



**Pennsylvania  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**STATE HEALTH LICENSING BOARDS  
DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS  
March 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 43 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 (6 actions); Blair (1 action); Bucks (1 action); Centre (1 action); Crawford (1 action); Dauphin (1 action); Erie (1 action); Lackawanna (1 action); Lehigh (1 action); Luzerne (1 action); Montgomery (4 actions); Northampton (2 actions); Perry (1 action); Philadelphia (2 actions); Tioga (1 action); Union (1 action).

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

**BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC**

**Lancaster County**

Lane C. Hess, license no. DC004362L of Landisville, Lancaster County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000 because Hess practiced as a chiropractor when he was not currently licensed and registered under the Act. (03-27-08)

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

**Allegheny County**

Anthony L. Monteleone, license no. DS024810L of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was indefinitely suspended for no fewer than three years, retroactive to December 3, 2007. After a period of six months active suspension commencing on December 3, 2007, Monteleone's suspension shall be immediately stayed in favor of probation, because he violated a lawful order previously entered by the Board in a disciplinary proceeding. (03-07-08)

**Erie County**

Claudia I. McAllister, license no. DS029795L of Erie, Erie County, was publicly reprimanded, ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$2,250, and within six months shall complete 30 hours of continuing education credits necessary to meet the requirements for the June 1, 2005, through March 31, 2007, biennial reporting period, because McAllister violated the Act in that she failed to complete 30 hours of continuing education and provide information to document certification of compliance with continuing education requirements. (03-06-08)

**Lancaster County**

Kimberly A. Coblentz, license no. DS031643, DP-000512 of Lancaster, Lancaster County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$600, because Coblentz violated Board regulations by administering nitrous oxide/oxygen analgesia on a lapsed permit. (03-07-08)

**Lehigh County**

Mery D. Ramirez a/k/a Mery D. Lorenzo, of Allentown, Lehigh County, was ordered to 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 in any manner whatsoever, and ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, because she held herself out as a practitioner of or entitled to practice dentistry, and was not licensed or certified to do so under the Act. (03-07-08)

**Montgomery County**

Jean R. Murphy, license no. DS025803L of Elkins Park, Montgomery County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$750, and within six months shall complete ten hours of continuing education credits necessary to meet the requirements for the June 1, 2005, through March 31, 2007, biennial reporting period, because Murphy violated the Act in that she failed to complete 30 hours of continuing education in timely and acceptable courses and programs in the profession offered by approved providers and provide information to document certification of compliance with continuing education requirements. (03-06-08)

**Northampton County**

Mary C. Dinan, license no. DH007001L of Easton, Northampton County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$150 and within six months shall complete three hours of continuing education credits necessary to meet the requirements for the April 1, 2005, through March 31, 2007, biennial reporting period, because Dinan violated the Act in that she failed to provide proof to the Board of completion of at least 20 credit hours of continuing education in acceptable courses obtained through approved sponsors with no more than 50% of the credits obtained through individual study during the April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2007 biennial period. (03-06-08)

Michael A. Renaldo, license nos. DS019414L, DA019414A, TDA000228 of Easton, Northampton County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$500, and shall submit proof of successful completion of five hours of approved continuing education credits related to general anesthesia or deep sedation within six

months, because Renaldo violated the Act in that he failed to submit proof of completion of 15 hours of Board-approved courses related to general anesthesia and deep sedation. (03-06-08)

### **Tioga County**

Andrei Rudic, license no. DS035103 of Blossburg, Tioga County, was indefinitely suspended for no fewer than three years, such suspension immediately stayed in favor of no fewer than three years of probation, because Rudic was unable to practice dentistry with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness or drunkenness. (03-07-08)

### **Union County**

Cindy L. Spinello, license no. DH008009L of Lewisburg, Union County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$300, and within six months shall submit proof of successful completion of six hours of approved continuing education credits, because Spinello violated the Act since she failed to submit proof of completion of a 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. (03-06-08)

### **Out of State**

Jeffrey M. Weiser, license no. DS026655L of Lake Worth, FL, agreed to the permanent voluntary surrender of his license to practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, because Weiser had disciplinary action imposed or consented to by the proper licensing authority of another state. (03-07-08)

Suzanne E. Fohl, license no. DS029291L of Mount Airy, MD, was placed on probation during such time as her license to practice dentistry in the State of Maryland is on probation, because Fohl had a license to practice dentistry disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (03-07-08)

## **BOARD OF MEDICINE**

### **Allegheny County**

Benchmark Medical, Inc., of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, aided or abetted the unlicensed practice of athletic training by employing an individual who practiced as a certified athletic trainer on behalf of Benchmark Medical, Inc. to the Seneca Valley School District from January 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006 while their license was lapsed, and Benchmark Medical, Inc. was assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000 because the employee was practicing on a lapsed license. (03-25-08)

