

DISCIPLINARY ACTION REPORT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-114 requires the Tennessee Department of Health to issue a monthly media release listing all disciplinary actions taken by the health-related boards during the prior month. Below is a list of actions taken in **March of 2023**. *Detailed information about disciplinary actions is available on our website at <https://apps.health.tn.gov/Licensure/default.aspx>. Enter the name of the person. When the license information comes up, click either "disciplinary action" or "adverse licensure action" in the right column. Abuse Registry information is available on our website at <https://apps.health.tn.gov/AbuseRegistry/default.aspx>. Facility information is available on our website at <https://apps.health.tn.gov/facilityListings/>*

BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Licensee: Bates, Jeffrey, Paramedic License 22011, Clarksville
Violation: Abandoning or neglecting a patient requiring emergency care, following assumption of duty; Performing or attempting emergency care techniques or procedures without proper permission, license, certification, training, medical direction, or otherwise engaging in unethical practices or conduct;
Action: 60-day Suspension; 3-year Probation; PHTLS Course within 90 days; & 4-Hour Ethics within 1-year. If courses are not completed by prescribed time – Suspension until proof of completion is submitted.

Licensee: Dotson, Lynn, EMT License 215150, Memphis
Violation: Habitual intoxication or personal misuse of any drugs or the use of intoxicating liquors, narcotics, controlled substances, controlled substance analogues or other drugs or stimulants in such manner as to adversely affect the delivery, performance or activities in the care of the patients requiring medical care.
Action: TnPAP; Suspension of license until Respondent submits to TnPAP evaluation, and results are sent to the EMS Office, thereafter probation for 3-years. If a monitoring agreement is required by TnPAP, non-compliance will result in immediate suspension.

Licensee: Masiongale, Chris, Paramedic License 11902, Byrdstown
Violation: Performing or attempting emergency care techniques or procedures without proper permission, license certification, training, medical direction, or otherwise engaging in unethical practices or conduct; Engaging in acts of dishonesty which relate to the practice of emergency medical care.
Assisting persons to perform functions contrary to this part or rules and regulations of the board;

Delegating, assisting, or advising a person to perform professional responsibilities or procedures when the licensee knows, or has reason to know, that such person is not qualified by training, experience, or license to perform such procedures.

Action: Probation of Respondent's INSTRUCTOR/COORDINATOR license number for three (3) years; Letter or Warning; 4-Hour Ethics course; eight (8) hours of SAFE IV TECHNIQUE courses, as approved by the Division within one (1) year from the ratification of this Order. Failure to submit proof of completion of the aforementioned courses within one (1) year will result in a SUSPENSION of Respondent's license until proof of completion is submitted to the Division.

Licensee: McMinn, Holland, EMT License 214662, Eads

Violation: Habitual intoxication or personal misuse of any drugs or the use of intoxicating liquors, narcotics, controlled substances, controlled substance analogues or other drugs or stimulants in such manner as to adversely affect the delivery, performance or activities in the care of the patients requiring medical care.

Action: TnPAP; Suspension of license until Respondent submits to TnPAP evaluation, and results are sent to the EMS Office, thereafter probation for 3-years. If a monitoring agreement is required by TnPAP, non-compliance will result in immediate suspension.

Licensee: Morken, Steven, Paramedic License 41151, Fleming Island, FL

Violation: Violation or attempted violation or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any of the following: Any provision of this part; Any rule or regulation of the board; Assigning persons to perform functions contrary to this part or rules and regulations of the board; Gross health care liability or negligence, or a pattern of continued or repeated health care liability, ignorance, negligence, or incompetence in the provision of emergency care; Failing to take appropriate action in safeguarding the patient from incompetent health care practices of emergency medical services personnel; Delegating, assisting, or advising a person to perform professional responsibilities or procedures when the licensee knows, or has reason to know, that such person is not qualified by training, experience, or license to perform such procedures

Action: Probation for a period of one (1) year; Paramedic Refresher Course, within one (1) year of ratification of this order; four (4) hour Ethics Course within one (1) year of ratification of this Order. If Respondent fails to submit completion of the above requirements to the EMS Division within one (1) year, Respondent's Paramedic will be suspended until Respondent submits proof.

BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND LICENSE PASTORAL THERAPISTS

Licensee: Garren Carter, LPC/MHSP 2875, Gallatin

Violation: Engaging in professional misconduct, unethical or unprofessional conduct, including but not limited to, willful acts, negligence, and conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public or engaged in such conduct; and sexual misconduct

Action: License voluntarily surrendered; assessed civil penalties in the amount of \$4,000.00; plus costs not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Licensee: Mary Fleming, LPC/MHSP 3165, Memphis

Violation: Engaging in professional misconduct, unethical or unprofessional conduct, including but not limited to, willful acts, negligence, and conduct likely to

deceive, defraud, or harm the public or engaged in such conduct; and working on an expired license
Action: License reprimanded; assessed civil penalties in the amount of \$1,200.00; plus costs not to exceed \$500.00

Licensee: Carla Martin, LPC/MHSP 2176, Manchester
Violation: Engaging in professional misconduct, unethical or unprofessional conduct, including but not limited to, willful acts, negligence, and conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public or engaged in such conduct; and practicing beyond scope of practice

Action: License placed on probation for no less than twelve months; must obtain continuing education hours; assessed civil penalties in the amount of \$1,000.00; plus costs not to exceed \$1,500.00.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Licensee: Latania Akers-White, MD 60803, Richmond, Virginia
Violation: Disciplinary action against a person licensed to practice medicine by another state or territory of the United States for any acts or omissions that would constitute grounds for discipline of a person licensed in this state.

Action: License reprimanded; assessed civil penalty in the amount of \$550.00; plus costs not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Licensee: Karen A. Armour, MD 20825, Covington
Violation: Guilty of unprofessional, dishonorable, or unethical conduct; and violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter or, any lawful order of the board issued pursuant thereto or any criminal statute of this state
Action: License reprimanded; must complete Intensive Course in Medical Documentation offered at Case Western; must complete Prescribing Controlled Drugs: Critical Issues and Common Pitfalls offered by Vanderbilt; shall not prescribe opioids for a period of at least six months; assessed civil penalties in the amount of \$6,000.00; plus costs not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Licensee: Kenneth E. Bartholomew, MD 15080, Hendersonville
Violation: Engaging in the practice of medicine when mentally or physically unable to safely do so.

Action: License voluntarily retired; must obtain competency evaluation or fitness for practice evaluation through Vanderbilt Comprehensive Assessment Program prior to reinstatement; plus costs not to exceed \$2,500.00

Licensee: D'Livro L. Beauchamp, MD 60657, Montgomery, Alabama
Violation: Conviction of a state or federal offense that involves a controlled substance violation or sexual offense.

Action: License revoked.

