COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS. Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No.2024-059

In the Matter of

USAMA FEROZE, M.D.

**CONSENT ORDER**

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 10, Usama Feroze, M.D. (Respondent) and the Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) (hereinafter referred to jointly as the “Parties”) agree that the Board may issue this Consent Order to resolve the above-captioned adjudicatory proceeding. The Parties further agree that this Consent Order will have all the force and effect of a Final Decision within the meaning of 801 CMR 1.01(11)(d). The Respondent admits to the findings of fact specified below and agrees that the Board may make the conclusions of law and impose the sanction set forth below in resolution of investigative Docket No. 24-044.

Findings of Fact

1. The Respondent graduated from the Allama Iqbal Medical College, University of the Punjab in Pakistan in 2006. He has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 283667 since July 1, 2020. He is board-certified in psychiatry. He works for Suburban Psychiatric Specialists in Norwood, MA.
2. The Respondent is also licensed to practice medicine in California, Rhode Island, and Washinton D.C.
3. The Respondent was previously licensed to practice medicine in Virginia from 2015 until 2017.
4. On January 10, 2024, the Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (RI Board) ratified a consent order and reprimanded the Respondent’s medical license for engaging in unprofessional conduct in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.1(19). The RI Board required the Respondent complete and successfully pass the Center for Personalized Education for Professionals (CPEP) Probe course and a medical records course. *See* RI Board January 10, 2024 Consent Order at Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.
5. As part of the RI Board consent order, the Respondent admitted the following:
   1. On May 16, 2022, the Respondent performed an initial outpatient psychiatric evaluation on a 19-year-old patient at Butler Hospital Clinic. At the time of the intake appointment, the Respondent was to commence medication management of the patient. The initial portion of the psychiatric session lasted approximately 45 minutes and was conducted in the presence of the patient’s mother. The Respondent then requested that the patient’s mother leave; the Respondent then spoke with the patient privately for approximately five minutes. The Respondent proceeded to ask a series of questions which related to sexual history and activity; the questions made the patient uncomfortable.
   2. 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.
6. The RI Board concluded that the 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 and (2) posed questions regarding the patient’s sexual activity and history and erred in his clinical conclusions based on the patient’s clinical history in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.1 (19).
7. The Respondent has complied with the RI Board order by completing both required courses.

Conclusion of Law

1. The Respondent has violated 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)12 in that he has been disciplined in another jurisdiction in by the proper licensing authority for reasons substantially the same as those set forth in G.L. c. 112, § 5 or 243 CMR 1.03(5)—specifically:
   1. The Respondent has violated G.L. c. 112, § 5, eighth par. (c) and 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)3 by engaging in conduct that places into question the Respondent’s competence to practice medicine.
   2. The Respondent has violated 243 CMR 2.07(13)(a), which requires a physician to maintain a medical record for each patient, which is complete, timely, legible, and adequate to enable the licensee or any other health care provider to provide proper diagnosis and treatment.

Sanction and Order

The Respondent’s license is hereby REPRIMANDED. This sanction is imposed for each violation of law listed in the Conclusion section and not a combination of any or all of them.

Execution of this Consent Order

Complaint Counsel, the Respondent, and the Respondent’s Counsel agree that the approval of this Consent Order is left to the discretion of the Board. The signature of Complaint Counsel, the Respondent, and the Respondent’s Counsel are expressly conditioned on the Board accepting this Consent Order. If the Board rejects this Consent Order in whole or in part, then the entire document shall be null and void; thereafter, neither of the parties nor anyone else may rely on these stipulations in this proceeding.

As to any matter in this Consent Order left to the discretion of the Board, neither the Respondent, nor anyone acting on his behalf, has received any promises or representations regarding the same.

The Respondent waives any right of appeal that he may have resulting from the Board’s acceptance of this Consent Order.

The Respondent shall provide a complete copy of this Consent Orderwith all exhibits and attachments within ten (10) days by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by hand delivery to the following designated entities: any in- or out-of-state hospital, nursing home, clinic, other licensed facility, or municipal, state, or federal facility at which the Respondent practices medicine; any in- or out-of-state health maintenance organization with whom the Respondent has privileges or any other kind of association; any state agency, in- or out-of-state, with which the Respondent has a provider contract; any in- or out-of-state medical employer, whether or not the Respondent practices medicine there; the state licensing boards of all states in which the Respondent has any kind of license to practice medicine; the Drug Enforcement Administration Boston Diversion Group; and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Drug Control Program. The Respondent shall also provide this notification to any such designated entities with which the Respondent becomes associated within one year of this reprimand. The Respondent is further directed to certify to the Board within ten (10) days that the Respondent has complied with this directive.

The Board expressly reserves the authority to independently notify, at any time, any of the entities designated above, or any other affected entity, of any action it has taken.

Signed by Usama Feroze, M.D. 9/10/2024

Usama Feroze, M.D. Date

Licensee

Signed by Cassandra A.DeAngelis, Esq. 9/17/24

Cassandra A. DeAngelis, Esq. Date

Attorney for the Licensee

Signed by Rachel N. Shute, Esq. 9/20/2024

Rachel N. Shute, Esq. Date

Complaint Counsel

So ORDERED by the Board of Registration in Medicine this 7th day of November\_\_\_, 2024.

Signed by Booker T. Bush, M.D.

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Board Chair

To obtain a copy of the out-of-state disciplinary order, please contact the appropriate state’s medical licensing board directly. A list of state medical boards and contact information is available at <https://www.fsmb.org/contact-a-state-medica-board/>. You may also obtain a copy of the out-of-state disciplinary order by submitting a public records request (PRR) with the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine. PRR forms and additional information can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/board-of-registration-in-medicine-public-records>.