

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 December, 2012. *Detailed information about disciplinary actions is available on our website at <http://health.state.tn.us/Licensure/index.htm>. Enter the name of the person. When the license information comes up, click either "disciplinary action" or "adverse licensure action" in the right column.*

BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Licensee: Chadron L. Bain, EMT., Savannah, Tenn.
Violation: Abandoning or neglecting a patient requiring emergency care, following assumption of duty; 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: License reprimanded

Licensee: Rebecca L. Hodge, EMT-IV, Bolivar, Tenn.
Violation: Making false statements or representations, being guilty of fraud or deceit in obtaining authorization; performing or attempting emergency care techniques or procedures without proper permission, license, certification, training, medical directions, or otherwise engaging in unethical practices and conduct; engaging in acts of dishonesty which relate to the practice of emergency medical care
Action: License suspended for one year; must meet certain terms and conditions

Licensee: Ryan M. Whitten, EMT-IV, Bartlett, Tenn.
Violation: Any criminal statute of any state or Canadian province, or of the United States or Canada which involves moral turpitude or reflects upon a person's ability to fulfill such person's responsibilities
Action: License suspended; must meet certain terms and conditions

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Licensee: Karen B. Reed, M.D., Fort Myers, Fl.
Violation: Failure to pay professional privilege taxes
Action: License revoked; must pay balance of professional privilege tax; assessed \$500 civil penalty, plus costs

BOARD OF NURSING

Licensee: Mary J. Butler, L.P.N., Clarksville, Tenn.
Violation: Failure to pay student loan
Action: License suspended

Licensee: Melody Cummings, L.P.N., Livingston, Tenn.
Violation: Guilty of crime

Action: License suspended; must meet certain terms and conditions

Licensee: Michelle K. Harrell, R.N., Tullahoma, Tenn.

Violation: Unprofessional conduct; failure to maintain a record of each patient which accurately reflects the nursing problems and interventions for the patient and/or failure to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the name and title of the nurse providing care; engaging in acts of dishonesty which relate to the practice of nursing

Action: License placed on probation for at least one year; must meet certain terms and conditions

Licensee: Rachel L. Hicks, L.P.N., Rockwood, Tenn.

Violation: Has violated or attempted to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisted in or abetted the violation of or conspired to violate any provision of this chapter or any lawful order of the board issued pursuant thereto

Action: License voluntarily surrendered/revoked

Licensee: Rachel G. (Hicks) Hilliard, L.P.N., Buena Vista, Tenn.

Violation: Has violated or attempted to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisted in or abetted the violation of or conspired to violate any provision of this chapter or any lawful order of the board issued pursuant thereto

Action: License revoked; assessed \$1,000 civil penalty, plus costs

Licensee: Chastity L. Kinkead, L.P.N., Kingsport, Tenn.

Violation: Guilty of a crime

Action: License revoked

Licensee: Teresa Randall, L.P.N., Crossville, Tenn.

Violation: Has violated or attempted to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisted in or abetted the violation of or conspired to violate any provision of this chapter or any lawful order of the board issued pursuant thereto

Action: License voluntarily surrendered/revoked

Licensee: Melissa A. Russell, R.N., Columbia, Tenn.

Violation: Failure to pay student loan

Action: License suspended

Licensee: Ginger W. Smith, R.N., Buffalo Valley, Tenn.

Violation: Unprofessional conduct; action taken by the state of California

Action: License voluntarily surrendered/revoked; assessed costs

Licensee: Christina L. Tester, L.P.N., Nashville, Tenn.

Violation: Failure to pay student loan

Action: License suspended

Licensee: Charles H. Tillett III, R.N., Maryville, Tenn.

Violation: Unprofessional conduct; being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, or under the influence of drugs which impair judgment while on duty in any health care facility, school, in situation or other work place location; making false or materially incorrect, inconsistent or unintelligible entries in any patient records or in the records of any health care facility, school, institution or other work place

location pertaining to obtaining, possessing or administration of any controlled substance as defined in the Federal Controlled Substances Act
 Action: License revoked; revocation stayed and license suspended; must meet certain terms and conditions

Licensee: Deborah Tropauer, R.N., Franklin, Tenn.

Violation: Unprofessional conduct; impersonating another licensed practitioner; engaging in acts of dishonesty which relate to the practice of nursing

Action: License voluntarily surrendered/revoked

Licensee: Elizabeth A. Walls, R.N., Elizabethton, Tenn.

Violation: Failure to pay student loan

Action: License suspended

Licensee: Karla Washington (Harrell), L.P.N., Memphis, Tenn.

Violation: Failure to pay student loan

Action: License suspended

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Licensee: Melissa R. Lovelady, P.T., Stevenson, Al.

Violation: Failed to pay student loan

Action: License suspended

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARITAL & FAMILY THERAPISTS, & CLINICAL PASTORAL THERAPISTS

Licensee: James R. Chatham, II, L.P.C., Burns, Tenn.

Violation: Inappropriate dual relationship with a client

Action: License reprimanded

Licensee: Kimberly D. Rodgers, L.P.C.,

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

Action: License voluntarily surrendered effective December 22, 2012

BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

Licensee: Laura M. Frazier, C.R.T., Gray, Tenn.

Violation: Failed to pay student loan

Action: License suspended

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Licensee: John C. Donaldson, D.V.M., Celina, Tenn.

Violation: Gross malpractice or a pattern of continued or repeated malpractice, ignorance, negligence or incompetence in the course of veterinary medical practice

Action: License reprimanded; must meet certain terms and conditions

Individual: Timothy Holton, Unlicensed, Tullahoma, Tenn.

Violation: Practicing without a license
Action: Assessed \$4,000 civil penalty, plus costs

Licensee: John P. Layne, D.V.M., Hendersonville, Tenn.
Violation: Failed to perform an appropriate history and physical exam; made a diagnosis based upon the history, physical examinations, and pertinent diagnostic and laboratory test; failed to maintain a record for each companion animal which accurately reflects the veterinary problems and interventions
Action: License reprimanded; assessed \$1,000 civil penalty

Licensee: Jeannette R. Lippy, D.V.M., Williston, Tenn.
Violation: Failed to have valid premises permit;
Action: Assessed \$500 civil penalty

Licensee: John A. Williams, C.A.E.T., Portland, Tenn.
Violation: Gross malpractice or a pattern of continued or repeated malpractice, ignorance, negligence or incompetence in the course of veterinary medical practice; a non livestock animal may not be left unattended between the time euthanasia procedures are first begun and the time that death occurs, nor may its body be disposed of until a qualified person confirms death; in violation of the Non-Livestock Animal Humane Death Act
Action: License voluntarily surrendered

ABUSE REGISTRY

None reported