

# OHIO STATE CHIROPRACTIC BOARD

## ANNUAL REPORT

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## *Introduction*

The Ohio State Chiropractic Board is a state government agency that was established by the legislature in 1975 to regulate the practice of chiropractic and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. The Board is responsible for examining and licensing chiropractic physicians and enforcing the provisions of Chapter 4734 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and the Administrative Code (OAC) adopted by the Board.

The Board is entirely self-sustaining through revenue generated from fees collected for license applications, license renewals, fines, and miscellaneous services. Board members are compensated hourly for time devoted to the Board's affairs, and are reimbursed for expenses incurred in the execution of their official duties.

The Ohio Attorney General is the statutory legal counsel to the Board. An Assistant Attorney General from the Health and Human Services Section represents the Board in administrative hearings and court proceedings.

## *Mission Statement*

*A*s servants of the public, our purpose is to protect the public health, safety and welfare...

Our mission is to proactively protect the health and welfare of Ohio's citizens and to regulate the chiropractic profession with vision by setting high standards for licensure and by fairly and consistently enforcing those standards through examination of new doctors, annual license renewal, clinic inspections, and timely investigation and disciplinary action when indicated.



## Board Staff

The Board employs six full time employees to carry out its duties and responsibilities. The regular working hours of the Board are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding state holidays.

### Kelly A. Caudill, Executive Director

Ms. Caudill serves as the chief enforcement officer for the Board, enforcing the laws and rules governing the practice of chiropractic in Ohio. Ms. Caudill also directs and manages all activities and programs of the board office, carries out the Board Members' directives, and oversees all legal and legislative activities.

### Elizabeth N. Moore, Administrative Assistant

Liz functions as the Board's office manager and is responsible for the administration of clerical support, personnel, training, telecommunications, fiscal, travel, payroll and employee benefits issues. Liz also serves as liaison to the Board members for their administrative support needs and maintains the Board's website.

### Laurie A. Allison, Licensing Coordinator

Laurie handles initial licensing, examinations, annual license renewal and continuing education. She acts as the front desk receptionist and provides support to the Board and staff.

### (Vacant), Paralegal

This position is responsible for gathering preliminary case information and researching data to support the legal and enforcement staff, processing public records requests, conducting basic investigations and monitoring doctors subject to discipline and Quality Intervention participants.

### Thomas J. Hollis, Investigator

### Rex J. Waldenmyer, Investigator

Rex and T.J. conduct investigations relative to complaints involving the practice of chiropractic. These investigations may be highly specialized, complex and long-term. Investigations of persons rendering chiropractic services are conducted to determine the facts in each case, ascertain the exact basis of the complaint, and confirm allegations for administrative, civil, and criminal actions.

Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.

 Andrew Carnegie

# Chiropractic Board Members & Terms of Office

The Board is comprised of four chiropractic physicians and one public member. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoints the members to four-year terms. Members are eligible to be re-appointed once. Board members are compensated hourly for actual time devoted to the Board's affairs, and are reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

## **Earl L. Wiley, D.C., President ☞ Cincinnati, Ohio**

Appointed: 11/16/2001  
Reappointed: 11/02/2005  
Term Expires: 11/02/2009

## **Anna Villarreal Jenkins, D.C., Esq., Vice-President ☞ Chillicothe, Ohio**

Appointed: 01/08/2003  
Term Expires: 11/02/2006

## **Steven M. Bleser, D.C., President ☞ Cincinnati, Ohio**

Appointed: 01/17/1995  
Reappointed: 11/03/1998  
Reappointed: 11/03/2002  
Term Expires: 11/02/2006

## **Mark A. Korchok, D.C. ☞ Cincinnati, Ohio**

Appointed: 01/08/2004  
Term Expires: 11/02/2007

## **Larry Price ☞ Columbus, Ohio**

Appointed: 11/02/2005  
Term Expires: 11/02/2009

## Board Meetings

During Fiscal year 2006, the Board conducted 11 meetings at the Board office on the following dates: July 14; August 25; September 22; October 27; November; December 8, 2005; January 19; February 15-16; March 30; April 27 and June 8, 2006.

