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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 March 2004.

Detailed information about disciplinary actions is available on our web site at 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."

ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Licensee: Eric Dyer, AT, Savannah, GA
Violation: Practicing without a valid license
Action: Reprimanded

Licensee: Erica Roggie, AT, Milligan College, TN
Violation: Practicing without a valid license
Action: Reprimanded

BOARD OF MASSAGE LICENSURE

Licensee: Margaret G. Green, LMT, Hohenwald, TN
Violation: Practiced before license was issued
Action: Fined \$50.00

Licensee: Janice Thompson, LMT, Chattanooga, TN
Violation: Practiced in an Unlicensed Facility
Action: Assessed civil penalties in the amount of \$500.00

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Licensee: Paris Bransford, M.D., Houston, TX
Violation: Out of State Action
Action: License permanently revoked

Licensee: Todd F. Brooks, M.D., Memphis, TN
Violation: Failure to Maintain Mandatory Practitioner Profile as required by law.
Actions: Reprimanded and assessed costs.

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425 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH
NASHVILLE, TN 37247
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BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS (CONT.)

Licensee: Robert Burkich, M.D., Hixson, TN
Violation: Conviction of a felony and out-of-state action.
Action: License Revoked; assessed costs

Licensee: Christopher Carswell, M.D., Milledgeville, GA
Violation: Out of State Action
Action: License placed on Probation for 5 years; he must submit quarterly reports from his supervisor; pay a Civil Penalty in the amount of \$1,000; and assessed costs.

Licensee: John D. Crabtree, M.D., Cookeville, TN
Violation: Mishandled Prescription Pad
Action: Surrender of license and DEA Certificate; assessed costs

Licensee: Halbert B. Dodd, II, M.D., Union City, TN
Violation: Practicing medicine while license suspended (violation of Board Order)
Action: License revoked, assessed costs

Licensee: Ray W. Mettetal, Jr., M.D., Johnson City, TN
Violation: Out of State Action and failure to maintain Mandatory Practitioner Profile.
Action: License suspended until such time as his right to practice medicine in the State of Virginia has been restored; thereafter, he must request an order modification and present evidence that he is fully competent to practice medicine in the State of Tennessee; and assessed costs.

BOARD OF NURSING

Licensee: Donna Absher, LPN, Kingsport, TN
Violation: Is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habits or other cause; Is guilty of unprofessional conduct; Making false or materially incorrect, inconsistent, or intelligible entries in any patient records or in the records of any health care facility, school, institution, or other work place location pertaining to the obtaining, possessing, or administration of any controlled substance as defined in the Federal Controlled Substance Act; Unauthorized use or removal of narcotics, drugs, supplies, or equipment from any health care facility, school, institution, or other work place location.
Action: License Revoked; assessed \$2,000 in civil penalties and \$792.61 in court costs.

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BOARD OF NURSING (CONT.)

Licensee: L. Carol Baxter, RN, Dickson, TN
Violation: Addicted to alcohol or drugs to degree of interfering with nursing duties; Unprofessional Conduct; Failure to maintain a record for each patient, which accurately reflects the nursing problems and interventions for the patient; 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 the obtaining, possessing or administration of any controlled substance as defined in the Federal Controlled Substance Act; Failing to take appropriate action in safeguarding the patient from incompetent health care practices; Engaging in acts of dishonesty, which relate to the practice of nursing.
Action: License is placed on probation for two (2) years

Licensee: Kerry Blalock, RN, Knoxville, TN
Violation: Guilty of a crime; Is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habits or other cause; Is addicted to alcohol or drugs to the degree of interfering with nursing duties; Is guilty of unprofessional conduct.
Action: License Revoked; assessed \$2,000 in civil penalties and \$965.43 in court costs.

Licensee: Tracy Bradley, LPN, Bluff City, TN
Violation: Submitting false and misleading information regarding her employment when attempting to reinstate her license
Action: Assessed \$500.00 civil penalty

Licensee: Janice Ellis, RN, Metairie, LA
Violation: Unprofessional conduct; out of state action
Action: License Revoked; assessed \$500 in civil penalties and \$226 in court costs

Licensee: Susan Graham, LPN, Springville, TN
Violation: Unprofessional Conduct; and intentionally or negligently causing physical or emotional injury to a patient.
Action: Reprimanded

Licensee: Donna Hamilton, LPN, Tullahoma, TN
Violation: Failure to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the nursing problems and interventions for the patient; abandoning or neglecting a patient requiring nursing care; 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 the obtaining, possessing or administration of any controlled substance as defined in the Federal Controlled Substance Act; Failing to take appropriate action in safeguarding the patient from incompetent health care practices.
Action: License suspended until she receives an evaluation to determine competency through a school of practical/registered nurse program and must enroll in and successfully complete a refresher course provided by a practical/registered nurse program that has been approved by the Board.

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BOARD OF NURSING (CONT.)

