

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTION REPORT**

EDITORS: Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-114 requires the Department of Health to issue a monthly press release listing all disciplinary actions taken by the health related boards during the prior month. Below is a list of actions taken during the month of April, 2006. *Detailed information about disciplinary actions is available on our web site at [www.tennessee.gov/health](http://www.tennessee.gov/health). Click on "License Verification" and enter the name of the person. When the license information comes up, click on "disciplinary action" and then "view board order."*

### **BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES**

Licensee: Linda Gemayel, Audiologist, Kingsport, TN  
Violation: Violation of statutes  
Action: Reprimanded, must attend additional continuing education

### **BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

Licensee: Stephen Kaufman, DDS, Hendersonville, TN  
Violation: Unprofessional conduct  
Action: Reprimanded, must attend Professional Boundaries course; assessed case costs

### **COUNCIL FOR HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS**

Licensee: John Evans, HIS, Cordova, TN  
Violation: Unethical conduct  
Action: Reinstatement of License Denied

### **BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

Licensee: Michael Okumura, M.D., Knoxville, TN  
Violation: Unprofessional, dishonorable or unethical conduct; habitual intoxication or personal misuse of any drugs or the use of intoxicating liquors, narcotics, controlled substances or other drugs or stimulants in such manner as to adversely affect the person's ability to practice medicine  
Action: License issued on the condition that he maintain the Advocacy of the Tennessee Medical Foundation for five years

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Licensee: Cynthia Shearer, M.D., Nashville, TN  
Violation: Engaging in the practice of medicine when mentally or physically unable to safely do so; unprofessional, dishonorable, or unethical conduct; gross malpractice, or a pattern of continued or repeated malpractice, ignorance, negligence or incompetence in the course of medical practice  
Action: License Summarily Suspended

### **BOARD OF NURSING**

Licensee: Lori Dunnam, RN, Cosby, TN  
Violation: Addicted to alcohol or drugs to the degree of interfering with nursing duties  
Action: License Revoked

Licensee: Thomas E. Elliott, LPN  
Violation: Failed to comply with prior order  
Action: Request for Order Modification for reinstatement of his license denied

### **BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS**

Licensee: Robert H. Chatfield, DO, Swartz Creek, MI  
Violation: Out of State Action  
Action: Reprimanded; assessed case costs

### **BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

Licensee: Matthew Westerfield, DPM, Talbott, TN  
Violation: Unprofessional conduct; invasion of a field of practice in which the licensee is not licensed to practice or is not within the limits of the licensee's respective callings; dispensing, prescribing or otherwise distributing any controlled substance or any other drug not in the course of professional practice  
Action: License placed on Probation for one year; must attend prescribing course; assessed \$3,000 in civil penalties; and assessed case costs

### **BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

Licensee: David G. Bennett, DVM, Brush Creek, TN  
Violation: Operating a Veterinary Facility without a permit  
Action: Must cease and desist operation until permit is issued; assessed \$1,800 in civil penalties

Licensee: William Hezel, DVM, Memphis, TN  
Violation: Failed to comply with board order  
Action: Assessed additional case costs

Licensee: Larry Mangum, DVM, Morristown, TN  
Violation: Misrepresentation in or connected with the practice of veterinary medicine in any of its branches; unprofessional or unethical conduct, or engaging in practices in connection with

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the practice of veterinary medicine which are in violation of the standards of professional conduct; conduct reflecting unfavorably upon the profession of veterinary medicine; dispensing, prescribing, or otherwise distributing any controlled substance or any other drug not in the course of the accepted practice of veterinary medicine

Action: Reprimanded

Licensee: Denis B. Ryan, DVM, Knoxville, TN

Violation: Violation of the provisions of the Consumer Right to Know Act; unprofessional or unethical conduct; conduct reflecting unfavorably upon the profession of veterinary medicine; the willful making of any false statement as to material matter in any oath or affidavit that is required; medical records release violation

Action: License placed on Probation; must undergo an evaluation within 60 days

**BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Licensee: David Earl Nixon, First Responder, Westmoreland, TN

Violation: Violation of any criminal statute which involves moral turpitude or reflects upon the person's ability to fulfill such person's responsibilities

Action: License Revoked

**APRIL, 2006 ABUSE REGISTRY PLACEMENTS**

Individual: Clifford Bowen, Direct Care Staff, Clarksville, TN

Violation: Neglect

Action: Placed on Abuse Registry

Individual: Demetrius Cobbin, Direct Care Staff, Clarksville, TN

Violation: Misappropriation

Action: Placed on Abuse Registry

Individual: Stephanie Greer, Personal Assistant, Memphis, TN

Violation: Neglect

Action: Placed on Abuse Registry

Individual: Daniel Gregory, Support Staff, Cottontown, TN

Violation: Verbal Abuse

Action: Placed on Abuse Registry

Individual: Annie Harris, Personal Care Attendant, Memphis, TN

Violation: Physical Abuse

Action: Placed on Abuse Registry

Individual: Kelly Kitts, Nurse Aide, Knoxville, TN

Violation: Misappropriation

Action: Placed on Abuse Registry

CNA Revoked

Individual: Alyisa Layne, House Manager, Chattanooga, TN  
Violation: Physical Abuse  
Action: Placed on Abuse Registry

Individual: Jerico McClure, Direct Care Staff, Memphis, TN  
Violation: Verbal/Physical Abuse  
Action: Placed on Abuse Registry

Individual: Robert Newson, Direct Care, Franklin, TN  
Violation: Neglect  
Action: Placed on Abuse Registry

Individual: Bambi L. Thompson, Nurse Aide, Hermitage, TN  
Violation: Misappropriation  
Action: Placed on Abuse Registry  
CNA Revoked

Individual: Tammy Verble, Direct Care Staff, Cookeville, TN  
Violation: Neglect  
Action: Placed on Abuse Registry

Individual: Mark Allen Wright, Jr., Nurse Aide, Ashland City, TN  
Violation: Physical/Verbal Abuse  
Action: Placed on Abuse Registry  
CNA Revoked

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