SPRINGFIELD, IL - The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) announced that Acting Director of Banking, Chasse Rehwinkel, Director of Financial Institutions, Francisco Menchaca, Acting Director of Professional Regulation, Cecilia Abundis, and Director of Real Estate, Mario Treto, Jr. signed the following enforcement actions taken during the month of March 2021.

DIVISION OF BANKING

BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES AND SAVINGS INSTITUTIONS SECTION

Chime Financial, Inc. – entered a settlement agreement and consent order under Section 46 of the Illinois Banking Act, which prohibits any non-bank entity from misleading the public by implying that it is a bank and from using “bank” and related words without the prior approval of the Department, requiring payment of a civil penalty of $200,000 and corrective action to review and make changes to Chime’s webpage, mobile app, and advertising.

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

CONSUMER CREDIT SECTION

Transform Credit, Chicago - entered settlement with the Department related to citations in CILA annual exams.

US Claims, Delray Beach, FL - entered settlement with the Department related to citations in CILA annual exams.
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

UNLICENSED

Alliance Alarms, Davenport, IA, unlicensed - ordered to cease and desist from offering to provide or provide private alarm contracting agency services to the Illinois public, without being licensed by the Department to practice as a private alarm contracting agency in the state of Illinois.

Kevin Andresen, Athens, unlicensed - ordered to cease and desist the unlicensed practice of roofing contracting.

Gregory Bean, Springfield, unlicensed - ordered to cease and desist the unlicensed practice of roofing contracting.

JL Newton Builders, Speer, unlicensed - ordered to cease and desist the unlicensed practice of roofing contracting.

Oliver McDowell, East St. Louis, unlicensed - ordered to cease and desist the unlicensed practice of roofing contracting.

Sound Proof Windows & Siding, Plainfield, unlicensed - ordered to cease and desist the unlicensed practice of roofing contracting.

Joshua Steffen, Palmyra, MO, unlicensed - Steffen ordered to cease and desist unlicensed practice of architecture and assessed a $250 civil penalty and SSD Build, LLC, unlicensed, ordered to cease and desist the unlicensed practice of architecture without a PDF for architecture.

BARBER, COSMETOLOGY, ESTHETICS, HAIR BRAIDING & NAIL TECHNOLOGY

Joan Tinnell, Chicago, 011176046 - cosmetology license restored with reprimand and fined $750 after practiced esthetics on a non-renewed license.

DENTAL

Himanshi Thakkar, Loves Park, 019026435 - dental license reprimanded and must complete continuing education courses following improper placement of an implant and performance of a procedure without written consent.

COLLECTION AGENCY

Ocwen Loan Servicing, West Palm Beach, FL, 017020771 - collection agency license placed in refuse to renew status based on discipline by other U.S. jurisdictions.

Sortis Financial, Inc., Plano, TX, 017022358 - collection agency license issued and placed on probation for two years and fined $4,000 based on sister-state discipline.
Tru-Contact Incorporated, Columbus, OH, 017022069 - collection agency license reprimanded based on sister-state discipline.

PRIVATE DETECTIVE, PRIVATE ALARM, PRIVATE SECURITY & LOCKSMITH

Kelley Coleman, Chicago, 129374070 - permanent employee registration card placed on three-year non-reporting probation due to being convicted of Class 2 Felony Aggravated Domestic Battery in Will County, Illinois, case number 19CF0001199 and for failing to report the arrest and conviction to the Department.

James Goodman, Machesney Park, 129453588 - permanent employee registration card placed on two-year non-reporting probation due to being convicted of Class A Misdemeanor Batter/Makes Physical Contact, in Winnebago County, Illinois, case number 20CF307 and for failing to report the arrest and conviction to the Department.

FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND EMBALMER

Brandy Collins, Rockford, 034015780 - funeral director and embalmer license placed on probation for two years and fined $10,000 based on unprofessional conduct, failure to account for personal property and aiding and assisting unlicensed practice.

Alan Young, Greenville, 034011714 - funeral director and embalmer license indefinitely suspended for unlicensed practice and failing to timely respond to a Department request for information.

