



**Pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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

Secretary of the Commonwealth Pedro A. Cortés and Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner of the Department's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, announced 38 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 (4 actions); Berks (1 action); Bucks (2 actions); Chester (1 action); Crawford (1 action); Dauphin (2 actions); Delaware (1 action); Erie (1 action); Lackawanna (1 action); Luzerne (1 action); Mercer (1 action); Montgomery (2 actions); Northampton (1 action); Philadelphia (1 action); Pike (1 action); and York (1 action). 16 actions involved Pennsylvania licenses with out-of-state addresses.

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

No disciplinary actions taken.

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Allegheny County

Daniel J. Damratoski, license no. DS-017874-L of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was assessed a \$150 civil penalty, had a reprimand placed on his board record, and was required to submit proof of successful completion of two hours of continuing education courses within six months. Damratoski failed to complete and submit proof of completion of 30 hours of required continuing education courses. (03-08-07)

Crawford County

Michael Allen Swavey, license no. DS-026033-L, of Saegertown, Crawford County, was revoked because he violated a lawful order previously entered by the board in a disciplinary proceeding. (01-12-07)

Dauphin County

Karen L. Cable, license no. DS-028117-L, of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, was indefinitely suspended, ordered to complete continuing education in the areas of appropriate prescribing and record keeping, ordered to take and pass the Jurisprudence, Ethics and Risk Management examination, and assessed a \$3,000 civil penalty. Cable violated the board's regulations relating to prescribing controlled substances and record keeping, and because she failed to conform to the standards of acceptable and prevailing dental practice in the treatment of a patient. (03-14-07)

Delaware County

Bal K. Goyal, license no. DS-019783-L of Broomall, Delaware County, was assessed a \$3,000 civil penalty, had a reprimand placed on his board record, and was required to submit proof of successful completion of 30 hours of continuing education courses within six months. Goyal failed to complete and submit proof of completion of required continuing education courses and in that he made a false or deceptive biennial renewal with the board. (03-08-07)

Northampton County

Charles G. Wolfe, license no. DS-025383-L of Bath, Northampton County, was assessed a \$3,000 civil penalty, had a reprimand placed on his board record, and was required to submit proof of successful completion of 30 hours of continuing education courses within six months. Wolfe failed to complete and submit proof of completion of required continuing education courses and made a false or deceptive biennial renewal with the board. (03-08-07)

Pike County

Tracy Dillon, license no. DH-013335-L of Milford, Pike County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty, had a reprimand placed on her board record, and was required to submit proof of successful completion of 10 hours of continuing education courses within six months. Dillon failed to complete and submit proof of completion of required continuing education courses. (03-08-07)

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Allegheny County

Leon Rozin, license no. MD029410E of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was assessed a \$3,000 civil penalty and his license was placed on probation for one year subject to terms and conditions. Rozin received disposition in lieu of trial in the disposition of felony charges in a federal court. (03-27-07)

Luzerne County

Alfonso Rodriguez, license no. MD038750E, of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, had his license reinstated to probationary status based on the completion of the terms outlined in a previous board order. (03-05-07)

Montgomery County

Jay S. Bonovitz, license no. MD014885E of Merion Station, Montgomery County, was assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty and ordered to complete 10 hours of continuing medical education (CME) credits within six months. Bonovitz departed from, or failed to conform to, standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice. (03-27-07)

Out of State

Kevin J. Blankenship, license no. MD418610 of Morgantown, W. Va., was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and had a public reprimand placed on his board record because Blankenship had disciplinary action imposed by a proper licensing authority of another state and failed to report to the board within 60 days of the occurrence of the disciplinary action. (03-27-07)

Muhammed H. Jawadi, license no. MD015096E of Springfield, OH, was publicly reprimanded and assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because Jawadi's license or other authorization to practice the profession was revoked or suspended or other disciplinary action was taken against him by the proper licensing authority of OH, and Jawadi failed to report disciplinary action instituted against him by the licensing authority of OH. (03-27-07)

Elisabeth M. Montague, license no. MD027666E of Mooresville, NC, consented to the indefinite suspension, lasting no less than one year from the adoption of her consent agreement and order, of her license to practice medicine and surgery in Pa. Montague had a license revoked or suspended by a proper licensing authority of another state, territory, possession or country, or a branch of the federal government. (03-27-07)

Anil S. Patil, license no. MD067305L, of Melville, NY, was issued a public reprimand and assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because Patil had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice the profession by the proper licensing authority of another state. (03-27-07)

Reginald J. Pereira, license no. MD039734L of Flushing, NY, was publicly reprimanded and assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty because Pereira had a license 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 two disciplinary actions instituted against him by a licensing authority of another state, territory, or

possession of the United States, another branch of the federal government within 60 days after its occurrence. (03-27-07)

Jeffery Allen Prosser, license no. MD070337L, of Tarpon Springs, Fla., was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty based on disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of Fla. (03-05-07)

Fortunato O. Sunio, license no. MD030177L of Denton, TX, had his license suspended for a minimum of one year, because Sunio had disciplinary action taken on his license by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners. (03-27-07)

John Varghese, license no. MD051492Y of Horseheads, NY, has agreed to a restriction of his license in Pa. because Varghese had his license to practice the profession restricted and had other disciplinary action taken by the proper licensing authority of another state. (03-27-07)

Yasser F. Zeid, license no. MD057581L of Brooklyn, NY, was assessed a \$2,500 civil penalty because Zeid had a license or other authorization to practice disciplined by a proper licensing authority of another state. (03-27-07)

