

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 **September 2022**. *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 MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Licensee: Venkatachalam Ayyagari, M.D., Lic. No. 8772, Bartlett
Violation: The Respondent allowed a certified nursing assistant to perform treatment procedures without the proper training
Action: License reprimanded ordered to pay costs.

Licensee: Mary Baldwin, M.D., Lic. No. 19169, Dunlap
Violation: Engaging in the practice of medicine when mentally or physically unable to safely do so.
Action: License suspended

Licensee: Ira Keith Ellis, M.D., Lic. No. 38294, Jackson
Violation: The Respondent engaged in a romantic relationship with two resident physicians under his supervision in the family residency program at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center
Action: License was reprimanded. The Respondent was ordered to pay costs and attend course on ethics and boundaries. Respondent was also ordered to obtain TMF evaluation.

Licensee: Darin Louis Hale, M.D., Lic. No. 42724, Knoxville
Violation: The Respondent was the medical director of an unregistered medical spa for twenty-four months.
Action: License was reprimanded. The Respondent was assessed \$1,200 in civil penalties and ordered to pay costs.

Licensee: Matthew Samuel Katz, M.D., Lic. No. 56785, Nashville
Violation: Respondent prescribed opioids to six patients without notating the prescription in the medical records. The criminal court of Davidson County, Tennessee, entered Orders of Deferral (Judicial Diversion) on three counts relating to obtaining controlled substances by fraud. Respondent disputes the above facts conclusively support the grounds for discipline and the specific discipline set forth. However, he wanted to save the time and expense associated with litigating these issues

Action: License was placed on probation for three years. Respondent is restricted from prescribing Schedule II controlled substances for at least one year. If the prescribing restriction is lifted, Respondent must obtain practice monitoring. Respondent shall refrain from serving as a collaborating physician or a substitute collaborating physician to any advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, or pharmacist while his license is on probation. The Respondent must maintain the advocacy of the Tennessee Medical Foundation for at least three years. Further, the Respondent was required to take a medical documentation course, pay \$1,000 civil penalty, and costs.

Licensee: Loran Edward Karlosky, M.D., Lic. No. 45903, Jackson
Violation: Conviction of a state or federal offense that involves a controlled substance violation or sexual offense.

Action: License revoked.

Licensee: Carroll G. Odem, M.D., Lic. No. 24920, Canton, GA
Violation: 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 medical necessary, advisable or justified for a diagnosed condition; dispensing, prescribing or otherwise distributing to any person a controlled substance or other drug if such person is addicted to the habit of using controlled substances without making a bona fide effort to cure the habit of such patient; and dispensing, prescribing, or otherwise distributing any controlled substance, controlled substance analogue or other drug to any person in violation of any law of the state or of the United States.

Action: License reprimanded; prohibited from prescribing opioids for 6 months; prohibited from collaborating with APRNs or PAs for prescribing opioids for 6 months; after this 6-month period and showing proof that he has completed the required 2 courses, respondent may petition the Board to lift the restriction on prescribing opioids; must successfully complete within 90 days Vanderbilt's Prescribing Controlled Drugs or The Case Western Reserve's Intensive Course in Controlled Substance Prescribing; must successfully complete within 90 days The Case Western Reserve's Intensive Course in Medical Documentation or equivalent approved by the Board's Medical Director; must pay \$2,500 in civil penalties and costs not to exceed \$38,000.

Licensee: Nathan Eric Smith M.D., Lic. No. 61049, Corinth, MS
Violation: The Respondent allowed the hospital CEO to make the initial incision during a surgery. The hospital CEO did not have any formal medical training or education.

Action: License was reprimanded. The Respondent was ordered to pay costs and attend course on ethics and boundaries.

Licensee: Matthew Stone, M.D., Lic. No. 51754, Cookeville
Violation: The Respondent was the medical director of an unregistered medical spa for forty-eight months.

Action: License was reprimanded. The Respondent was assessed \$2,400 in civil penalties and ordered to pay costs.

BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Licensee: Harold Allen, Paramedic Lic. No. 23750, Crossville

Violation: Violation or attempted violation or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any of any provision, rule or regulation of the board; Failure to report patient care which accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of each patient; Abandoning or neglecting a patient requiring emergency care, following assumption of duty; Failing to take appropriate action in safeguarding the patient from incompetent health care practices of emergency medical services personnel.