IL ROOFING CONTRACTOR

Abelard Construction Illinois, LLC, Chicago, 104015680 - roofing contractor license placed in refuse to renew status based on failure to provide a written response to a Department information request.

Darrel Buswell, Ipava, 104006322 - roofing contractor license placed in refuse to renew status based on unprofessional conduct.

G & M Exteriors Pros, Inc., Elgin, 104017074 - roofing contractor license reprimanded and fined $500 for failure to provide written response to Department's information request.

JKGreen, Inc., Chicago, 104016532 - roofing contractor license placed in refuse to renew status based on aiding and assisting unlicensed practice of roofing contracting and unprofessional conduct.

Lauber Construction, LLC, Troy, 104016633 - roofing contractor license placed in refuse to renew status based on failure to provide a written response to a Department information request.

R Eck & Son, Inc, Forest Park, 10400715 - roofing contractor license and 105003788, qualifying party roofing contractor license are both reprimanded based on aiding and abetting unlicensed practice.

Carlos Robles, Addison, 105006719 - acceptance of roofing qualifying party designation is indefinitely suspended, stayed, reprimanded and fined $1,250 based on unprofessional conduct.
John Acquaye-Aawah, Chicago, 036102126 - physician and surgeon license placed in refuse to renew status because review by the IDHFS OIG revealed concerns related to quality of care provided by Respondent to his patients.

Mohammed Ali, Willowbrook, 036062868 - physician and surgeon license reprimanded, fined $5,000 and must complete 30 CME's due to deficiencies in documentation and care of patients of his practice.

Adam Brooks, Marion, IA, 036app355714 - physician and surgeon application for licensure withdrawn after receipt of a written Notice of Intent to Deny Licensure.

Karla Clark, Chicago, 036090494 - physician and surgeon license restored to full unencumbered status and thereafter placed on inactive status.

David Cook, Mount Zion, 036114692 - physician and surgeon license indefinitely suspended for a minimum of six months due to a boundary violation which led to termination from employment and disciplinary action by Medical Licensing Board of Indiana and the DEA.

Robert Demke, Streamwood, 036051067 - physician and surgeon license and controlled substance license both placed in refuse to renew status due to inappropriate prescribing of multiple controlled substances to a patient while she was on probation for unlawful possession of controlled substances and driving while under influence of drugs.

Omar Garcia, Silver Springs, FL, 036124389 - physician and surgeon license indefinitely suspended due to healthcare fraud conviction on February 2021.

Gary Gilyard, Bingham Farms, MI, 036156044 - physician and surgeon license issued with reprimand due to an adverse action taken by the State of Michigan Board of Medicine.

Edward Gorny, Chicago, 036034391 - physician and surgeon license placed in refuse to renew status after respondent surrendered his DEA Registration for Cause in October 2016.

Alyce Jackson, Kankakee, 036095105 - physician and surgeon license placed on indefinite probation for a minimum of two years, fined $1,000 and must submit proof of 30 CME's due to inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances.

Marco Jarava, Chicago, 036094915 - physician and surgeon license restored to indefinite probation for a minimum of five years with multiple conditions including a practice monitor, must submit annual proof of completion of 10 CME credits, and shall take and pass all five topic areas of EBAS within 12 months.

Seng Leong, Barrington, 036055809 - physician and surgeon license reprimanded for failure to diagnose and treat myocardial infarction.

Chinedu Nwabueze, St. Louis, MO, 036144981 - physician and surgeon license placed on indefinite probation due to disciplinary action taken by Medical Board of California in October 2020.

Kamal Patel, Elk Grove Village, 036100655 - physician and surgeon license restored to indefinite probation for a minimum of five years with multiple conditions including a practice monitor; and must submit annually proof of completion of 40 CME credits.

Mac Scott, Homewood, 036064368 - physician and surgeon license placed in refuse to renew status due to negligent administration of Pitocin and performance of contraindicated mid-pelvic delivery resulting in the shoulder dystocia of the newborn-in-question.

Madhu Subnani, Rochester Hills, MI, 036121089 - physician and surgeon license temporarily suspended after Michigan Board of Medicine summarily suspended respondent for prescribing controlled substances without legitimate medical purpose and entering false notations in the patient records that would legitimize written prescriptions.