David Farbod Meriwether, license no. MD026978E of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was indefinitely suspended until such time his license to practice medicine in West Virginia is returned to good standing, because he had his license disciplined by a proper licensing authority of another state. (03-25-08)

**Lackawanna County**

Tracy L. Liberatore, license no. MA051327 of Scranton, Lackawanna County, was ordered to complete four credit hours of continuing medical education in medical record keeping requirements, and was ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000, because Liberatore violated a lawful regulation promulgated by the Board requiring charting in the patient file of controlled substance prescriptions. (03-25-08)

**Luzerne County**

Michael T. Rowello, license no. MA051320 of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, was suspended for no fewer than two years, such suspension was immediately stayed in favor of no fewer than two years probation, because Rowello was unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, and he violated a lawful disciplinary Order of the Board. (03-25-08)

**Perry County**

Richard P. Paczynski, license no. MD073612L of Marysville, Perry County, voluntarily and indefinitely surrendered his license, because the Board has the authority to impose corrective measures on Paczynski by reason of his violation of a lawful Order of the Board previously entered by the Board in a disciplinary proceeding. (03-25-08)

**Out of State**

Ellis David Avner, MD, license no. MD023508E, of Milwaukee, WI, was issued a reprimand based on disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine and surgery by the proper licensing authority of another state. (03-06-08)

Richard C. Gardner, license no. MD009551E of Cape Coral, FL, was placed on indefinite suspension during such time as his license to practice medicine in the State of Florida is indefinitely suspended, because Gardner had a license to practice the profession suspended by a proper licensing authority of another state. (03-25-08)

Mikhail Radivlov, license no. MD065569L of Lakeland, FL, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$2000.00, because Radivlov had disciplinary action taken by the proper licensing authority of another state against his license to practice the profession. (03-25-08)

Wieslaw P. Gessner, license no. MD055786L of Golden, CO, had a public reprimand placed on his record with the Board, because Gessner had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice the profession by a proper licensing authority of another state. (03-25-08)

Randolph W. Rountree, license no. MD042959E of Fort Worth, TX, permanently voluntarily surrendered his license to practice medicine, because Rountree

violated the Act in that he was convicted of a felony in the court of another state and his license to practice the profession was revoked by the proper licensing authority of another state. (03-25-08)

Rafiq A. Sabir, M.D., license no. MD060360L, of Westbury, NY, had his Pennsylvania license to practice medicine revoked based on his having been convicted of a felony in federal court. (03-03-08)

Kristappa Sangavaram, license no. MD057763L of Englewood Cliffs, NJ, voluntarily and permanently surrendered his license, because Sangavaram violated the Act in that he had other disciplinary action taken on his license by a proper licensing authority of another state. (03-25-08)

Eddie E. Sassoon, license no. MD430703 of Lauderhill, FL, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$1,000, because Sassoon had an application for a license or other authorization to practice the profession refused by a proper licensing authority of another state. (03-25-08)

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

No disciplinary actions were taken.

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

No disciplinary actions were taken.

#### **BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**

No disciplinary actions were taken.

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

##### **Dauphin County**

Robert W. McCleary, license no. OS009712L of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$250. Also he was suspended for no less than 5 years, with the suspension immediately stayed in favor of no less than 5 years of probation, because McCleary violated the Act in that he is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental impairment. (03-12-08)

#### **BOARD OF PHARMACY**

##### **Allegheny County**

Paul Allen Cook, license no. RP035892L, of McKeesport, Allegheny County, had his license indefinitely suspended for at least three years retroactive to January 16, 2007, based on findings he violated the terms and conditions of a previous Board order. (03-04-08)

### **Crawford County**

Dawn Muntean, license no. RP030749L, of Meadville, Crawford County, had her license reinstated, said license immediately placed on probation for at least three years based on findings that she is eligible to have her license to practice pharmacy reinstated to probationary status. (03-25-08)

### **Lancaster County**

Nathan J. Bear, license no. RP042415L, of Lancaster, Lancaster County, had his license reinstated, said license immediately placed on probation for at least three years based on findings that he is eligible to have his license to practice pharmacy reinstated to probationary status. (03-25-08)

### **Philadelphia County**

Hahnemann University Hospital, license no. HP418082L of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$6,333, because Hahnemann University Hospital violated the Act in that it operated a pharmacy without having a pharmacy permit granted by the Board for that location. (03-18-08)

Frank J. Nelson, license no. RP042768L, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was denied license reinstatement based on his license not being eligible to be reinstated at this time. (03-21-08)

