

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

IN THE MATTER OF:

Usama Feroze, MD

License No.: MD 15332

Case No.: C22-0659

**CONSENT ORDER**

The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline ("Board") makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Usama Feroze, MD ("Respondent") was issued a license in the State of Rhode Island on March 8, 2016.
2. At the time of the filing of the Complaint, Respondent worked as a staff psychiatrist in the Outpatient Program and Partial Hospital Program at Butler Hospital, located in Providence, Rhode Island.
3. On or about May 19, 2022, Butler Hospital filed a Complaint with the Board reporting allegations of an incident that occurred on May 16, 2022 during an initial outpatient psychiatric evaluation at the Butler Hospital Clinic. At the time of the intake appointment, Respondent was to commence medication management of the patient, who was 19 years old at the time of the incident. The initial portion of the psychiatric session lasted for approximately 45 minutes and was conducted in the presence of the patient's mother. Thereupon, Respondent requested that the patient's mother leave the room during which time Respondent spoke with the patient privately for approximately five minutes. Respondent proceeded to ask a series of questions which related to sexual history and activity. The patient later reported to her mother the questions made the patient uncomfortable.

4. Respondent does not deny that he asked the questions alleged by the patient. Respondent explained that the questions were clinically appropriate, given the symptoms and diagnosis presented by the patient.

5. On November 3, 2022, Respondent was interviewed by the Board's Investigative Committee in connection with the Committee's investigation of the Complaint. The Respondent was accompanied by legal counsel.

6. The Investigative Committee has made a probable cause determination of unprofessional conduct on the part of Respondent, in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.1 (19). Specifically, Respondent: 1) failed to document in the medical records the examination and evaluation of the patient in connection with the inquiry concerning the patient's sexual conduct; 2) posed questions regarding patient's sexual activity and history and erred in his clinical conclusions based on the patient's clinical history.

**Based upon the foregoing, the Parties agree as follows:**

1. Respondent admits to and agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
2. Respondent agrees to enter into this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval of the Board and is not binding on Respondent until final ratification.
3. If ratified by the Board, Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
  - a) the right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
  - b) the right to produce witnesses and evidence on his behalf at a hearing;
  - c) the right to cross examine witnesses;
  - d) the right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
  - e) the right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
  - f) any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;

- g) any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Hearing Committee for consideration and review; and
- h) any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Federation of State Medical Boards and posted to the RI DOH public website.

4. Respondent is hereby issued a reprimand by the Board.

5. Respondent, at his own expense, shall complete and successfully pass a boundaries course, such as the one offered by the Center for Personalized Education for Physician (CPEP), Problem Based Ethics and Boundaries Course (Probe) and a Medical Records course, that have been approved by the Board, and shall complete both the courses and all shall comply with all recommendations contained in the reports within three (3) months of the ratification of this Consent Order.

6. Respondent is hereby issued an order of reprimand by the Board and shall pay administrative fees in the amount of \$1,100.00. The administrative fees must be paid within three (3) months of the ratification of this Consent Order and shall be made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasurer, and delivered to the Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 205, Providence, RI 02908, Attn. Jessica DeSanto. Respondent will send notice of compliance of this condition to [DOH.PRCompliance@health.ri.gov](mailto:DOH.PRCompliance@health.ri.gov) within thirty (30) days of submitting the above-referenced payment.

7. In the event that any term of this Consent Order is violated, after ratification and approval, the Director of the Department of Health shall have the discretion to impose further disciplinary action pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-37-5.1 through 5-37-6.3. If the Director imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within twenty (20) days of further

discipline. The Director of the Department of Health shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. Any administrative hearings, whether initiated by the Director or the Respondent, shall be conducted in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-37-5.1 through 5-37-6.3 or R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-37-8 and 42-35-14(c), the Rules and Regulations for the Licensure and Discipline of Physicians (216-RICR-40-05-1), the Rules and Regulations for Practices and Procedures Before the Rhode Island Department of Health (216-RICR-10-05-4), and applicable provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35-1 *et seq.*

As Assented to and Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

Usama Feroze  
Usama Feroze, MD

Ratified by the Medical Licensure and Discipline Board on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January  
2024

Steve A. Trueman  
Date