Action: Probation for a period of one (1) year; Ethics training; Documentation training; Must submit proof of completion of all courses within one year of ratification of this Order.

Licensee: Ryan Thomas Barlow, AEMT Lic. No. 212780, Cookeville

Violation: Violation or attempted violation of any rule or regulation of the board; 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: Probation for a period of three (3) years; Ethics training; Must submit proof of completion of all courses within one year of ratification of this Order.

Licensee: William L. Boren, Paramedic Lic. No. 24655, Houston, MS

Violation: Violation or attempted violation of any rule or regulation of the board; Making false or materially incorrect or inconsistent entries in any patient records or in the records of any ambulance service, health care facility, school, institution or other work place location; Failure to report patient care which accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of each patient; 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.

Action: Probation for a period of three (3) years; Ethics training; Must submit proof of completion of all courses within one year of ratification of this Order.

Licensee: Michael Lee Chandler, Paramedic Lic. No. 209144, Centerville

Violation: Violation or attempted violation of any rule or regulation of the board; Failure to report patient care which accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of each patient.

Action: Probation for a period of three (3) years; Ethics training; Must submit proof of completion of all courses within one year of ratification of this Order.

Licensee: Aaron Alan Davis, AEMT Lic. No. 28270, Lascassas

Violation: Violation or attempted violation of any rule or regulation of the board; 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.

Action: Probation for a period of three (3) years; Ethics training; Must submit proof of completion of all courses within one year of ratification of this Order.

Licensee: Marshall Dockery, EMT, Lic. No. 212845, Knoxville

Violation: Violation or attempted violation of any rule or regulation of the board; 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: Revocation.

***Late entry from June 2022**

Licensee: David Clinton Fowlkes Jr., AEMT Lic. No. 32415, Dyersburg

Violation: Violation or attempted violation of any rule or regulation of the board; Making false or materially incorrect or inconsistent entries in any patient records or in the records of any ambulance service, health care facility, school, institution or other work place location; 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.

Action: Voluntary Surrender.

Licensee: Christopher Hutson, Paramedic Lic. No. 35776, Jamestown

Violation: Violation or attempted violation of any rule or regulation of the board; Making false or materially incorrect or inconsistent entries in any patient records or in the records of any ambulance service, health care facility, school, institution or other work place location; 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.

Action: Ninety (90) day suspension, which is stayed pending the completion of a sixteen (16) hours Ethics training within ninety (90) days from the ratification of the order.

Licensee: John Edward Johnson, EMT Lic. No. 21372, 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: Suspension, until Respondent undergoes an evaluation approved by the Tennessee Professional Assistance Program ("TnPAP"). Should the results of the TnPAP-approved evaluation recommend monitoring, then Respondent may sign a TnPAP monitoring agreement and obtain the advocacy of TnPAP. Upon receipt by the Division of notification from TnPAP that Respondent has signed a monitoring agreement prior to or during the period of suspension, the suspension shall be STAYED and the license shall be immediately placed on PROBATION.

The period of probation of Respondent's license shall run concurrent with his or her monitoring agreement with TnPAP, but in no event shall the period of probation be less than three (3) years from the date this ORDER is entered. Should Respondent's monitoring agreement with TnPAP be extended, the term of

probation of Respondent's license shall be extended to run concurrent with the new term of the TnPAP monitoring agreement.

Respondent's failure to maintain compliance with all of the terms of the monitoring agreement and the advocacy of TnPAP until the completion of the monitoring agreement and any amendments thereto will be a violation of probation and a violation of the order, and shall result in the immediate lifting of the stay of suspension of Respondent's license upon receipt by the Division of notification from TnPAP.

Upon receipt by the Division of notification from TnPAP that Respondent underwent a TnPAP-approved evaluation, but monitoring was not recommended, the suspension shall be immediately lifted, and the license shall be immediately placed on PROBATION for a period of no less than three (3) years from the date this ORDER is entered.

Licensee: James Matthew McNatt, AEMT, Lic. No. 210982, Millington

Violation: Violation or attempted violation of any rule or regulation of the board; Failure to report patient care which accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of each patient.

