

Pennsylvania DEPARTMENT OF STATE

STATE HEALTH LICENSING BOARDS DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS June 2007

Secretary of the Commonwealth Pedro A. Cortés and Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner of the Department's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, announced 57 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 (5 actions); Armstrong (1 action); Bedford (1 action); Berks (4 actions); Bucks (1 action); Butler (3 actions); Cambria (1 action); Chester (1 action); Cumberland (2 actions); Lackawanna (1 action); Lancaster (1 action); Montgomery (2 actions); Northumberland (2 actions); Philadelphia (1 action); Schuylkill (1 action); Westmoreland (2 actions); and York (1 action). Twenty-seven actions involved Pennsylvania licenses with out-of-state addresses.

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

Berks County

David A. Leader, license no. DC006256L of Mohrsville, Berks County, was assessed a \$1,200 civil penalty and ordered to submit proof of successful completion of 24 hours of approved continuing education within six months. Leader failed to provide proof of having completed at least 24 hours of continuing education in acceptable courses taken between Sept. 2, 2004 and Sept. 1, 2006. (05-24-07)

Butler County

Scott A. Grazier, license no. DC002737L of Butler, Butler County, was assessed a \$50 civil penalty and ordered to submit proof of successful completion of one hour of approved continuing education within six months. Grazier failed to provide proof of having completed at least 24 hours of continuing education in acceptable courses taken between Sept. 2, 2004 and Sept. 1, 2006. (05-24-07)

Craig S. Phillips, license no. DC-004388-L of Butler, Butler County, was assessed a \$600 civil penalty and ordered to submit proof of successful completion of 12 hours of board-approved continuing education within six months. Phillips failed to provide proof of having completed 24 hours of continuing education between Sept. 2, 2004 and Sept. 1, 2006. (05-24-07)

Chad E. Rosborough, license no. DC008778 of Cranberry Township, Butler County, was assessed a \$400 civil penalty and ordered to submit proof of successful completion of eight hours of approved continuing education within six months. Rosborough failed to provide proof of having completed 24 hours of continuing education between Sept. 2, 2004 and Sept. 1, 2006. (05-24-07)

Chester County

Eugene S. Serafim, license no. DC007284L of West Chester, Chester County, was assessed a \$150 civil penalty and ordered to submit proof of successful completion of three hours of approved continuing education credits within six months. Serafim failed to provide proof of completion of 24 hours of board-required continuing education credits. (05-24-07)

Northumberland County

Andrew L. Bieber, license no. DC008834 of Turbotville, Northumberland County, was assessed a \$600 civil penalty and ordered to submit proof of completion of 12 hours of board-approved continuing education within six months. Bieber failed to provide proof of having completed 24 hours of continuing education between Sept. 2, 2004 and Sept. 1, 2006. (05-24-07)

Schuylkill County

John E. Wolfgang, license no. DC007956L of Ashland, Schuylkill County, was assessed a \$50 civil penalty and ordered to submit proof of successful completion of one hour of board-approved continuing education within six months. Wolfgang failed to provide proof of having completed 24 hours of continuing education between Sept. 2, 2004 and Sept. 1, 2006. (05-24-07)

York County

Nadine A. Hays, license no. DC007041L of York, York County, was assessed a \$600 civil penalty and ordered to submit proof of completion of 12 hours of board-approved continuing education within six months. Hays failed to provide proof of having completed at least 24 hours of continuing education in acceptable courses taken between Sept. 2, 2004, and Sept. 1, 2006. (05-24-07)

Out of State

Alexander Nicholas Bohatiuk, license no. DC003923L of Bear, Del., was assessed a \$600 civil penalty and ordered to submit proof of successful completion of 12 credit hours of board-approved continuing education within six months. Bohatiuk failed to provide proof of completion of board-required continuing education courses. (05-24-07)

Michael W. Palumbo, Jr., license no. DC006801L, of Millville, N.J., was assessed a \$600 civil penalty and ordered to submit proof of successful completion of 12 hours of board-approved continuing education within six months. Palumbo failed to provide proof of having completed twenty-four hours of board-required continuing education credits. (05-24-07)

