

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 April, 2009. *Detailed information about disciplinary actions is available on our Web site 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 MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Licensee: Joe I. Hall, M.D., Waynesboro, Tenn.
Violation: Unprofessional or unethical conduct; making false statements...in the practice of medicine; and in violation of Rule 0880-2-.15(4)(d) of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.
Action: License placed on probation for no less than three (3) years; must meet certain terms and conditions; assessed \$1,000 civil penalty, plus costs.

Licensee: David K. Patzer, M.D., Nashville, Tenn.
Violation: Disciplinary action taken in another state
Action: License placed on probation for 5 years, must comply with 5 year contract with the Tennessee Medical Foundation; and must comply with terms of the Arizona Medical Board Consent Agreement

BOARD OF NURSING

Licensee: Deborah Gwen Fleming-Zeigler, R.N., Nashville, 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: Leslie Beth Henley, L.P.N., Gray Tenn.
Violation: Guilty of a crime; 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; unprofessional conduct, unfitness, or incompetency by reasons of negligence, habits or other causes, to wit: impersonating another licensed practitioner and engaging in acts of dishonesty which relate to the practice of nursing.
Action: License revoked; and assessed \$10,000 in civil penalties, plus costs

Licensee: Angela Jackson, R.N., Jackson, Tenn.
Violation: Unprofessional conduct, unfitness, or incompetency by reasons of negligence, habits or other causes, to wit: unauthorized use or removal of narcotics, drugs, supplies, or equipment from any health care facility, school, institution or other work place location; and 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 placed on probation to run concurrent with contract already in place with the Tennessee Professional Assistance Program but for no less than three years; and assessed \$500 in civil penalties

Licensee: Teresa Ann Keller, R.N., Nashville, 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; and assessed \$1,000 in civil penalties, plus costs

Licensee: Teresa Ann Lewis Mayhew, R.N., Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Violation: Unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habits or cause; is addicted to alcohol or drugs to the degree of interfering with nursing duties; unprofessional conduct; 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; 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; making false or materially incorrect or inconsistent entries in any patient records of 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; the use or 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; failing to take appropriate action in safeguarding the patient from incompetent health care practices; failing to report, through proper channels, facts known to the individual regarding incompetent, unethical or illegal practice of any health care provider; and engaging in acts of dishonesty which relate to the practice of nursing.

Action: License revoked; assessed \$3,000 in civil penalties, plus costs

Licensee: Kimberly Carter Nichols, L.P.N., Rossville, GA

Violation: Unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habits or cause; addicted to alcohol or drugs to the degree of interfering with nursing duties; unprofessional conduct; intentionally or negligently causing physical or emotional injury to a patient; 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; abandoning or neglecting a patient requiring nursing care; making false or materially incorrect or inconsistent entries in any patient records of 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; 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; practicing professional nursing in a manner inconsistent with T.C.A. § 63-7-108; and engaging in acts of dishonesty which relate to the practice of nursing.

Action: License revoked; assessed \$9,000 in civil penalties, plus costs

Licensee: Amanda L. Raulston, R.N., Soddy Daisy, Tenn.

Violation: Unprofessional conduct; has violated or attempted to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisted in or abetted the violation of, or conspired to violated, any provision of this chapter or any lawful order of this board issued pursuant thereto; 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; making false or materially incorrect or inconsistent entries in any patient records of 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 removed of narcotics drugs, supplies, or equipment from any health care facility school, institution or other work place location

Action: License revoked; assessed \$5,000 in civil penalties, plus costs.

Licensee: William E. Sanders, L.P.N., Hohenwald, Tenn.

Violation: Unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habits or other cause; and unprofessional conduct

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

Licensee: Dana C. Wallis, L.P.N., Obion, Tenn.

Violation: Unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habits or other cause; unprofessional conduct; has violated or attempted to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisted in or abetted the violation of, or conspired to violated, any provision of this chapter or any lawful order of the board issued pursuant thereto; and revocation, suspension, probation or other discipline of a license to practice nursing by another state.

Action: License revoked; assessed \$500 civil penalty, plus costs.

(Practitioners were disciplined March 25, 2009, and information was not furnished in time for Press Release.)

Licensee; Angela Ann Lawson, R.N., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Violation: Unprofessional conduct, unfitness, or incompetency by reasons of negligence, habits or other causes; 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.

Action: License placed on probation to run concurrent with contract already in place with the Tennessee Professional Assistance Program but no less than three years.

BOARD OF PODIATRY

Licensee: Yong S. Suh, D.P.M., Lebanon, Tenn.

Violation: Failed to properly maintain sufficient continuing education credits

Action: Assessed \$100 civil penalty; must submit proof of 11 hours of continuing education within one year

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Individual: Jane Kiker, Unlicensed, Jefferson City, Tenn.
Violation: Unlicensed practice
Action: Cease and desist from performing the duties of a licensed veterinarian in the State of Tennessee; Assessed \$200.00 civil penalty, plus costs

Licensee: James H. Kuhlmann, D.V.M., Humboldt, Tenn.
Violation: Failed to keep the equipment and premises of the business establishment in a clean and sanitary condition; gross malpractice or a pattern of continued or repeated malpractice, ignorance, negligence or incompetence in the course of veterinary medical practice; unprofessional, or unethical conduct, or engaging in practices in connection with the practice of veterinary medicine that are in violation of the standards of professional conduct, as defined in this section or prescribed by the rules of the board; and in violation of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs 1730-1-.22(1)
Action: License permanently retired; and assessed costs

Licensee: Susan D. Sterling, D.V.M., Seymour, Tenn.
Violation: Practicing veterinary medicine on lapsed license; and knowingly operating a veterinary practice without a premises permit
Action: Assessed \$1,800.00 civil penalty, plus costs

Licensee: Jack L. Upchurch, D.V.M., Jamestown, Tenn.
Violation: In violation of T.C.A. § 63-12-140(a)
Action: Assessed \$2,500.00 civil penalty, plus costs

APRIL, 2009 ABUSE REGISTRY PLACEMENTS

Individual: Gary Goins, Sevierville, TN
Abuse: Neglect
Action: Placed on Abuse Registry

Individual: Yvonne Smith, Clarksville, TN
Abuse: Neglect
Action: Placed on Abuse Registry

Individual: Jimmy Earl Fox, Johnson City, TN
Abuse: Misappropriation
Action: Placed on Abuse Registry

Individual: Alex Wasike, Knoxville, TN
Abuse: Physical
Action: Placed on Abuse Registry

Individual: Tracy Sebastian, CNA (Revoked), Morristown, TN
Abuse: Neglect/Misappropriation
Action: Placed on Abuse Registry

Individual: Terethia Mabonne, Memphis, TN
Abuse: Physical
Action: Placed on Abuse Registry

Individual: Darlene Veronica Harris, Shelbyville, TN
Abuse: Neglect
Action: Placed on Abuse Registry

Individual: Edie Parker, Memphis, TN
Abuse: Physical/Neglect/Misappropriation
Action: Placed on Abuse Registry

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