Manuel Thomas, Brookfield, WI, 036147540 - physician and surgeon license and controlled substance license temporarily suspended based on the information that he was utilizing his Illinois physician and surgeon license and Illinois controlled substance license to prescribe controlled substances to patients in Wisconsin after his Wisconsin medical license was indefinitely suspended in October 2020 by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board and after he has been prohibited to provide any medical services as well as write any prescriptions pursuant to conditions of his bail release in November 2020 in the pending criminal case in the State of Wisconsin Circuit Court, Dane County.

Madhusudan Vallala, Chicago, 036053208 - physician and surgeon license placed in refuse to renew status because review by IDHFS OIG revealed concerns related to quality of care provided by respondent to his patients.

MEDICAL CANNABIS

Robert Kingsley, Chicago, 281534624 - dispensing organization license voluntarily and permanently surrendered principal officer license; is fined $125,000; is barred from holding any license under Medical Use or Adult Use cannabis; is barred from ownership interest above 1% of any dispensary and must divest from Greengate Chicago due to violations found during an inspection and other violations of the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.

Christopher Torres, Gurnee, 282889366 - registered agent-in-charge license and 283559082, registered agent license indefinitely suspended for a minimum of nine months due to allegation of unprofessional conduct.

NURSING

Melanie Beans, Macomb, 041259621 - registered professional nurse license indefinitely suspended due to respondent's administration of opioids to a patient who was not prescribed opioids.

Cara Cunningham, Quincy, 041420745 - registered professional nurse license indefinitely suspended due to a felony conviction and unprofessional conduct.
Brandy Dean, Terre Haute, IN, 041507720 - registered professional nurse license issued with reprimand due to sister-state discipline in the state of Indiana.

Jean Driver, Creal Springs, 041193014 - registered professional nurse license placed in refuse to renew status due to respondent's unprofessional conduct, gross negligence and for failure to report respondent's termination.

Christine Foster, Wheaton, 041305328 - registered professional nurse license reprimanded due to respondent's unprofessional conduct.

Nicole Huff, Moro, 041391993 - registered professional nurse license placed on probation for three years due to a guilty plea of driving under the influence (DUI) where she received court supervision.

Frank Lomprez, Tallula, 041284778 - registered professional nurse license indefinitely suspended due to respondent's gross negligence and for failure to report respondent's termination.

Catherine McMahon, Wood River, 041269037 - registered professional nurse license placed in refuse to renew status due to disciplinary action taken by the state of Arizona.

Paige Norris, Brighton, 041473528 - registered professional nurse license indefinitely suspended due to respondent's unprofessional conduct, fraudulent statements and for failure to report respondent's termination.

Kolade Oloba, Downey, CA, 043109625 - practical nurse license placed in refuse to renew status due to respondent's conviction for Felony Engaging in Monetary Transactions in Property Derived from Specified Unlawful Activity in the United States District Court for the District of California.

Denise O'Malley, Plainfield, 041280076 - registered professional nurse license temporarily suspended due to failure to comply with the terms of an Order Requiring Presence of Chaperone During Patient Encounters.

Rebecca Orr, Pleasant Hill, 043106317 - practical nurse license indefinitely suspended due to misdemeanor convictions for battery/bodily harm and for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Joshua Puls, McHenry, 041366211 - registered professional nurse license indefinitely suspended due to respondent's unprofessional conduct of impairment at work and for failure to report respondent's termination.

Brandi Rice, Willisville, 043117117 - practical nurse license revoked due to respondent's felony conviction for possession of methampheta mine and for a pattern of criminal convictions which demonstrates incapacity or incompetency to practice under the Act.

Margaret Schmeling, Fredonia, WI, 041365462 - registered professional nurse license placed in refuse to renew status due to sister-state discipline.

April Scott, Mt. Vernon, 043102864 - practical nurse license revoked due to respondent's felony conviction for possession of methamphetamines.
Jenna Tune, Patoka, 043104463 - practical nurse license indefinitely suspended due to respondent's unprofessional conduct, diversion of drugs and for failure to report respondent's termination.