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Berks County

Mark Bradford Dewey, license no. DS028073L, of Morgantown, Berks County, was indefinitely suspended, assessed a \$4,500 civil penalty and ordered to make full restitution to nine patients. Dewey was unable to practice dentistry with reasonable skill and safety to patients; withdrew dental services for nine patients after the dentist-patient relationship had been established so that the patients were unable to obtain necessary dental care in a timely manner; failed to provide necessary dental care to nine patients; failed to provide for the disposition of patient records when he withdrew from practice or was otherwise incapacitated; and failed to provide an exact copy of two patients' dental records, including radiographs and orthodontic models, within 30 days of receipt of a written request. (05-04-07)

Montgomery County

Richard G. Cressman, license no. DS019014L of Eagleville, Montgomery County, agreed to the permanent voluntary surrender of his license. Cressman was unable to practice dentistry with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, drunkenness, or as a result of a mental or physical condition. (06-01-07)

Lisa Walden, license no. DH008168L, of Ambler, Montgomery County, was suspended for three months. Upon completion of the three month suspension, Walden shall be automatically subject to suspension of no less than three years, stayed immediately, in favor of no less than three years probation in the Disciplinary Monitoring Unit (DMU). Walden has been found guilty of a crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude and in that she is unable to practice as a dental hygienist with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of her mental condition. (06-01-07)

Out of State

Michael F. Ferchaw, III, license no. DS025864L, of Addison, N.Y., was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because his license was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of the State of New York. (05-04-07)

Vu Dinh Ngo, license no. DS030169L, of Springfield, Va., was revoked because his license was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of Virginia. (05-04-07)

Pascale Regine Chery, license no. DS035443 of Windermere, Fla., was assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty because Chery had disciplinary action imposed on her license to practice dentistry by the proper licensing authority of another state. (06-01-07)

Donald J. Kohl, license no. DS025493L, of Oxford, CT, was assessed a \$900 civil penalty, had a reprimand placed on his board record and must submit proof of successful completion of 12 hours of board-approved continuing education credits within six months. Kohl failed to complete and submit proof of completion of at least 30 credit hours of continuing education. (06-01-07)

Gregory L. Schultz, license no. DS017814L of Bath, N.Y. had his license suspended for no less than three years, retroactive to July 14, 2006, immediately stayed in favor of probation, subject to terms and conditions. Schultz violated a lawful disciplinary order of the board. (06-01-07)

Meera Thunga, license no. DS036310 of Mason, OH, had her license placed on probation, during such time as her license to practice dentistry in the State of Ohio is subject to all terms and conditions contained in the Consent Agreement between Meera Thunga and the Ohio State Dental Board. Thunga had disciplinary action imposed or consented to by the proper licensing authority of another state. (06-01-07)

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Allegheny County

Frank W. Bregar, license no. MD025300E, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was automatically suspended based on the fact that he pled guilty to two felony counts of acquiring and obtaining possession of controlled substances by misrepresentation in violation of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. (05-10-07)

Larkin R. Misplay, license no. YM006828L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was publicly reprimanded based on having been convicted of a misdemeanor relating to a health profession. (04-30-07)

Bedford County

Chris E. Schrum, license no. YM011414, of Bedford, Bedford County, was suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. Schrum is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol, or mental incompetence. (05-22-07)

Cumberland County

L. Alan Egleston, license no. MD014972E, of Camp Hill, Cumberland County, had his license indefinitely suspended for his conviction of a felony. (04-04-07)

Out of State

Samuel P. Fleisher, license no. YM010137, of McComb, Miss., formerly of York County, had his license to practice respiratory care indefinitely suspended until such time as he provides documentary evidence to submitting to a physical and mental examination verifying that he is fit to practice his profession safely. (02-28-07)

Wilfred Brown, license no. MD056049L, of Middlebury, CT, had his license reprimanded and was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty based on disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (04-16-07)

Peter J. Delenick, license no. MD023991E, of McLean, Va., had his license indefinitely suspended based on disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (04-17-07)

D. L. Narayana, of Flossmoor, Ill., was denied licensure to practice medicine and surgery based on Narayana having practiced medicine in a manner that departs from a quality standard of the practice. (04-18-07)

