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### Board of Healing Arts June Meeting Actions

The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts held its bi-monthly meeting on Friday, June 12 and took various actions, including suspension and approval of consent orders.

In administrative matters, the license of Russell Reitz, M.D., Manhattan, was brought before the Board, as he was recently convicted of a felony. Kansas law requires the Board to revoke licenses when the licensee has been convicted of a felony whether or not related to the healing arts; with the exception that 2/3 of the Board finds that the licensee has been rehabilitated and is not a risk to the public. The Board converted this to an evidentiary hearing which means a presiding officer was appointed and a hearing will be scheduled. No date has been scheduled at this time.

The Board voted to deny the request for reconsideration of reinstatement of the license of Steven D. Ringel, M.D., Shawnee Mission. Dr. Ringel was previously licensed in Kansas and had his license revoked in 2004 for prescribing violations. The Board denied the initial request for reinstatement at its April meeting.

Raymond E. Winger, M.D., Wichita, was granted an unrestricted license. Dr. Winger was first licensed in Kansas in 1978 and continued practicing until he changed his license to exempt status in 1997 and to inactive in 1998. In 2001, he applied for a status change from inactive to active which was denied by the Board. In 2003, he was granted a restricted license which required supervision by another physician and limited his practice to family medicine. A request to modify or terminate the limitations was denied by the Board in 2005 before approval was granted in the June 2009 meeting.

The Board suspended the license of Dana S. Gifford, Physical Therapist Assistant, Topeka, following a failure to abide by the terms of a consent agreement previously entered.

Kurt M. Guindon, M.D., Arkansas, was granted reinstatement of his Kansas medical license with limitations. In February 2009, the Board found actions that constituted unprofessional and dishonorable conduct. The order imposed a 60-day suspension and practice limitations. The Board voted to assess costs associated with the hearings of \$20,421.93, which was later reduced to \$5,000. Dr. Guindon's license lapsed in August 2008.

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The Board entered into several consent agreements. With consent agreements, both the licensee and the Board agree to the conditions and the licensee waives his/her right to a hearing.

Ariana Powell, Occupational Therapist Assistant, Wichita, and Matthew Britton, Licensed Radiologic Technologist, Lawrence, both entered into consent agreements with the Board. Adelbert Reece, M.D., Leawood, entered into a consent agreement following allegations of over prescribing. The terms of the agreement include probation which consists of further education.

The Board approved entering into a consent agreement with John T. Schroll, M.D., Overland Park after a motion for review. The Board previously rejected an offer of a settlement at the February Board meeting. The petition filed alleges boundary issues with four patients, failure to adhere to applicable standard of care and failure to maintain accurate medical records, amongst other violations of Kansas Statutes. The terms of the consent agreement include a chaperone in the room all times the doctor is present with a female patient; the chaperone will maintain daily logs of patients seen and report monthly to the Board; and a fine. After three years and meeting all the terms, the licensee may petition the Board to terminate the consent order.

The Board approved eight summary orders which involved fines as a result of failure to provide proof of continuing education and/or insurance. The summary orders were issued to Jigar S. Patel, M.D., Lenexa; Mervin Hershberger, L.R.T., Kansas City; Andrew McGill Bowen, R.T., Overland Park; Dustin Kleekamp, Overland Park; Clifford Towle, L.R.T., Hutchinson; Barbara Scritchfield, L.R.T., Carl Junction, MO; Judy Lemasters, Kansas City, MO; Michael Fish, L.R.T., Texas.

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