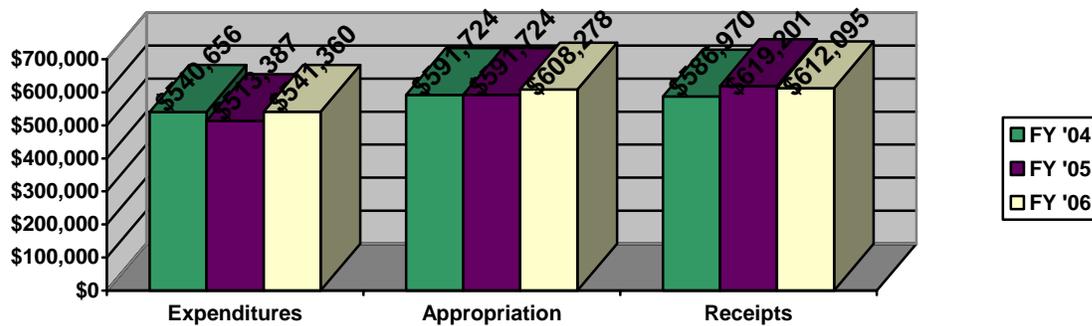
One emergency Board meeting was held via a conference call was called on September 29, 2005 for the purpose of considering a Summary Suspension in Case No. 2005 CHR 095.

All meetings of the Board are open to the public. Upon request, any person may obtain advance notification of the time, place and purpose of all meetings of the Board. The Board's meeting dates are posted on its website as well as each news release announcing board meetings.

## Budgetary Matters

As required by ORC 4734.54, all receipts of the board are deposited in the Occupational and Professional Licensing Fund (4K9). The Board is entirely self-supporting, in that the aggregate of all fees collected each year exceeds the Board's biennial legislative appropriation and operating expenditures.

## Fiscal Summary



## Statement of Revenue

	<u>FY 2004</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>
Renewal Fees	\$534,750	\$552,750	\$562,250
Application Fees	\$25,875	\$33,975	\$24,300
Penalty Fees	\$12,450	\$13,650	\$13,050
Licensee Rosters	\$4,275	\$4,933	\$5,890
License Certifications	\$1,740	\$2,120	\$2,180
Duplicate License	\$225	\$270	\$135
Civil Fines	\$7,096	\$11,154	\$4,000
Miscellaneous	\$559	\$349	\$290
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$586,970</b>	<b>\$619,201</b>	<b>\$612,095</b>

## Educational Meetings & Conferences

- ❖ October 20-23, 2005 – Dr. Wiley attended the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards District II Meeting in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida.
- ❖ October 2005 – Dr. Wiley attended the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners Test Committee Meeting in Greeley, Colorado.
- ❖ November 11-13, 2005 – Dr. Korchok participated in the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners Part IV Practical Examination at New York Chiropractic College.
- ❖ December 2005 – Dr. Bleser participated in the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners Computerization Committee Meeting in Greeley, Colorado.
- ❖ February 3-5, 2006 – Drs. Bleser, Villarreal and Korchok represented the Board at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Federation of Association of Licensing Boards 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum in San Diego, California.
- ❖ May 3-7, 2006 – Drs. Wiley, Villarreal and Korchok and Mr. Price attended the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Board 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress in Portland, Oregon.
- ❖ September 14-16, 2006 – Director Caudill represented the Board at the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation’s Annual Conference in Alexandria, Virginia.

## Examination Activity

The Board requires all applicants for licensure to successfully take and pass a Jurisprudence examination. The Board holds four exams per year. This is a one-day examination that is proctored by the Board staff. Effective September 30, 2004 the Board members implemented a new Jurisprudence Examination Orientation wherein each of the Board members give a brief speech to the licensees prior to the examination.

<b>Examination Date</b>	<b>Applications Denied</b>	<b>Licenses Issued</b>	<b>Exam Failures</b>
August 25, 2005	0	25	0
November 17, 2005	0	17	0
February 16, 2006	2	29	0
June 8, 2006	0	15	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>0</b>

### Applications Denied

**Mark T. Reed, D.C.**

**Former License No. 1478**

**Case No. 2006 CHR 009**

Date of Action: May 11, 2006

Violated Codes and/or Rules: Ohio Revised Code § 4734.14 (A)(6), § 4734.20 (B)(1), § 4734.31 (C)(7) & (13) and Ohio Administrative Code § 4734-6-01(O).

Notice of Proposed Denial of Licensure Application and Opportunity for Hearing issued on January 20, 2006 in accordance with Ohio Revised Code § 4734.17 (A)(6), § 4734.20 (B)(1) and § 4734.31 (C)(7) & (13) and Ohio Revised Code § 4734-6-01 for allegedly employing fraud or deception in applying for a license and for not being of good moral character.

