



**Pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**STATE HEALTH LICENSING BOARDS
DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS
March 2007**

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 48 disciplinary actions taken by the following State Health Licensing Boards: 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.

Actions were taken against individuals or firms in the following counties: Allegheny (7 actions); Berks (1 action); Bradford (1 action); Bucks (1 action); Chester (2 actions); Crawford (1 action); Delaware (1 action); Lancaster (3 actions); Lebanon (1 action); Lehigh (1 action); Luzerne (2 actions); Mercer (1 action) Monroe (1 action); Montgomery (3 actions); Philadelphia (3 actions); and Washington (1 action). Eighteen actions involved Pennsylvania licenses with out-of-state addresses.

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

Mercer County

John R. Derbonne, license no. DC006895L, of Greenville, Mercer County, was suspended for five years and assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty based upon his conviction in federal court for healthcare fraud. After one year of active suspension, the remaining period of suspension may be stayed in favor of probation. (01-26-07)

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Crawford County

Michael Allen Swavey, license no. DS025033L, of Saegertown, Crawford County, was automatically suspended based on his guilty plea to two felonies under The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. (02-20-07)

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Allegheny County

Bernard Rottschaefer, license no. MD-013537-E, of Oakmont, Allegheny County, had his license revoked for having been convicted of 153 felony counts of illegally prescribing controlled substances. (01-17-07)

Bridget Colleen Calhoun, license no. MA001632L of Sewickley, Allegheny County, was placed on probation for one year and assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty. Calhoun, a medical assistant, independently prescribed drugs. (01-23-07)

Suzannah M. Hoffman, license no. RT001515A of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty because Hoffman continued to practice while his license to practice as a certified athletic trainer was expired. (01-23-07)

Veronica M. Pratt, license no. MD063162L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, paid a \$1,000 civil penalty because Pratt failed to report to the board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that was filed against her. (01-23-07)

Harry W. Sell, license no. MD-026375-E of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because Sell failed to report to the board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that was filed against him. (01-23-07)

Jesus Enrique Pacheco, license no. YM010239, of Wilmerding, Allegheny County, had his license to practice respiratory care revoked for being guilty of immoral conduct. (01-26-07)

Roger D. Sutton, license no. MD-027961-L of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, permanently and voluntarily surrendered his license because Sutton engaged in unprofessional conduct. (02-27-07)

Berks County

Jennifer A. Katz, license no. MW008571L, of Mohnton, Berks County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty. Katz practiced as a midwife from Jan. 1, 2005, to Oct. 12, 2005, when her license was expired. (02-27-07)

Chester County

Steven B. Gilman, license no. MD031020E of West Chester, Chester County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because Gilman failed to report to the board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that was filed against him. (02-27-07)

Lancaster County

Raymond T. Knorr, license no. RT000174A of Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty because Knorr practiced as an athletic trainer when he was not currently licensed and registered. (01-23-07)

Vu T. Nguyen, license no. MD421028, of Lancaster, Lancaster County, had his license placed on probation for one year and was assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty. Nguyen was convicted of a felony. (01-31-07)

Edward L. Lancaster, Jr., license no. MD222634L of Lancaster, Lancaster County, was suspended permanently because Lancaster was convicted of a felony or misdemeanor relating to the health profession in a court of the commonwealth. (02-27-07)

Luzerne County

David John Sedor, license no. MD038409E of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because Sedor failed to report to the board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that was filed against him. (01-23-07)

Alfonso Rodriguez, license no. MD038750E, of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, was suspended for one year with one month of the suspension active and the remaining period stayed in favor of probation, based on his conviction of a misdemeanor relating to the health profession. (01-24-07)

Monroe County

Lola T. Margron, license no. MA001345L of Stroudsburg, Monroe County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty and had a public reprimand placed on her permanent board record. Margron practiced as a physician assistant while her license was expired. (02-27-07)

Montgomery County

Cornelius M. Geissen, license no. OS004823L of Pottstown, Montgomery County, was assessed a \$250 civil penalty because Geissen failed to report to the board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that was filed against him. (03-27-07)

Philadelphia County

Daniel P. Haney, license no. RT003926 of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty because Haney practiced as an athletic trainer prior to obtaining a license from Jan. 2004 to March 2006. (01-23-07)

Washington County

William W. Frost, license no. MD024287E of Washington, Washington County, voluntarily and permanently surrendered his license, because Frost had been charged with indecent assault with respect to female patients. (01-23-07)

Out of State

Edward Cornfeld, license no. MD025002L, of Potomac, Md., was suspended based on disciplinary action being taken against his license by Maryland. (01-11-07)

William Cage Stevenson, license no. MD027747E, of Mequon, Wis., was suspended, immediately stayed in favor of probation to run concurrently with the probationary period of Stevenson's license in Ohio. Stevenson was also assessed a \$250 civil penalty based on findings disciplinary action was taken against his license by Ohio authorities and Stevenson failed to report disciplinary action against him. (01-18-07)

Richard J. Apple, license no. MD043824L of Brooklyn, N.Y., was assessed a \$500 civil penalty because Apple had a license disciplined by New York. (01-23-07)

Craig R. Bardell, license no. MD043602E, of Forrest City, Ark., had his license to practice medicine reinstated to probationary status based on the payment of his civil penalty. (01-23-07)