Licensee: Sara Beth Bush, MD 48941, Pulaski

- Violation: Failure to undertake adequate safeguards and security measures to ensure against loss, improper destruction, theft, or unauthorized use of the tamper-resistant prescriptions in the prescriber's possession.
- Action: License reprimanded; shall not prescribe opioids for at least six months; must complete Prescribing Controlled Drugs course offered at Vanderbilt; assessed civil penalty in the amount of \$6,100.00; plus costs not to exceed \$2,000.00.
- Licensee: Benny A. Gardner, MD 17712, Columbia
- Violation: Guilty of unprofessional, dishonorable, or unethical conduct; to wit: gross health care liability in the course of medical practice.
- Action: License reprimanded; must obtain continuing education hours; assessed civil penalty in the amount of \$750.00; plus costs not to exceed \$3,000.00.
- Licensee: Jason Herndon, MD 55997, Mount Juliet
- Violation: Failure to be on-site as medical director of a pain management clinic at least 20% of the clinic's weekly operating hours.
- Action: License reprimanded; assessed civil penalties in the amount of \$7,500.00; plus costs not to exceed \$5,000.00.
- Licensee: Joseph A. Motto, MD 14144, Hixson
- Violation: During an inspection of the Respondent's clinic in January 2021, it was discovered that the cleaning, disinfection, and sterilization practices at the clinic were inadequate in preventing the transmission of infectious agents during patient care.
- Action: License reprimanded; must obtain an infection preventionist prior to treating patients at a practice; must obtain continuing education hours; assessed civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00; plus costs not to exceed \$7,000.00
- Licensee: Mark A. Murphy, MD 22069, Lewisburg
- Violation: Conviction of a state or federal offense that involves a controlled substance violation or sexual offense.
- Action: License revoked.
- Licensee: Joseph David Netterville, MD 17219, Nashville
- Violation: Guilty of unprofessional, dishonorable, or unethical conduct; and habitual intoxication or personal misuse of any drugs or the use of intoxicating liquors, narcotics, controlled substances, controlled substance analogues, or other drugs or stimulants in such manner as to adversely affect the person's ability to practice medicine.
- Action: License reprimanded; must submit quarterly TMF reports; assessed civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00; plus costs in the amount of \$25,000.00.
- Licensee: Keith Lou Anthony Perkins Jr, MD 46862, Selmer
- Violation: Guilty of unprofessional, dishonorable, or unethical conduct; and violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter or, any lawful order of the board issued pursuant thereto or any criminal statute of this state; gross health care liability or a pattern of continued or repeated health care liability, ignorance, negligence, or incompetence in the course of medical practice; dispensing, prescribing or otherwise distributing any controlled

substance or any other drug not in the course of professional practice, or not in good faith to relieve pain and suffering, or not to cure an ailment, physical infirmity or disease, or in amounts and/or for durations not medically necessary, advisable, or justified for a diagnosed condition; as a component of the standard of care and of minimal competency and physician must cause to be created and cause to be maintained a medical record for every patient for whom he or she and or any of his or her professionally licensed supervisees, performs services or provides professional consultation; and supervising physician shall have experience and/or expertise in the same area of medicine as the certified nurse practitioner.

Action: License placed on probation for three years; is prohibited for supervising mid-levels; must complete Prescribing Controlled Drugs course offered by Vanderbilt; must obtain continuing education hours; assessed civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00; plus costs not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Licensee: Farhaad Riyaz, MD 62244, Northville, Michigan

Violation: Guilty of unprofessional, dishonorable, or unethical conduct; conviction of a felony, conviction of any offense under state or federal laws relative to drugs or the practice of medicine, conviction of any offense involving moral turpitude; and engaging in the practice of medicine when mentally or physically unable to safely do so.

Action: License reprimanded and placed on probation; probation stayed until license granted through traditional license process; prior to reinstatement, must provide proof of compliance with criminal case terms; receive a safe to practice from treating physician; once on probation will remain so for no less than two years and to run concurrent with TMF monitoring; plus costs not to exceed \$800.00.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS' POLYSOMNOGRAPHY PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Licensee: Mary Delois Jones, PSPG 306, Lamar, Mississippi

Violation: Practicing on an expired license

Action: License reprimanded; plus costs not to exceed \$500.00

Licensee: Jessica Diann Richardson, PSPG 844, Mount Juliet

Violation: Practicing on expired license

Action: Agreed Citation: assessed civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00

BOARD OF NURSING

Licensee: Britney Petway, APRN 15852 RN 166341, Jackson

Violation: Conviction of a state or federal offense that involves a controlled substance violation or sexual offense.

Action: License revoked.

BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINSTRATORS

Licensee: David Warren Gaither, NHA 1923, McMinnville

Violation: Failed to complete eighteen hours of continuing education for calendar years 2018 and 2019.
Action: Must obtain missing continuing education hours; assessed civil penalty in the amount of \$200.00; plus costs not to exceed \$2,000.00.

BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS

Licensee: Cody William Davis, DO 1734, Brentwood
Violation: Has violated the August 2011 Agreed Order by failing to maintain lifetime advocacy with the Tennessee Medical Foundation.
Action: License permanently revoked; assessed civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00.