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

Bucks County

Robert J. Skalicky, license no. OS006268L of Langhorne, Bucks County, was assessed a \$250 civil penalty because Skalicky failed to report to the board within 60 days of receipt of a notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action that was filed against him. (03-27-07)

Mercer County

Frederick G. Uberti, license no. OS002627L of Farrell, Mercer County, was assessed a \$7,500 civil penalty and his license was suspended for no less than two years, immediately stayed in favor of probation subject to terms and conditions. Uberti departed from, or failed to conform to, standards of acceptable and prevailing osteopathic medical practice. (03-27-07)

Out of State

Stephen Mark Massood, license no. OS008435L of Franklin Lakes, NJ, voluntarily surrendered his license until he complies with the terms and conditions put into effect by the NJ Board of Medical Examiners and can show to the satisfaction of the board that he can safely and completely practice medicine. NJ took disciplinary action against Massood that resulted in a voluntary surrender of his license and he is unable to practice medicine as a result of a mental or physical condition. (03-27-07)

Robert G. Ranelle, license no. OS005285L of Fort Worth, TX, had a public reprimand placed on his permanent board record; he shall abide by all the terms and conditions of the Texas Medical Board Agreed (Final) Order; any violation by Ranelle of the terms and conditions of the Texas Medical Board Agreed (Final) Order shall be considered an independent violation of his Consent Agreement and Order, and shall be a basis for the imposition of further discipline by the board. Ranelle had a license revoked or suspended or had other disciplinary action taken by the proper licensing authority of another state. (03-27-07)

BOARD OF PHARMACY

Bucks County

Mark A. Gioia, license no. RP028745L, of Warminster, Bucks County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because he received disciplinary action on his license to practice pharmacy by the proper pharmacist licensing authority of another state, territory or country. (03-20-07)

Dauphin County

Penn State The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, license no. PP481402 of Hershey, Dauphin County, was assessed a \$10,000 civil penalty because it

operated a pharmacy without a separate pharmacy permit that was granted by the board for that specific location. (03-20-07)

Erie County

Peter J. Intrieri, license no. RP025386L of Erie, Erie County, permanently and voluntarily surrendered his license because he was guilty of incompetence, gross negligence or other malpractice, or the departure from or failure to conform to the standards of acceptable and prevailing pharmacy practice, in which case actual injury need not be established. (03-20-07)

Philadelphia County

Bright Medical Technology, Inc., license no. PP481246 of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty because it provided medical practitioners with prescription blanks bearing its name and phone number. (03-20-07)

Out of State

Titus O. Kolawole, license no. RP038711R of Chesapeake, Va., was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because Kolawole had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of Va. (03-20-07)

Nancy Jean Wittig, license no. RP029723L of Florence, SC, had a public reprimand placed on her permanent board record because she was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (03-20-07)

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Allegheny County

William Michael Joos, license no. TE007447 of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty because Joos initiated a treatment program without the direction and supervision of a physical therapist. (03-29-07)

York County

Joanne O'Neill Meyers, license no. PT001198E of Hanover, York County, had a public reprimand placed on her permanent board record and was assessed a \$500 civil penalty because she had a license to practice physical therapy disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state and failed to report to the board within 90 days of the occurrence of the disciplinary action taken against her by the proper licensing authority of another state. (03-29-07)

Out of State

Leslie Anne Clemmer, license no. PT002242E of McMinnville, Ore., agreed to a permanent, voluntary surrender of her license in Pa. because she had a license to practice physical therapy disciplined by the proper licensing authority of

another state and failed to report to the board within 90 days of the occurrence of the disciplinary action taken against her by the proper licensing authority of another state. (03-29-07)

Patrick C. McLemore, license no. PT000710E of Missoula, Mont., agreed to a permanent, voluntary surrender of his license to practice physical therapy in Pa. because he had a license to practice physical therapy disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state and failed to report to the board within 90 days of the occurrence of the disciplinary action taken against him by the proper licensing authority of another state. (03-29-07)

BOARD OF PODIATRY

No disciplinary actions taken.

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

Allegheny County

Nancy P. Lardo, license no. PS007136L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because she did not meet the required continuing education credit requirement for the psychology biennial period of Dec. 1, 2003 through Nov. 30, 2005. (03-26-07)

Lackawanna County

Gail Tepper, license no. PS006871L, of Clarks Summit, Lackawanna County, was suspended for no less than three years based on her violation of the terms of his Voluntary Recovery Program Consent Agreement of the Professional Health Monitoring Program. (03-15-07)

Out of State

Alan J. Ward, license no. PS000631L, of Chicago, IL, was assessed a \$250 civil penalty based on findings he failed to submit proof of approved continuing education credits for the biennial period of Dec. 1, 2001 to Nov. 30, 2003. (03-02-07)

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

Berks County

Mark Walthofer, license no. CW013521 of Reading, Berks County, had his license indefinitely suspended for a period of four years. Walthofer relapsed by using cocaine in violation of the board's Feb. 14, 2006 order, and is unable to practice social work with reasonable skill and safety. (03-13-07)

Chester County

Cheryl Hirst Hodgins, license no. SW004105E of Exton, Chester County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because Hodgins held herself out as a licensed clinical social worker and/or social worker during a period of time that her license was expired. (03-13-07)

BOARD OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING

No disciplinary actions taken.

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Montgomery County

Jill S. Stetz, license no. BV007987L, of Narberth, Montgomery County, was assessed a \$250 civil penalty and a public reprimand based on findings that she deviated from the standards of acceptable and prevailing veterinary medical practice. (02-28-07)

###

A complete list of sanctions is available online at

www.state.pa.us

Keyword: licensing disciplinary actions.

###