Joel I. Franck, license no. MD035273E of Lewiston, ME, was reprimanded because Franck had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice by a proper licensing authority of another state. (01-23-07)

Michael R. Glass, license no. MD039100E of Ithaca, N.Y., consented to the immediate and permanent voluntary surrender of his license to practice in PA. Glass 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. (01-23-07)

Cynthia L. Harrell, license no. MD071091L, of Cherry Hill, N.J., was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because Harrell failed to report to the board within 60 days of receipt of notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that was filed against her. (01-23-07)

Aron S. Lantz, license no. MD-017724E of Woodmere, N.Y., was ordered to surrender his license, because Lantz was unable to practice his profession with reasonable skill and safety. (01-23-07)

Maurice Raynard Roulhac, license no. MD047999L of Fayetteville, N.C., was reprimanded and shall comply with the terms of the North Carolina consent agreement. Roulhac had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice the profession by a proper licensing authority of another state. (01-23-07)

Joan H. Shapiro, license no. MD014421E of Farmington Hills, Mich., was assessed a \$250 civil penalty because Shapiro had her license or other authorization to practice the profession revoked or suspended or had other disciplinary action taken by a proper licensing authority of another state, territory, possession, or country, or a branch of the federal government. (01-23-07)

Kathleen J. Smith, license no. MD428004 of Atlanta, Ga., was assessed a \$500 civil penalty and a public reprimand was placed on Smith's permanent board record because Smith had disciplinary action taken against her license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (01-23-07)

Angela Dumitrache, license no. MD419411, of Frederick, Md., was assessed a \$200 civil penalty based on disciplinary action imposed by the state of West Virginia. (01-24-07)

Mark E. Farmer, license no. MD046704L of Ft. Myers, Fla., was assessed a \$2,500 civil penalty because Farmer had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice the profession by the proper licensing authority of another state. (02-27-07)

Billy H. Ford, license no. MD-048607-L of Metuchen, N.J., consented to the immediate and permanent voluntary surrender of his license. Ford had disciplinary action taken against his license by a proper licensing authority of another state. (02-27-07)

Robert W. Harrington, license no. MD046928L of Green Bay, Wisc., voluntarily surrendered his license because Harrington had a license or other authorization to practice the profession revoked or suspended or had other disciplinary action taken by a proper licensing authority of another state, territory, or possession. (02-27-07)

Adam D. Koenigsberg, license no. MD061465L, of Jacksonville, Fla., has permanently and voluntarily surrendered his license. Koenigsberg had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (02-27-07)

Burton V. Silverstein, license no. MD-012784-E of Gainesville, Fla., had a public reprimand placed on his permanent board record because Silverstein had disciplinary action taken against his license by a proper licensing authority of another state. (02-27-07)

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

Montgomery County

Frank A. Margiotti, license no. DC005891L, of Harleysville, Montgomery County, was assessed an \$800 civil penalty for practicing on a lapsed license. (02-01-07)

BOARD OF PHARMACY

Delaware and Montgomery County

Clarke George Bowers, license no. RP033809R, of Villanova, Delaware and Montgomery counties, had his license revoked based on findings he pleaded guilty to two felonies in connection with the practice of pharmacy. (12-28-06)

Out of State

Alvin D. Needleman, license no. RP022780L, of Las Vegas, Nev., was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because Needleman had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice pharmacy by the proper pharmacist licensing authority in another state. (02-20-07)

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

Montgomery County

Christine M. Ambrose, license no. SW007864L of Narberth, Montgomery County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty. Ambrose presented herself as a licensed social worker through the use of the title designation "LSW" on her business cards without holding a license in good standing. (02-13-07)

Philadelphia County

Michael Cage, license no. SW-005202-E, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was indefinitely suspended for violating a board order. (02-05-07)

Bridget Y. Newsome, license no. SW-123472 of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed a \$150 civil penalty. Newsome practiced and/or held herself out as a licensed social worker during a period of time that her license was expired. (02-13-07)

BOARD OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING**Chester County**

Catherine L. Reardon, license no. AT005845 of Downingtown, Chester County, was assessed a \$1,350 civil penalty because Reardon practiced on a lapsed license. (02-16-07)

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**Bradford County**

Renee D. Fisher, license no. BV005941L, of Milan, Bradford County, had her petition to terminate probation denied based on Fisher's failure to demonstrate that her resumption of unmonitored practice does not present a threat to the public health and safety. (01-25-07)

Bucks County

Patricia A. Curran, license no. BV008965 of Doylestown, Bucks County, was assessed a \$750 civil penalty and ordered to complete 15 hours of continuing education. Curran failed to complete 30 clock hours of board-approved continuing education as required. (02-27-07)

Lebanon County

Michael C. McCue, license no. BV003723L of Lebanon, Lebanon County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty and a public reprimand was placed on his permanent record. McCue practiced as a veterinarian when he did not hold a valid license to do so. (02-27-07)

Lehigh County

Corinne M. Wurst, license no. VT002936 of New Tripoli, Lehigh County, was publicly reprimanded and assessed a \$250 civil penalty. Wurst practiced as a certified veterinary technician when she did not hold a valid license to do so. (02-27-07)

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A complete list of sanctions is available online at

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