BOARD OF PHARMACY

Licensee: Ronnie Danner, Pharmacist 25194, Johnson City
Violation: Guilty of dishonorable, immoral, unethical, or unprofessional conduct; and theft
Action: License placed on probation for one year.

Licensee: Brian S. George, Pharmacist 41738, Gracey, Kentucky
Violation: Engaged in conduct prohibited or made unlawful by any of the provisions of parts of this chapter or any other laws of the state or of the United States relating to drugs or to the practice of pharmacy; Been guilty of dishonorable, immoral, unethical or unprofessional conduct; and failed to comply with a lawful order or duly promulgated rule of the Board.
Action: License suspended with terms

Licensee: Carrie Little, Pharmacy Tech 32169, Memphis
Violation: Been guilty of dishonorable, immoral, unethical or unprofessional conduct.
Action: License revoked

Licensee: Moore Pharmacy, Inc., Pharmacy 5843, Columbia
Violation: Engaged in conduct prohibited or made unlawful by any of the provisions of parts 2-5 of this chapter or any other laws of the state or of the United States relating to drugs or to the practice of pharmacy; guilty of dishonorable, immoral, unethical or unprofessional conduct; and failed to comply with a lawful order or duly promulgated rule of the board.
Action: License placed on probation with terms for no less than one year; assessed civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00; plus costs not to exceed \$1,000.00

Licensee: Terry Moore, Pharmacist 4433, Columbia
Violation: Engaged in conduct prohibited or made unlawful by any of the provisions of parts 2-5 of this chapter or any other laws of the state or of the United States relating to drugs or to the practice of pharmacy; guilty of dishonorable, immoral, unethical or unprofessional conduct; and failed to comply with a lawful order or duly promulgated rule of the board.
Action: License placed on probation with terms for no less than one year; assessed civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00; plus costs not to exceed \$1,000.00

Licensee: Victoria Newell, Pharmacy Technician 77653, Crossville

- Violation: Engaged in conduct prohibited or made unlawful by any of the provisions of parts of this chapter or any other laws of the state or of the United States relating to drugs or to the practice of pharmacy; Been guilty of dishonorable, immoral, unethical or unprofessional conduct; and failed to comply with a lawful order or duly promulgated rule of the Board.
- Action: License revoked
- Licensee: Tritia M. Townsend, Pharmacist 13268, Memphis
- Violation: Engaged in conduct prohibited or made unlawful by any of the provisions of parts of this chapter or any other laws of the state or of the United States relating to drugs or to the practice of pharmacy; Been guilty of dishonorable, immoral, unethical or unprofessional conduct; and failed to comply with a lawful order or duly promulgated rule of the Board.
- Action: License reprimanded; assessed civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00
- Licensee: Willoughby Drugs, Pharmacy 1254, Clifton
- Violation: Engaged in conduct prohibited or made unlawful by any of the provisions of parts 2-5 of this chapter or any other laws of the state or of the United States relating to drugs or to the practice of pharmacy; Been guilty of dishonorable, immoral, unethical, or unprofessional conduct.
- Action: Civil Penalties of \$150.00.
- Licensee: Joshua Doty Wilson, Pharmacy Tech 47733, Nashville
- Violation: Guilty of dishonorable, immoral, unethical, or unprofessional conduct
- Action: Conditional reinstatement granted; license placed on probation for no less than two years; shall refrain from holding any ownership interest in a licensed pharmacy while on probation.

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINERS

- Licensee: David Anthony Rankin, S.P.E., Lic. No 11126, Nashville
- Violation: Unprofessional, dishonorable, or unethical conduct; gross health care liability or a pattern of continued or repeated health care liability, ignorance, negligence, or incompetence in the course of practice.
- Action: Respondent's license was placed on probation for two years. Respondent must complete education regarding private practice and risk management. Respondent was assessed \$1,000 in civil penalties and ordered to pay costs.
- Licensee: Amy Monn, Ph.D., Lic. No 3541, Nashville
- Violation: Respondent worked on an expired license for twelve months.
- Action: Respondent's license was reprimanded. She was assessed \$1,000 in civil penalties and ordered to pay costs.