



**Pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**STATE HEALTH LICENSING BOARDS
DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS
November 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 that 38 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 (2 actions); Beaver (1 action); Bucks (1 action); Butler (1 action); Chester (1 action); Clarion (1 action); Columbia (1 action); Dauphin (2 actions); Delaware (1 action); Fayette (1 action); Lancaster (3 actions); Lehigh (2 actions); Montgomery (4 actions); Philadelphia (3 actions); Washington (1 action); Westmoreland (1 action); and York (2 actions). Nine actions involved licensees with out-of-state addresses.

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

No disciplinary actions taken.

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Butler County

William P. Terasavage, license no. DS025805L of Butler, Butler County, was reprimanded and assessed a \$2,900 civil penalty for practicing dentistry while his license was lapsed. (10-26-07)

Clarion County

Lisa A. Tovcimak, license no. DH011454L of Knox, Clarion County, was assessed a \$300 civil penalty, reprimanded and must complete six hours of approved continuing education credits for failing to submit proof of completion of at least 20 credit hours of continuing education in acceptable courses of which no more than 50 percent of the required courses were obtained through individual study. (10-26-07)

Columbia County

Emily J. Ruckle, license no. DH003345L of Bloomsburg, Columbia County, was assessed a \$350 civil penalty and must complete seven hours of approved continuing education credits for failing to complete and submit proof of completion of at least 20 credit hours of continuing education in approved courses of which no more than 50 percent of the courses were obtained through individual study. (10-26-07)

Lancaster County

Raymond H. Adams, license no. DS020940L of Lancaster, Lancaster County, was assessed a \$3,900 civil penalty for practicing dentistry on an expired license from April 1, 2003, through June 30, 2006. (10-26-07)

Montgomery County

Michelle D. McKeever, license no. DH011030L of Abington, Montgomery County, was assessed a \$250 civil penalty must complete five hours of approved continuing education credits for failing to submit proof of completion of at least 20 credit hours of continuing education in acceptable courses of which no more than 50 percent of the required courses were obtained through individual study. (10-26-07)

Philadelphia County

Annette McFadden, license no. DFT002917, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty for practicing as an expanded function dental assistant without being certified. (10-26-07)

Out of State

Don K. Roberts, license no. DS029167L, of Rockville, Md., was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because Roberts' license was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-26-07)

Robert A. Fisher, license no. DS024641L, of Williamsburg, Va., was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and must complete 15 hours of approved lecture or clinical presentations continuing education credits for failing to complete and submit proof of completion of at least 30 credit hours of continuing education in approved courses of which no more than 50 percent of the courses were obtained through individual study. (10-26-07)

Orlando L. Rosa, license no. DS028162L of Condado, P.R., has voluntarily surrendered his license because Rosa failed to complete at least 30 credit hours of continuing education during the April 1, 2003, to March 31, 2005, biennial period in acceptable courses obtained through approved program sponsors with no more than 50 percent of the credits obtained through individual study. (10-26-07)

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Allegheny County

Aldino L. Pierotti, license no. MD053983L, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was assessed a \$10,000 civil penalty, was suspended for one year, 15 days active and the remaining 11 ½ months stayed in favor of probation, and must complete six hours of continuing education by Dec. 31, 2007. Pierotti made misleading, deceptive or fraudulent representations in the practice of the profession. (07-01-07)

Dauphin County

Hemant H. Shah, license no. MT185142, of Hershey, Dauphin County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty for practicing as a graduate medical trainee when he was not currently licensed. (10-23-07)

Fayette County

Rebecca L. Mutich, license no. YM002830L, of Belle Vernon, Fayette County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty for practicing as a respiratory care practitioner when she was not currently licensed. (10-23-07)

Lancaster County

Dan Duryea, unlicensed, of Lancaster, Lancaster County, was assessed a \$2,000 civil penalty and ordered to cease and desist from using titles "Dr.", "Dr. Dan Duryea," or "doctor," verbally, in his literature or in any advertisements because Duryea does not hold a license as a medical doctor and is not exempted from the requirement of licensure. (10-23-07)

Montgomery County

Lee G. Dante, license no. MD014206E, of Merion Station, Montgomery County, was suspended for three years, retroactive to Jan. 25, 2006. The suspension was immediately stayed in favor of probation, because Dante had a license or other authorization to practice 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. Dante failed to report disciplinary action institution against him by a licensing authority of another state, territory or possession of the United States, another country or a branch of the federal government within 60 days after its occurrence. (10-23-07)

Out of State

Emily L. Cooper, license no. MD045918L, of Seattle, Wash., was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty because Cooper had a license or other authorization to practice the profession disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-23-07)

Charles A. Corley, license no. MD060575L, of Fleetwood, N.C., voluntarily surrendered his license while his criminal case is pending in the State of Georgia because Corley has been charged with child molestation, enticing a child, and sexual battery of a minor. (10-23-07)

Savtanter S. Dillon, license no. MD419876, of Falls Church, Va., was reprimanded for having disciplinary action imposed by a proper licensing authority of another state. (10-23-07)

Jaime Chung Lim, license no. MD039309L, of Wichita Falls, Texas, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and suspended for two years, immediately stayed in favor of probation, because his license was disciplined by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-23-07)

Raymond M. Shapiro, license no. MD042741L, of Gaithersburg, Md., was reprimanded because Shapiro received other disciplinary action by the licensing authority of another state. (10-23-07)

