license no. DH012479L of York, York County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000; a reprimand was placed on her record with the Board; and within six months she shall submit proof of successful completion of 20 hours of approved continuing education credits, because Michael violated the Act in that she failed to provide copies of the documentation supporting the completion of the required credit hours when requested to do so by the Board. (01-11-08)

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### **Out of State**

Lewis A. Kay, license no. DS-015649-L of Moorestown, NJ, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, because Kay knowingly maintained a professional connection or association with a person who did not possess an EFDA permit. (01-11-08)

Jude A. Thomas, license no. DS029851L of Springfield, NJ, was publicly reprimanded, ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$450, and within six months shall submit proof of successful completion of six hours of approved continuing education credits, because Thomas violated the Act in that he failed to provide proof to the Board of completion of at least thirty credit hours of continuing education in acceptable courses obtained through approved program sponsors with no more than 50% of the credits obtained through individual study during the April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2005 biennial period. (01-11-08)

Igor J. Skalsky's, license no. DS023003L of Brunswick, OH, has permanently and voluntarily surrendered his license, because Skalsky violated the Act in that he pled guilty of a crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude in violation of the laws of any other state, territory or country; and in that his license to practice dentistry was revoked suspended or had other disciplinary action imposed or consented to by the proper licensing authority of another state, territory or country. (01-11-08)

Chad B. Hoecker, license no. DS037081 of Stillwater, OK, was placed on probation during such time his dental license in the State of Ohio is subject to terms and conditions of probation imposed by the Ohio State Dental Board, because Hoecker had disciplinary action imposed or consented to by the proper licensing authority of another state. (01-11-08)

## **BOARD OF MEDICINE**

### **Erie County**

Michael Nick Guzzardo, M.D., license no. MD029763E of Erie, Erie County, was

restricted to the active-retired licensure status unless and until otherwise ordered by the Board, because he is unable to practice with reasonable skill and ability in a practice setting. (01-22-08)

### **Clearfield County**

Christine Marie Shuey, license no. RT003242, of DuBois, Clearfield County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$250 because Shuey continued to practice while her certificate to practice as an athletic trainer in the Commonwealth was expired. (01-22-08)

### **Lehigh County**

Lazaro Pepen, license no. MD-062674-L of Orefield, Lehigh County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000, was suspended for a period of seven days and was ordered to attend continuing medical education classes, because Pepen was convicted of a misdemeanor relating to the health profession. Pepen last practiced in Reading, Berks County. (01-22-08)

### **Out of State**

Drew A. Brodsky, license no. MD-041950-L of Osterville, MA agreed to the permanent voluntary surrender of his license, because Brodsky had disciplinary action taken by a proper licensing authority of another state against his license to practice the profession. (01-22-08)

Michael Anthony Fuentes, MD, license no. MD-035920-E, of Philipsburg, Centre County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty based on his failure to report to the Board within 60 days his arrest on multiple felony charges under the Drug Act. (01-18-08)

Jesse M. Hilsen, M.D., license no. MD-424704 of Walden, NY, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000 and had his license placed on probation until all terms, conditions and limitations placed on his license to practice medicine in New York have been removed, because Hilsen had his license to practice medicine and surgery disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state and failed to report to the Board within 60 days of the occurrence of the disciplinary action taken against him. (01-22-08)

Paul Kitsis, license no. MD-419457 of Staten Island, NY, was ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00, and had his license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania placed on probation until he has complied with all probationary terms and conditions imposed by the State of New York, because Kitsis had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice the profession by a proper licensing authority of another state. (01-22-08)

Philip Mach, license no. MD-038323-E of E. Brunswick, NJ, has voluntarily surrendered his license to practice medicine, because Mach violated the Act in that his license or other authorization to practice was revoked or suspended or other disciplinary action was taken by the proper licensing authority of another state. (01-22-08)

Mukhtar A. Malik, M.D., license no. MD-034150-L, of Orlando, Florida, was denied reinstatement of his license based on findings that he has not demonstrated that

during the period of suspension he has made significant progress in personal rehabilitation. (01-24-08)

Michael J. Mulligan, license no. MD-041511-E of Louisville, KY, was indefinitely suspended because he had a license or other authorization to practice the profession revoked or suspended or had other disciplinary action taken or an application for a license or other authorization refused, revoked, or suspended by a proper licensing authority of another state, territory, possession, or country, or a branch of the Federal Government; and he failed to report information regarding disciplinary action taken against him by a health care licensing authority of another state within 60 days after its occurrence. (01-22-08)

John Ray O'Neal, license no. MD-013817-E of Willingboro, NJ, was suspended because O'Neal had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine and surgery by the proper licensing authority of another state. (01-22-08)

#### **BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS**

No disciplinary actions taken.