On May 11, 2006 the Board issued Dr. Reed an Adjudication Order denying his Application for License to Practice Chiropractic in Ohio based on his prior revocation of license number 1478 in a Consent Agreement approved by the Board on or about December 16, 1999 and for representing that he possess a Diplomat of the American Association of Integrative Medicine to the Board, when he in fact does not possess such credential.

**Michael H. Fritz, D.C.**

**Licensure Applicant**

**Case No. 2006 CHR 025**

Date of Action: April 27, 2006

Violated Codes and/or Rules: Ohio Revised Code § 4734.31 (C)(7) & (13) and § 4734.20 (C)

Notice of Proposed Refusal of Application for Licensure and Opportunity for Hearing issued on March 31, 2006 for allegedly violating Ohio Revised Code § 4734.20 (C) for not demonstrating the proficiency or competency to practice chiropractic in the state of Ohio. Dr. Fritz had not held an active chiropractic license and had not practiced chiropractic in any jurisdiction since December 31, 1996.

Dr. Fritz entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board wherein he agreed to take and successfully pass, with a score of 375 or greater, the Special Purposes Examination for Chiropractic offered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Upon the Board's receipt of an official transcript sent directly from the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners reflecting Dr. Fritz's successful passage of the SPEC, the Board will permit Dr. Fritz to sit for the next regularly scheduled Jurisprudence examination following receipt of said transcript.

## License Activity

License activity as of June 30, 2006

<b>Chiropractic Licenses</b>	<b>Temporary Licenses</b>	<b>Voluntary Public Service Licenses</b>	<b>Approved Preceptorships</b>
2,180	2	0	9

<b>Inactive</b>	<b>Retired</b>	<b>Forfeited</b>	<b>Deceased</b>
47	4	38	4

## Continuing Education Programs

The Board reviewed 151 proposed continuing education programs for license renewal credit during FY 2006. Of these requests for approval, 146 continuing education programs were approved and 5 were denied.

## Enforcement Statistics

The Executive Director serves as the Chief Enforcement Officer and enforces the laws and rules governing the practice of chiropractic. All complaints are reviewed to determine preliminary disposition: closure, referral to another agency, full field investigation, or hold open pending further information. Random compliance inspections are conducted by Board Investigators to ensure compliance with the Board's laws and rules. The Board regularly works with law enforcement agencies statewide to investigate and prosecute misconduct by chiropractic physicians and the unlicensed practice of chiropractic.

### Investigations

Investigations opened in FY 2006: 47  
FY 2006 investigations completed during FY 2006: 19  
FY 2005 investigations completed during FY 2006: 31  
FY 2004 investigations completed during FY 2006: 10  
FY 2003 investigations completed during FY 2006: 7  
FY 2002 investigations completed during FY 2006: 6

### Number of Investigations by Category in Fiscal Year 2006

Advertising:	4	Sexual Misconduct:	2
Billing Irregularities/Fraud:	13	Solicitation/Telemarketing:	4
Impairment:	1	Treatment Issues:	13
Miscellaneous Board Rules:	3	Unlicensed Practice:	4
Licensure Denial:	3		

### Miscellaneous Actions

Compliance Inspections / Site Visits: 61  
Investigative Subpoenas Issued: 60

### Formal Actions

Formal Charges (Citations):	5	Goldman Hearings Held:	1
Settlement Agreements:	9	Disciplinary Hearings Held:	2
Adjudication Orders:	3	Mental & Physical Exams Ordered:	4
Voluntary Surrenders:	2	Chemical Dependency Monitoring Agreements:	0
Letters of Admonition:	0	Probationary Appearances:	0
Summary Suspensions:	1		

### Notice of Opportunity for Hearings Issue During FY 2006

The following information is current as of June 30, 2006. The present status of a case may be obtained by contacting the Board office.

**Donald W. Allamong, D.C.**  
**License No. 1545**

**Case No. 2004 CHR 086**

Notice of Proposed Refusal of License Reinstatement and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued on June 16, 2006 for allegedly violating Ohio Revised Code § 4734.31 (C)(7), (13), (16) & (17), Ohio Administrative Code § 4734-7-05 (E) and Ohio Revised Code § 4734.10 (A)(3) under the previous law prior to April 10, 2001 for allegedly making false, fraudulent or deceitful statements to the Board in a filing that must be submitted to the Board, not possessing the character or fitness to practice chiropractic and being unable to practice in accordance with the prevailing standards of care by reason of chemical dependency and mental illness.