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

Emilio J. Caucci, license no. OS005067L, of Bristol, Bucks County, was assessed a \$500 civil penalty and was indefinitely suspended for no less than three years, immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years of probation, because Caucci had his license disciplined by the licensing authority of another state and failed to report to the board within 60 days of the occurrence of the disciplinary action taken against him by the proper health care licensing authority of another state. (10-10-07)

Montgomery County

Steven K. Allen, license no. OS004114L of Huntingdon Valley, Montgomery County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty for having disciplinary action taken by the proper licensing authority of another state against his license. (10-10-07)

York County

David M. Yakacki, license no. OS003777L, of Shrewsbury, York County, had his license indefinitely suspended because Yakacki is unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of impairment. (10-10-07)

Out of State

Richard Smayda, license no. OS009859L, of East Harwich, Mass., was placed on probation until all terms, conditions and limitations placed on his license in Massachusetts have been removed. Smayda had disciplinary action taken against his license to practice by the proper licensing authority of another state. (10-10-07)

BOARD OF PHARMACY

Dauphin County

Leon Chow, license no. RP439778, of Hummelstown, Dauphin County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty and must complete two hours of continuing education in the subject of dispensing errors within six months. Chow dispensed a drug that contained a higher concentration than what was prescribed by a physician. (10-16-07)

Lancaster County

K-Mart of PA, LP #3810, license no. PP414488L, of Lancaster County, was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty for misbranding a drug and dispensing a misbranded drug. (10-16-07)

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Montgomery County

Dennis Lasorda, license no. PT003661L, of Norristown, Montgomery County, was temporarily suspended for no more than 180 days on the grounds that his continued practice makes him an immediate and clear danger to the public health and safety. Lasorda last practiced in Norristown, Montgomery County. (10-30-07)

BOARD OF PODIATRY

Bradford County

Brian J. Halton, license no. SC005920, of Sayre, Bradford County, voluntarily surrendered his license because Halton he engaged in misconduct, engaged in unethical conduct and acted in such a manner as to present an immediate and clear danger to public health and safety. (10-17-07)

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

Philadelphia County

Linda A. Petti, license no. PS003471L, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed a \$400 civil penalty and must complete her nine hours of continuing education required for the Dec. 1, 2003, through Nov. 30, 2005, biennial reporting period because Petti failed to complete the required 30 hours of acceptable continuing education credits for this applicable renewal period. (10-16-07)

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

Allegheny County

Linda W. Fisher, license no. CW013882, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, was assessed a \$350 civil penalty and must complete seven hours of continuing education because she failed to complete 30 clock hours of continuing education in acceptable courses and provide information to document certification of compliance with continuing education requirements. (10-09-07)

Beaver County

Kelli J. Libert, license no. CW014897, of Beaver Falls, Beaver County, was assessed a \$812.50 civil penalty and must complete 16.25 hours of continuing education credits necessary to meet the requirements for the March 1, 2005, to Feb. 28, 2007, biennial reporting period because she failed to complete 30 hours of continuing education and provide information to document certification of compliance with continuing education requirements. (10-9-07)

Delaware County

Judith M. Donnelly, license no. SW006244L, of Media, Delaware County, agreed to a voluntary, indefinite suspension 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. (10-09-07)

Philadelphia County

Gregory J. Hastings, license no. SW123062, of Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, was assessed a \$700 civil penalty and must complete 14 hours of continuing education credits necessary to meet the requirements for the March 1, 2005, to Feb. 28, 2007, biennial reporting period within six months because he failed to complete 30 hours of continuing education and provide information to document certification of compliance with continuing education requirements. (10-09-07)

Washington County

Suzanne Berggren, license no. SW007692L, of Washington, Washington County, was assessed a \$625 civil penalty and must complete 6.5 hours of continuing education credits necessary to meet the requirements for the March 1, 2005, to Feb. 28, 2007, biennial reporting period because she failed to complete 30 hours of continuing education and provide document certification of compliance with continuing education requirements. (10-09-07)

Westmoreland County

Brooke Magill, license no. PC002994, of Youngwood, Westmoreland County, was indefinitely suspended for a minimum period of one year because Magill violated a lawful order issued by the board in a disciplinary proceeding. (10-09-07)

York County

Rebecca DePaulis, license no. SW124620, of York Springs, York County, voluntarily surrendered her license until such time she can show to the satisfaction of the board that she can safely and competently practice social work because DePaulis was unable to practice social work with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness. (10-09-07)

BOARD OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING

No disciplinary actions taken.

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Chester County

Frederick V. Von Esse, license no. BV009190L of Valley Forge, Chester County, was assessed a \$100 civil penalty and must complete two hours of continuing education credits for the period Dec. 1, 2005, through Nov. 30, 2006, because Von Esse failed to complete 30 hours of continuing education as required. (10-11-07)

Lehigh County

David J. Ferrari, license no. BV005761L, of Orefield, Lehigh County, was assessed a \$250 civil penalty and must correct future advertisements in yellow pages because Ferrari placed, or caused to be placed, advertising for emergency veterinary services at the Valley Central Emergency Veterinary Hospital in the yellow pages, but failed to list whether a veterinarian was on the premises or on call and to disclose specific limitations such as specific type animals, etc., when advertising emergency services. (10-12-07)

Eileen Mera, license no. BV006029L, of Orefield, Lehigh County, was assessed a \$250 civil penalty and must correct future advertisements in yellow pages because Ferrari placed, or caused to be placed, advertising for emergency veterinary services at the Valley Central Emergency Veterinary Hospital in the yellow pages, but failed to list whether a veterinarian was on the premises or on call and to disclose specific limitations such as specific type animals, etc., when advertising emergency services. (10-12-07)

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