- Licensee: Caroline F. Humphries, RN, Nashville, TN
Violation: Unprofessional conduct; Intentionally or negligently causing physical or emotional injury to patient; Failing to take appropriate action in safeguarding the patient from incompetent health care practices; Performing nursing techniques or procedures without proper education and practice.
Action: License is placed on probation for two (2) years; must obtain nine continuing education credits in Ethics and Jurisprudence within twelve months.
- Licensee: William S. Ivey, RN, Sevierville, TN
Violation: Unauthorized use or removal of narcotics, drugs, supplies, or equipment from any health care facility, school, institution or other work place location.
Action: License placed on maximum 3 yrs Probation; required to contract with TNPA within 30 days of the effective date of order; probation to run concurrent with said contract up and until the expiration of 3 years.
- Licensee: Dora King, LPN, Seymour, TN
Violation: Is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habits or other cause; is guilty of unprofessional conduct; failure to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the nursing problems and interventions for the patient; making false or materially incorrect, inconsistent, or intelligible entries in any patient records; unauthorized use or removal of narcotics, drugs, supplies or equipment.
Action: License Revoked; assessed \$16,000 in civil penalties and \$903.99 in court costs.
- Licensee: Deborah Lange, LPN, Trezevant, TN
Violation: Guilty of a Crime
Action: License Revoked; assessed \$1,000 in civil penalties; and \$548.03 in court costs.
- Licensee: Jessica Marlow, LPN, Jellico, TN
Violation: Unprofessional Conduct; impersonating another licensed practitioner; engaging in acts of dishonesty related to the practice of Nursing.
Action: License Revoked; assessed \$3,000 in civil penalties; and \$752.02 in court costs.
- Licensee: Hassie Merrell, LPN, Monteagle, TN
Violation: Unprofessional conduct; Failure to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the nursing problems and interventions for the patient; 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 the obtaining, possessing or administration of any controlled substance as defined in the Federal

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BOARD OF NURSING (CONT.)

Controlled Substances Act; The use of any intoxicating beverage or the illegal use of any narcotic or dangerous drug while on duty in any health care facility, school, institution or other work place location; 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, institution, or other work place location; Performing nursing techniques or procedures without proper education and practice; and Engaging in acts of dishonesty, which relate to the practice of nursing.

Action: License is suspended until such time as she enters into a contract with the Tennessee Professional Assistance Program. When proof of an established contract is received, license will be placed on probation for a period to run concurrent with the contract, but shall be no less than three (3) years.

Licensee: Donita Robinson-Reid, LPN, Sevierville, TN

Violation: Unprofessional conduct; action in another State

Action: License Revoked; assessed \$500 in civil penalties; and \$372.44 in court costs.

Licensee: Sheri Shockey, RN, Memphis, TN

Violation: Is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habits or other cause; Is guilty of unprofessional conduct; Abandoning or neglecting a patient requiring nursing care; Unauthorized use or removal of narcotics, drugs, supplies, or equipment from any health care facility, school, institution or other work place location; 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, institution or other work place location.

Action: License Revoked; assessed \$3,000 in civil penalties and \$1,411.74 in court costs.

Licensee: Lynn Whitehead, RN, Smithville, TN

Violation: Is guilty of a crime; Is guilty of unprofessional conduct; Intentionally or negligently causing physical or emotional injury to a patient; Failure to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the nursing problems and interventions for the patient; 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 the obtaining, possessing or administration of any controlled substance as defined in the Federal Controlled Substances Act; Unauthorized use or removal of narcotics, drugs, supplies, or equipment from any health care facility, school, institution or other work place location; Engaging in acts of dishonesty which relate to the practice of nursing.

Action: License Revoked; assessed \$10,000 in civil penalties and \$752.02 in court costs.

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COMMITTEE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Licensee: Richard Arnold, PT, Mt. Juliet, TN
Violation: Failed to document treatment correctly
Action: Reprimanded and required to complete 20 hours of continuing education in the areas of Record Keeping, Ethics and Jurisprudence.

Licensee: Thomas Donahue, PT, LaFollette, TN
Violation: Conviction of a felony; unprofessional, dishonorable, or unethical conduct.
Action: Revoked for a minimum of 5 years; fined \$500 and assessed court costs

Licensee: Felisa Odle, PT, Springfield, TN
Violation: Failed to perform and document re-evaluations, assessments, and modifications in the treatment plan of a patient at least every 30 days.
Action: Probation for a minimum of one year; assessed \$2,000 in civil penalties plus court costs; must complete 50 hours of continuing education

X-RAY OPERATORS

Licensee: Elizabeth Mitchell, X-Ray Operator, Memphis, TN
Violation: Practicing without the required certification by the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners
Action: Reprimanded

Licensee: Ransom Williams, MDX, Olive Branch, MS
Violation: Practicing on an expired license and practicing outside the scope of practice.
Action: Reprimanded

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