Dr. Allamong requested a hearing which has been scheduled for October 18, 2006.

**James C. Burda, D.C.**  
**License No. 1725**

**Case No. 2005 CHR 051**

Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued on March 31, 2006 for allegedly violating Ohio Revised Code § 4734.31 (C)(17), (22) and (25) for allegedly being unable to practice chiropractic according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care due to mental illness, specifically, Delusional Disorder, Grandiose Type.

Dr. Burda requested a hearing which is scheduled for August 23, 2006.

**Richard K. Owen, D.C.**  
**License No. 2554**

**Case No. 2006 CHR 035**

Notice of Proposed Refusal of Reinstatement and Opportunity for Hearing issued on May 1, 2006 for allegedly violating Ohio Revised Code § 4734.31 (C)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code § 4734-7-05 (E) for his convictions in the Court of Common Pleas, Medina County, Ohio of two counts of Gross Sexual Imposition, a violation of Ohio Revised Code § 2907.05 (A)(5) and (A)(1), felonies of the fourth degree, subject to division (B) Section 2929.13 of the Ohio Revised Code and for allegedly not possessing the character and fitness to practice chiropractic due to his convictions.

Dr. Owen has requested a hearing which has been scheduled for August 3, 2006.

**Rick Tangerman, D.C.**  
**License No. 3558**

**Case No. 2005 CHR 014**

Amended Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued on August 26, 2005 for violating Ohio Revised Code § 4734.14 (A)(6), § 4734.31 (C)(1), (7) and (13) and Ohio Administrative Code § 4734-6-09 for allegedly engaging in fraud and/or deception in procuring admission to practice and for failing to prove the character, fitness and moral qualifications for licensure.

Dr. Tangerman requested a hearing which was held on November 17, 2005. Specific details of disciplinary action are listed in the Formal Discipline section.

**Charles W. Theisler, D.C.**  
**License No. 688**

**Case No. 2004 CHR 047**

Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued on October 18, 2005 for allegedly violating Ohio Revised Code § 4734.31 (C)(1) for being convicted in the Court of Common Pleas, Trumbull County, Ohio of one felony count of Engaging In Pattern of Corrupt Activity, a violation of ORC § 2923.32 (A)(1) & (B)(1); two felony counts of Trafficking In Drugs, a violation of ORC § 2925.03 (A)(1) & (B)(1) & (C)(2)(c); three felony counts of Illegal Processing of Drug Documents, a violation of ORC § 2925.23 (B)(1) & (E) & (F)(2); three felony counts of Aggravated Trafficking In Drugs, a violation of ORC § 2925.03 (A)(1) & (B)(1) & (C)(1)(d); thirty-two felony counts of Illegal Processing of Drug Documents, a violation of ORC § 2925.23 (B)(1) & (E) & (F)(1); thirty-five felony counts of Practice of Medicine or Surgery Without Certificate, a violation of ORC § 4731.41 and § 4731.99 and ten felony counts of Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs, a violation of ORC § 2925.03 (A)(1) & (B)(1) & (C)(1)(c).

Dr. Theisler did not request a hearing. Specific details of disciplinary action are listed in the Formal Discipline section.

### **Formal Disciplinary Actions Taken During FY 2006**

**Daniel J. Morgenstern, D.C.**  
**License No. 1477**

**Case No. 2005 CHR 095**

Date of Action: September 29, 2005

Violated Codes and/or Rules: Ohio Revised Code § 4734.31 (C)(16) & (17)

Dr. Morgenstern's license to practice chiropractic in the state of Ohio was Summarily Suspended effective September 20, 2005. The Board determined that Dr. Morgenstern's continued practice of chiropractic presented a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public due to his chemical dependency.

A hearing in this matter has been continued indefinitely. Dr. Morgenstern's license remains summarily suspended.

**Thomas S. Lover, D.C.**  
**License No. 1576**

**Case No. 2001 CHR 076**

Date of Action: October 27, 2005

Violated Codes and/or Rules: Ohio Revised Code § 4734.31 (C)(1)

On or about July 27, 2005 in the Court of Common Pleas, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Dr. Lover was convicted of nine felonies; Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity (1), Conspiracy to Commit Felony Drug Trafficking (1), Theft (1), Worker's Compensation Fraud (1), Identity Fraud (1), Tampering with Records (3) and Money Laundering (1).