#### **BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

No disciplinary actions taken.

#### **BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**

No disciplinary actions taken.

#### **BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**

##### **Bucks County**

Philip A. Lipson, D.O., license no. OS003447L, of Churchville, Bucks County, was suspended indefinitely for a period of no fewer than two years, with such suspension immediately stayed in favor of probation subject to the Board's terms and conditions and he was assessed a civil penalty of \$5,000 because Lipson pled guilty to a felony in a Federal Court. (01-09-08)

##### **Philadelphia County**

Kulbir Rangi, OT, license no. OT004591T, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, has voluntarily surrendered his license and shall immediately cease and desist from the practice of osteopathic medicine and shall not represent himself in any manner whatsoever and agrees not to apply for a permanent license to practice osteopathic medicine in Pennsylvania until such time as he obtains either amendment or annulment of the New York Order or subsequent order which would permit him to register, if he wishes to have a New York medical license in the state of New York and/or can show to the satisfaction of the Board that he can safely and competently practice medicine in the Commonwealth because Rangi had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice osteopathic medicine by the licensing authority of another state and failed to report information regarding disciplinary action taken against him within 60 days after its occurrence. (01-09-08)

**Out of State**

Joseph Berger, license no. OS1154L of Berlin, NJ, has voluntarily and permanently surrendered his license, because he violated the Act in that his license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery was revoked or suspended or had other disciplinary action taken, or an application for a license was refused, revoked or suspended by the proper licensing authority of another state territory or country. He also failed to report information regarding disciplinary action taken against him by a health care licensing authority of another state within 60 days after its occurrence. (01-09-08)

**BOARD OF PHARMACY****Out of State**

Jocelyn A. Kyle, license no. RP037449L of Gaithersburg, MD, was indefinitely suspended because Kyle violated the Act in that she had a license to practice pharmacy suspended by the proper pharmacist licensing authority of another state. (01-17-08)

**BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

No disciplinary actions taken.

**BOARD OF PODIATRY**

No disciplinary actions taken.

**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

No disciplinary actions taken.

**BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**

No disciplinary actions taken.

**BOARD OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING**

No disciplinary actions taken.

**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE****Butler County**

Robert C. Kissick, license no. BV008206L of Portersville, Butler County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$275 because he failed to complete 30 clock hours of Board-approved continuing education. (01-17-08)

### **Crawford County**

Amanda S. Turner, license no. BV010323, of Centerville, Crawford County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$250 because she placed advertising for veterinary services by the Marley Veterinary Clinic in the September 2006 edition of the Oil City/Franklin Verizon Yellow Pages, but failed to specify the hours during which emergency services are available. Also, if she intends to continue to advertise in the Verizon Yellow Pages, she shall immediately contact Verizon so that an advertisement that is compliant with regulations of the Board will appear in future editions of the Verizon Yellow Pages. (01-17-08)

### **Northumberland County**

John Moser, unlicensed, of Shamokin, Northumberland County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty and ordered to cease and desist from the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine based on findings that he practiced veterinary medicine when he was not authorized by license to do so. (01-25-08)

### **Out of State**

Sherrie D. Kinsella, D.V.M., license no. BV-007241-L, of Savannah, Georgia, was ordered to obtain a drug and alcohol evaluation and provide the evaluation to the Pennsylvania Professional Health Monitoring Program based on disciplinary action taken against her license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (01-22-08)

Robert S. McNeill, license no. BV007147L of Rushford, NY, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$500. A permanent reprimand is placed on his permanent board record, because McNeill violated the Act in that he engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through one biennial registration period when he did not hold a valid license to do so. (01-17-08)

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