Lakeisha Williams, Chicago, 043087289 - practical nurse license restored to probation for two years effective upon payment of fees, filing of forms and completion of NCLEX exam.

PHARMACY

Mymed Pharmacy Inc, Palos Hills, 054019958 - pharmacy license and 320012076, controlled substance license both voluntarily surrendered due to operating without a pharmacist-in-charge.

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PHYSICAL THERAPY

Michael Lim, Huntley, 070014003 - physical therapy license reprimanded and fined $500 as a result of holding himself out as an "Advanced Integrated Pain Physical Therapist" on respondent's internet website and offering to provide "Viola" and Microcurrent" therapies considered to be within the scope of practice of physical therapy as defined under the Illinois Physical Therapy Practice Act, while Mr. Lim's physical therapy license was suspended.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

Danny Sourbis, Bolingbrook, 180009546 - clinical professional counselor license restored to indefinite probation for a minimum of four years.

DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE

UNLICENSED

Gary Fasetti, Poplar Grove - shall pay a $10,000 civil penalty and ordered to cease and desist the unlicensed practice of home inspection in the State of Illinois.

Helmuth Auction Services, Junction City, WI - ordered to cease and desist from engaging in any auction activities in the State of Illinois that require a license to the Auction License Act for advertising auction services in Illinois without an Illinois license.

Norman Helmuth, Junction City, WI - ordered to cease and desist from engaging in any auction activities in the State of Illinois that require a license to the Auction License Act for advertising auction services in Illinois without an Illinois license.
Robert Helmuth, Junction City, WI - ordered to cease and desist from engaging in any auction activities in the State of Illinois that require a license to the Auction License Act for advertising auction services in Illinois without an Illinois license.

Jack Tosetti, Nokomis - Respondent imposed a $5,000 civil penalty and shall cease and desist in the unlicensed practice of real estate appraisal.

James Sansone, St Louis, MO - ordered to cease and desist unlicensed practice of real estate and shall pay a $1,000 civil penalty for unlicensed practice of real estate.

AUCTIONEER

Chris Hanlin, Quincy, 441001737 - auctioneer license fined $5,000 for practicing while expired and for failure to complete continuing education prior to renewing the license and stating on the renewal that the continuing education had been completed.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGER

Jerome Faulkner, Chicago, 261002591 - community association manager license fined $500 for practicing as a community association manager prior to having a license.

Walter Popielec, Hickory Hills, 261001555 - community association managers license suspended for a minimum period of 6 months and fined $2,000 for failing to properly produce requested association records.

REAL ESTATE

Gemel Jackson, Chicago, 475180333 - real estate broker license fined $1,000 and ordered to complete a contracts course for altering a signed document without the written consent or direction from all signatories.

Clinton Johnson, Chicago, 473app4050092 - real estate residential leasing agent license granted and placed on probation due to prior felony criminal conviction.

Antuane King, Chicago, 4710011522 - real estate managing broker license revoked due to a felony criminal conviction.

Kevin Marston, Chicago, 475106754 - Quantum Realty & Supply Chain Solutions INC, Chicago, 478025690 - real estate broker and real estate broker corporation fined $20,000 jointly and severally and were ordered to cease and desist the unlicensed practice of real estate in the State of Illinois.

Kasra Motlagh, Chicago, 475165754 - real estate broker license suspended for violation of the terms of an order.

Rafael Luis Padilla, Worth, 475app4035239 - real estate broker license granted and placed on probation due to prior felony criminal convictions.
Sivasubramani Rajaram, DesPlaines, 475app4007593 - real estate broker license granted and placed on probation for having a prior criminal conviction.

Timothy Sansone, St Louis MO, 471013009 - Sansone Group LLC, St Louis MO, 481010225 - real estate managing broker license and real estate limited liability firm license fined $1,500 jointly and severally for failing to supervise the activities of licensees and unlicensed assistants.

Azhar Satti, Chicago, 471003464 - Realty Markets LTD, Chicago, 478026597 - real estate managing broker license suspended for two months and real estate managing broker license and real estate corporation license fined $5,000 jointly and severally for failing to put a purchase contract in writing, acting as a dual agent without the informed written consent of all clients, and failing to remit earnest money.