Action: Reprimand

Licensee: Eris Lee Pope, Paramedic Lic. No. 209442, Harrogate

Violation: Violation or attempted violation of any rule or regulation of the board; 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: Revocation.

Licensee: Jason J Ramirez, Paramedic Lic. No. 26616, Memphis

Violation: Violation or attempted violation of any rule or regulation of the board; 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: Voluntary Surrender.

BOARD OF NURSING

Licensee: Teresa Lea Free, LPN 84947, Townsend

Violation: Guilty of unprofessional conduct; to wit, failure to maintain a record for 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

Action: License placed on probation for no less than one year; must obtain continuing education hours; assessed civil penalties in the amount of \$200.00

***Late entry from August 2022**

BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS AND CLINICAL PASTORAL THERAPIST

Licensee: Candace Leanne Henry, L.M.F.T., Lic No 1921, Sevierville
Violation: Using fraud or deception in applying for a license or certificate or in taking an examination required by this part
Action: Civil penalty in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) to be paid prior to license issuance; Reprimand at license issuance.

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINERS

Licensee: Shemicka Renee Adams, LBA, Lic No 24, Nashville
Violation: The Respondent worked on an expired license for thirteen months
Action: License reprimanded. She was assessed \$1,100 in civil penalties and ordered to pay costs.

Licensee: Tracy McKee Agostin, Ph.D., Lic. No 1727, Cordova
Violation: Unprofessional, dishonorable, or unethical conduct
Action: License reprimanded; civil penalties in the amount of \$1,000 and costs up to \$5,000

Licensee: April Easterwood-Wilson, LBA, Lic No. 522, Cunningham
Violation: The Respondent worked with an expired Behavior Analyst Certification Board certification for eleven months
Action: License revoked. She was assessed \$1,100 in civil penalties and ordered to pay costs.

Licensee: Heather Hatcher-DeMith, CPA, Lic. No. 44, Antioch,
Violation: The Respondent worked on an expired license and without a supervisor for forty-five months.
Action: License reprimanded, with 2 years of probation and reporting requirements. She was assessed \$4,300 in civil penalties and ordered to pay costs and to complete 10 hours of continuing education.

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Licensee: Reid Groman, DVM Lic. No. 6852, Chattanooga
Violation: Failed to properly maintain sufficient continuing education credits
Action: Agreed Citation; submit documented proof of the completed continuing education hours within ninety (90) days; assessed civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500), plus ten (10) penalty hours of continuing education within ninety (90) days.

Late submission from December 2021

Licensee: Kate Miyoshi Ichikawa, L.V.M.T., Lic. No 7059, Murfreesboro
Violation: Practiced on a lapsed license.
Action: Agreed Citation; assessed civil penalty of three hundred dollars (\$300).

Licensee: Chelsea Paige Jones, L.V.M.T., Lic. No 1406, Murfreesboro
Violation: Failed to properly maintain sufficient continuing education credits
Action: Agreed Citation; submit documented proof of the completed continuing education hours within ninety (90) days; assessed civil penalty of six hundred dollars (\$600), plus twelve (12) penalty hours of continuing education within ninety (90) days.

Licensee: Alexandria Leach, DVM Lic. No. 5883, Maryville
Violation: Failed to properly maintain sufficient continuing education credits
Action: Agreed Citation; submit documented proof of the completed continuing education hours within ninety (90) days; assessed civil penalty of six hundred dollars (\$600), plus twelve (12) penalty hours of continuing education within ninety (90) days.

Late submission from April 2022

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Licensee: Edgar Oswaldo Ramos Camacho, RDA Lic. #21479, Antioch
Violation: Failed to properly maintain sufficient continuing education credits
Action: Agreed Citation; must provide proof of current CPR certification for the 2017-2018 cycle; assessed civil penalty of \$150.00

Late submission from July 2021

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS' COMMITTEE FOR ACUPUNCTURE

Licensee: Ning Wang, LAc Lic. #194 Nashville,
Violation: Practiced acupuncture on a lapsed acupuncture certificate; Failed to exercise proper care of a patient, including the exercising or attempting to exercise undue influence in the acupuncturist-patient relationship by making sexual advances or requests for sexual activity or making submission to such conduct a condition of treatment
Action: Probation for at least twelve (12) months; must submit ten (10) hours of continuing education in Ethics and Sexual boundaries; assessed civil penalty of \$750.00