On October 27, 2005 the Ohio State Chiropractic Board accepted Dr. Lover's Voluntary Permanent Surrender of license thereby Permanently Revoking Dr. Lover from the practice of Chiropractic in the state of Ohio.

**Rick Tangerman, D.C.**

**License No. 3558****Case No. 2005 CHR 014**

Date of Action: October 27, 2005

Violated Codes and/or Rules: Ohio Revised Code § 4734.31 (C) (7) and Ohio Administrative Code § 4734-6-09 (A), (C)(7) &amp; (8).

Dr. Tangerman omitted and/or failed to provide complete and accurate information concerning his criminal history on his June 30, 2004 application for license to practice chiropractic in the state of Ohio.

The Board Reprimanded Dr. Tangerman.

**David L. Bartos, D.C.****License No. 620****Case No. 2005 CHR 059**

Date of Action: December 8, 2005

Violated Codes and/or Rules: Ohio Revised Code § 4734.31 (C)(16) and (17)

Date of Action: February 16, 2006

Violated Codes and/or Rules: Ohio Revised Code § 4734.14 (A)(5) and § 4734.31 (C)(7)

On or about August 15, 2005, Dr. Bartos presented himself for a mental and physical examination at Glenbeigh Health Sources, in Rock Creek, Ohio as ordered by the Board. Based upon this examination, Dr. Bartos was diagnosed with a high probability of substance dependence disorder, but was determined that he was capable of practicing chiropractic at acceptable and prevailing standards of care. Dr. Bartos admitted that he habitually used drugs or intoxicants to the extent that he may have been rendered unfit for the practice of chiropractic prior to the time of entering into a Consent Agreement with the Board.

As a result of his diagnosis and admission, Dr. Bartos entered into a Consent Agreement on December 8, 2005 with the Board in which his license to practice chiropractic was Suspended for a term of six months. Said Suspension was stayed in return for Dr. Bartos' full compliance with the Consent Agreement. Dr. Bartos was also placed on two years Probation.

On January 6, 2006, Dr. Bartos admitted, through his attorney, to violating his December 8, 2005 Board-approved Consent Agreement.

On February 16, 2006, Dr. Bartos entered into a second Consent Agreement with the Board wherein his license to practice chiropractic in the state of Ohio was placed on an Indefinite Inactive Status. If reinstated, Dr. Bartos will be placed on three (3) years Probation. Additional terms and conditions also apply.

**Charles W. Theisler, D.C.****License No. 688****Case No. 2004 CHR 047**

Date of Action: January 23, 2006

Violated Codes and/or Rules: Ohio Revised Code § 4734.31 (C)(1)

On or about May 2, 2005, in the Court of Common Pleas, Trumbull County, Ohio, Dr. Theisler was convicted of eighty-six felonies including; Engaging In Pattern of Corrupt Activity (1), Trafficking In Drugs (2), Illegal Processing of Drug Documents (3), Aggravated Trafficking in

Drugs (3), Illegal Processing of Drug Documents (32), Practice of Medicine or Surgery Without Certificate (35) and Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs (10).

The Board Permanently Revoked Dr. Theisler's license.

**Ronald E. Hoover, D.C.**

**License No. 2406**

**Case No. 2001 CHR 069**

Date of Action: January 19, 2006

Violated Codes and/or Rules: Ohio Revised Code § 4734.31 (C)(1)

On or about October 29, 2004 in the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Dr. Hoover pled guilty to one felony count of Health Care Fraud.

Dr. Hoover entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board wherein he received a Stayed Revocation, three years Suspension and a \$1,500 civil fine. Following successful completion of three years active suspension and the restoration of his license to practice chiropractic, Dr. Hoover's license will be placed on Probation for a period of two years.

**James W. McKey, D.C.**

**License No. 2596**

**Case No. 2004 CHR 030**

Date of Action: January 19, 2006

Violated Codes and/or Rules: Ohio Revised Code § 4734.31 (C)(23)

Dr. McKey entered into a Consent Agreement wherein he admitted that he failed to provide, in a reasonable amount of time or manner, treatment records to three patients who had reasonably requested said documents.

The Board Reprimanded Dr. McKey and fined him \$1,000.

