

Deputy Administrator now enters her final order without a hearing pursuant to 21 CFR 1301.43(d) and (3) and 1301.46.

The Deputy Administrator finds that Dr. Schwartz is currently registered with DEA as a practitioner authorized to handle controlled substances in Schedules II through V. According to information in the investigative file, on August 4, 2003, DEA received information from the Louisiana State Board of Medical Licensure (Board) that effective July 30, 2003, Dr. Schwartz was "no longer authorized to engage in the practice of medicine in any form in the State of Louisiana." An accompanying document in the file reveals that the Board summarily suspended Dr. Schwartz' State Medical license. The underlying basis for the board's suspension order was not specified.

Also on August 4, 2003, DEA received information that in response to the aforementioned suspension order of the Board, the Louisiana State Department of Health and Hospitals (LSDHH) summarily suspended Dr. Schwartz' State Controlled Dangerous Substance License. According to a copy of a letter dated August 6, 2003 from LSDHH to Dr. Schwartz (obtained by a DEA investigator), Dr. Schwartz was prohibited from reapplying for reinstatement of his stated controlled substance registration " * * * until the [Board] notifies [LSDHH] in writing that [Dr. Schwartz'] controlled substance privileges have been reinstated."

There is no evidence before the Deputy Administrator to rebut findings that Dr. Schwartz' Louisiana medical license, as well as his State controlled substance license, have been suspended, or that the suspensions have been lifted. Therefore, the Deputy Administrator finds that Dr. Schwartz is currently not authorized to handle controlled substances in Louisiana.

DEA does not have statutory authority under the Controlled Substances Act to issue or maintain a registration if the applicant or registrant is without State authority to handle controlled substances in the State in which he conducts business. See 21 U.S.C. 802(21), 823(f) and 824(a)(3). This prerequisite has been consistently upheld. See Richard J. Clement, M.D., 68 FR 12103 (2003); Dominick A. Ricci, M.D., 58 FR 51104 (1993); Bobby Watts, M.D., 53 FR 11919 (1988).

Here, it is clear that Dr. Schwartz' State controlled substance license has been suspended and there is no information before the Deputy Administrator which points to the suspension having been lifted. As a

result, Dr. Schwartz is not licensed to handle controlled substances in Louisiana, where he is registered with DEA. Therefore, he is not entitled to maintain that registration.

Accordingly, the Deputy Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, pursuant to the authority vested in her by 21 U.S.C. 823 and 824 and 28 CFR 0.100(b) and 0.104, hereby orders that DEA Certificate of Registration, BS5860590, issued to Michael J. Schwartz, MD., be, and it hereby is, revoked. The Deputy Administrator further orders that any pending applications for renewal or modification of the aforementioned registration be, and it hereby is, denied. This order is effective November 5, 2004.

Dated: September 8, 2004.

Michele M. Leonhart,

Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Meeting of the Compact Council for the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact

AGENCY: Federal Bureau of Investigation, DOJ.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to announce a meeting of the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council (Compact Council) created by the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Act of 1998 (Compact). Thus far, the Federal Government and 21 States are parties to the Compact which governs the exchange of criminal history records for licensing, employment, and similar purposes. The Compact also provides a legal framework for the establishment of a cooperative Federal-State system to exchange such records.

The United States Attorney General appointed 15 persons from Federal and State agencies to serve on the Compact Council. The Compact Council will prescribe system rules and procedures for the effective and proper operation of the Interstate Identification Index system.

Matters for discussion are expected to include:

(1) Noncriminal Justice Outsourcing Rule;

(2) Establishing minimum standards for identification verification of

applicants when being fingerprinted; and

(3) Discussion of the notice advising of the approved methods for positive identification.

The meeting will be open to the public on a first-come, first-seated basis. Any member of the public wishing to file a written statement with the Compact Council or wishing to address this session of the Compact Council should notify Mr. Todd C. Commodore at (304) 625-2803, at least 24 hours prior to the start of the session. The notification should contain the requestor's name and corporate designation, consumer affiliation, or government designation, along with a short statement describing the topic to be addressed, and the time needed for the presentation. Requestors will ordinarily be allowed up to 15 minutes to present a topic.

DATES AND TIMES: The Compact Council will meet in open session from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., on November 3-4, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Hyatt Regency Denver, 1750 Welton Street, Denver, Colorado, telephone (303) 295-1234.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquiries may be addressed to Mr. Todd C. Commodore, FBI Compact Officer, Compact Council Office, Module C3, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306-0148, telephone (304) 625-2803, facsimile (304) 625-5388.

Dated: September 23, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations: Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption T88-1

AGENCY: Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an