### **OUT OF STATE**

David Ryan Perkins, license no. RP036766L of Shrewsbury, MA, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$3,000 and a public reprimand was placed in his permanent Board record, because Perkins failed to complete 30 hours of ACPE approved continuing education and procured his license through fraud, misrepresentation or deceit by falsely indicating that he had completed 30 ACPE credit hours when he had not completed those hours. (03-18-08)

Barney Thomas Dotson, license no. RP437587, of Cincinnati, Ohio, had his Pennsylvania license revoked based on his having had his licenses to practice pharmacy disciplined by the proper licensing authority of two other states. (03-25-08)

### **BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

#### **Out of State**

Mark B. Hopp, PTA, license no. TE001797L of Greenville, NC, was indefinitely suspended for no fewer than three years because Hopp had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state and failed to report in writing to the Board the disciplinary action taken within 90 days of final disposition. (03-27-08)

## **BOARD OF PODIATRY**

No disciplinary actions were taken.

## **BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

No disciplinary actions were taken.

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

### **Allegheny County**

Francis D. Kizzie, L.S.W., license no. SW011294L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was permanently and voluntarily suspended and must immediately cease and desist from practice as a social worker and shall not represent himself as a Board licensee in any manner because Kizzie engaged in unprofessional conduct in the practice of social work with respect to his conduct with a client. (03-11-08)

### **Montgomery County**

Cynthia E. Hennessy, license no. SW007969L of Cheltenham, Montgomery County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$200 and complete 2.5 hours of continuing education credits within six months of the effective date of her order because she failed to complete 30 clock hours of continuing education in acceptable courses and programs in social work offered by approved providers and she failed to provide information to document certification of compliance with continuing education requirements. (03-11-08)

### **Out of State**

David W. Patrick, L.P.C., license no. PC004328, of Girard, Ohio, voluntarily and permanently surrendered his license to practice as a professional counselor and shall immediately cease and desist from the practice as a professional counselor and shall not represent himself as a Board licensee in any manner because Patrick engaged in immoral and/or unprofessional conduct in the practice of professional counseling with respect to his care and treatment of several clients, engaged in and/or attempted to engage in sexual intimacies with same clients and presented and/or made false statement(s) in his application for licensure, although Patrick denies the allegations of unprofessional conduct and/or immoral conduct and would contest such allegations at a hearing. (03-11-08)

## **BOARD OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING**

No disciplinary actions taken.

## **BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

### **Allegheny County**

Ihsan U. Chaudry, D.V.M., license no. BV004560L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$4,000. He must also complete eight hours of approved continuing veterinary medical education in the area of surgery in addition to the 30 hours required by the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act. He will not perform, now nor in the future, femoral head osteotomy surgery. Chaudry's license was suspended for a period of one year. After 30 days, the remaining 11 months of such suspension will be immediately stayed in favor of probation, because Chaudry violated the Act in that he deviated from the standards of acceptable and prevailing veterinary medical practice in his care and treatment of two dogs. (03-20-08)

### **Blair County**

John S. Majcher, license no. BV006082L of Hollidaysburg, Blair County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$500. His license is also publicly reprimanded, because Majcher violated the Act in that he engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania when he did not hold a valid license to do so. (03-25-08)

### **Bucks County**

Trisha C. Slevin, license no. VT002642 of Langhorne, Bucks County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$250. Her permanent board record was also publicly reprimanded, because Slevin violated the Act in that she engaged in practice as a CVT in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through one biennial registration period when she did not hold a valid certificate to do so. (03-20-08)

### **Centre County**

Christopher A. Connelly, license no. BV010591 of Centre Hall, Centre County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$500. Also, his permanent Board record was publicly reprimanded, because Connelly 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. (03-20-08)

### **Montgomery County**

Robert E. Burleigh, license no. BV003808L of Abington, Montgomery County, was ordered to pay a civil penalty of \$2,000. A public reprimand was also placed on his permanent board record. Within six months of the adoption of his consent agreement, he shall complete six hours of approved continuing veterinary medical education (CE) in the area of surgery, in addition to the 30 hours of CE required by the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act, because Burleigh violated the Act in that he deviated from the standards of acceptable and prevailing veterinary medical practice. (03-20-08)

Stephanie Meyer, CVT, license no. VT002752, of Glenside, Montgomery County,

was assessed a \$350 civil penalty and ordered to complete 14 hours of Board-approved continuing education based on findings that she failed to complete at least 16 clock hours of continuing education in the 24 months preceding her application for certificate renewal. On May 2, 2008 Meyer's license was suspended for failure to timely remit the civil penalty. (03-25-08)

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