Robert Peter Heuermann, license no. MD015982E, of Hartselle, Ala., had his license indefinitely suspended and was assessed a \$500 civil penalty based on disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of Alabama. (04-30-07)

John L. Turner, license no. MD013068E, of Deptford, N.J., had his license indefinitely suspended for being unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness or addiction to drugs or alcohol. (05-01-07)

Robert James Close, of Greensboro, N.C., was granted licensure to practice respiratory care, with his license to be placed on probation until his North Carolina license is returned to unrestricted status. (05-10-07)

David Krasnopolsky, license no. MD038379E, of Lexington, Ky., had his license indefinitely suspended based on disciplinary action taken by the proper licensing authority of Kentucky. (05-11-07)

Mark Leon Grams, license no. MD070227L, of Ganado, Ariz., had his license reprimanded based on disciplinary action taken against his license to practice medicine by the proper licensing authority of another state. (05-14-07)

Angel R. Findlay, license no. YM011777, of Follansbee, W. Va., was assessed a \$500 civil penalty because Findlay practiced as a respiratory care provider from on or about May 20, 2005 until on or about Nov. 13, 2006, without a valid, current certificate. (05-22-07)

M.A. Jafarzadeh-Davani, license no. MD033997L, of Woodland Hills, Calif., permanently and voluntarily surrendered his license to practice medicine because Jafarzadeh-Davani failed to report to the board within 60 days of receiving notice of a complaint in a medical professional liability action filed against him. (05-22-07)

Conrad Kriklyn King, Jr., license no. MD038326L, of Newark, Del., had a public reprimand placed on his board record because he had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (05-22-07)

Alan Yale Newhoff, license no. MD006801E, of Phoenix, Ariz., had a public reprimand placed on his board record. Newhoff had disciplinary action taken against his license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (05-22-07)

Scott J. Realey, license no. YM003236L, of Mt. Ephraim, N.J., was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation. Realey was convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol and he was unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, addiction to drugs or alcohol ("impairment"). (05-22-07)

Nancy Ellyn Sanderson, license no. MD047672L, of Carthage, N.Y., was placed on two years' probation and had a public reprimand placed on her permanent board record. Limitations were placed on Sanderson's license and she shall not engage in the practice of emergency or urgent care medicine. Sanderson had disciplinary action taken against her license by the proper licensing authority of another state. (05-22-07)

Joel I. Wagman, license no. MD051924L, of Amherst, N.H., paid a \$1,000 civil penalty. Wagman's license to practice medicine was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (05-22-07)

BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

No disciplinary actions taken.

BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Philadelphia County

Leslie H. Meyerson, license no. OC000385L, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years because she is guilty of practicing occupational therapy while using or under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or another type of drug, chemical or material which impairs judgment or coordination, and practicing without reasonable skill and safety to patients due to a physical or mental condition which impairs judgment or coordination or addiction to alcohol, narcotics or another type of drug, chemical or material which impairs judgment or coordination. (05-18-07)

BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

Cumberland County

Steven E. Gwirtz, license no. OE005315P, of Carlisle, Cumberland County, was automatically suspended. Gwirtz was found guilty of the crime of obtaining a controlled substance by misrepresentation in violation of Title 21, U.S. Code Section 843(a)(3), 21 U.S.C. § 843(a)(3). (05-10-07)

Out of State

Louis Robert Fish, license no. OE008348P, of Watertown, N.Y., was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty for having failed to complete the required board-approved continuing education. (09-21-06)

BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

No disciplinary actions taken.