**Richard C. Mulcahy, D.C.**

**License No. 1922**

**Case No. 2004 CHR 022**

Date of Action: February 16, 2006

Violated Codes and/or Rules: Ohio Revised Code § 4734.31 (C)(1), (3), (16) and (17)

On February 16, 2006 Dr. Mulcahy entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board Permanently Revoking his license to practice chiropractic in the state of Ohio. Said Revocation was Stayed in return for Dr. Mulcahy's full compliance with the Consent Agreement. A Summary Suspension Order of November 5, 2003 remains in full force and effect until such time as Dr. Mulcahy's license is reinstated by the Board. Upon restoration of his Ohio license Dr. Mulcahy will be placed on Lifetime Probation.

**Bryan R. Schuetz, D.C.**

**License No. 2204**

**Case No. 2005 CHR 097**

Date of Action: March 30, 2006

Violated Codes and/or Rules: Ohio Revised Code § 4734.31 (C)(7) and Ohio Administrative Code § 4734-9-06 (C) and (F)

Dr. Schuetz admitted that from approximately April 2005 to June 2005 he commenced into a relationship with a patient that impaired his professional judgment; engaged in discussions of an intimate sexual nature with said patient that were not related to the patient's legitimate needs and sexually exploited the patient.

On March 30, 2006 Dr. Schuetz entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board wherein he received a 30 day Stayed Suspension, 18 month Probation, \$1,000 civil fine, was ordered to earn 12 hours of continuing education in the topic of ethics and boundaries, and required to successfully pass the Ethics and Boundaries Examination offered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners by August 18, 2006.

**Zahir Mirza Sherazee, D.C.**

**License No. 2944**

**Case No. 2006 CHR 026**

Date of Action: April 27, 2006

Violated Codes and/or Rules: Ohio Revised Code § 4734.14 (A)(1), (2), (3) & (5) and (C) § 4734.31 (A)(7), (C)(2)

Dr. Sherazee practiced chiropractic, claimed to be a chiropractic physician, and opened and conducted an office without a current and valid Ohio license as well as altered and falsified a renewal card. Additionally, Dr. Sherazee's conduct violated the terms of his February 19, 2004 Consent Agreement with the Board.

On April 27, 2006 the Ohio State Chiropractic Board accepted Dr. Sherazee's Voluntary Permanent Surrender of license thereby Permanently Revoking Dr. Sherazee from the practice of Chiropractic in the state of Ohio.

**William M. Masterson, D.C.**

**License No. 709**

**Case No. 2006 CHR 021**

Date of Action: June 8, 2006

Violated Codes and/or Rules: Ohio Revised Code § 4734.31 (C)(7) and Ohio Administrative Code § 4734-9-06 (C) & (F)

For approximately two years Dr. Masterson engaged in a sexual relationship with a patient that impaired his professional judgment and engaged in discussions of an intimate sexual nature with the patient that were not related to the patient's legitimate needs.

Dr. Masterson entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board wherein he received a 30 day Stayed Suspension, \$500 Civil Fine, ordered to take 12 hours of continuing education in the topic of ethics and boundaries and ordered to take and successfully pass, with a score of 375 or greater, the Ethics and Boundaries Examination offered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners by October 19, 2006.

**Dennis J. Suggs, II, D.C.**

**License No. 3651**

**Case No. 2006 CHR 033**

Date of Action: June 8, 2006

Violated Codes and/or Rules: Ohio Revised Code § 4734.14 (A)(1) and § 4734.31 (C)(7)

From on or about January 1, 2006 Dr. Suggs practiced chiropractic in the state of Ohio without a current, valid license from the Ohio State Chiropractic Board.

Dr. Suggs entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board wherein he received a 5 month Suspension with 4 months Stayed, 2 Years Probation, \$1,000 Civil Fine and ordered to review the Board's laws and rules and send an affidavit attesting to the review within 30 days.

**Robert M. Bell, D.C.**

**License No. 2680**

**Case No. 2006 CHR 008**

Date of Action: June 8, 2006

Violated Codes and/or Rules: Ohio Revised Code § 4734.31 (C)(17)

Dr. Bell was ordered to submit to a Mental Examination on January 19, 2006 since the Board had reason to believe that Dr. Bell was in violation of ORC § 4734.31 (C)(17). Based upon the examination, Dr. Bell was diagnosed with Alcohol Dependence and Adjustment Disorder with Mixed Disturbance of Emotions and Conduct, Chronic, with equivocal evidence of Biopolar I Disorder.

Dr. Bell entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board wherein he received a 60 day Stayed Suspension, 2 years Probation and counseling.