BOARD OF PHARMACY

Allegheny County

Cesare A. Banchieri, Jr., license no. RP022629L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was assessed a \$275 civil penalty and ordered to complete 5.5 hours of continuing education within six months. Banchieri failed to complete 30 hours of continuing education and provide information to document certification of compliance with continuing education requirements. (05-15-07)

Lawrence Howard Block, license no. RP027781L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty and ordered to complete 20 hours of continuing education within six months. Block failed to complete 30 hours of

continuing education and provide information to document certification of compliance with continuing education requirements. (05-15-07)

Armstrong County

Douglas J. Clark, license no. RP043311L, of Freeport, Armstrong County, had his license suspended for no less than three years for his conviction of a misdemeanor. (03-27-07)

Berks County

James S. Gannon, license no. RP038982L, of Mohrsville, Berks County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and ordered to complete two credit hours of board-approved continuing education in the subject of dispensing errors within six months. Gannon dispensed a drug that contained a higher concentration than what was ordered by a physician. (05-15-07)

Bucks County

Anna M. Wilton, license no. RP042005L, of Kintnersville, Bucks County, had a public reprimand placed on her permanent board record. Wilton had a license to practice pharmacy receive disciplinary action by the proper pharmacist licensing authority of another state. (05-15-07)

Lancaster County

Lancaster General Hospital Pharmacy, license no. HP418104L, of Lancaster, Lancaster County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because it misbranded a drug and dispensed or delivered a misbranded drug. (05-15-07)

Northumberland County

Medicap Pharmacy, license no. PP415493L, of Sunbury, Northumberland County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty because it sold a drug that was misbranded. (05-15-07)

Westmoreland County

Philip Aaron Pochinsky, license no. RP027700L, of Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County, was indefinitely suspended for no less than four years; his license shall be actively suspended for one year, after which he shall automatically be placed in the Disciplinary Monitoring Unit of Professional Health Monitoring Program (PHMP) for no less than three years. Upon admission into the DMU, Pochinsky's suspension shall be immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation, subject to terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Agreement. Pochinsky is unable to practice because of intemperance in the use of any other substance which impairs the intellect and judgment to such an extent as to impair the performance of professional duties. (05-15-07)

Raniers Compounding Laboratory, license no. PP415594L, of Jeannette, Westmoreland County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty because it allowed pharmacy technicians to have access to Schedule II controlled substances or

work in an area where open containers of Schedule II controlled substances are shelved or stored. (05-15-07)

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Cambria County

Sarah E. Hazlett, license no. PT-017128, of Johnstown, Cambria County, had a public reprimand placed on her 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. (05-17-07)

Out of State

Marsha M. Meyer, license no. PT-009621-L, of Columbia, Md., agreed to a permanent, voluntary surrender of her license to practice. Meyer had a license 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. (05-17-07)

BOARD OF PODIATRY

Berks County

Stuart F. Deitcher, license no. SC003087L, of Reading, Berks County, was suspended for at least five years, with a minimum of two years active suspension, retroactive to Nov. 22, 2006. After two years of active suspension, Deitcher must demonstrate at least two years of continuous recovery at a formal hearing and petition the board requesting a stay of suspension time remaining in favor of probation contingent upon satisfactory evaluation and assessment by the Professional Health Monitoring Program (PHMP) demonstrating he can safely practice as a podiatrist; satisfactory periodic and random observed monthly drug and alcohol testing; continued counseling, and support group attendance. Deitcher committed gross incompetency, gross immorality, negligence or misconduct in carrying on the profession, and engaged in unethical conduct in that Deitcher acted in such a manner as to present an immediate and clear danger to public safety. (04-11-07)

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

Allegheny County

Stephen Paul Schachner, license no. PS002053L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was formally reprimanded, paid a \$7,000 civil penalty and agreed to complete an in-class graduate level course in ethics and an in-class three-hour continuing education course on child custody within 12 months. Schachner failed to comply with the American Psychological Association (APA) Guidelines for Child Custody Evaluations as well as the APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct and engaged in unprofessional conduct in the practice of psychology. (05-22-07)

Lackawanna County

Gerald A. Solfanelli, license no. PS006879L, of Dunmore, Lackawanna County, was assessed a \$3,000 civil penalty because he made misleading, deceptive, untrue or fraudulent representations in the practice of psychology; committed immoral or unprofessional conduct; and failed to conform to and deviated from prevailing community standards regarding a psychologist's behavior. (05-22-07)

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

Out of State

Carol Kleinman-Ewing, license no. BV006841L, of Baltimore, Md., was reprimanded and assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty based on findings that she practiced while her license was lapsed. (05-10-07)

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A complete list of sanctions is available online at www.state.pa.us
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