COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS. Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2024-059

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In the Matter of )

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USAMA FEROZE, M.D. )

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**STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

The Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) has determined that good cause exists to believe the following acts occurred and constitute a violation for which a licensee may be sanctioned by the Board. The Board therefore alleges that Usama Feroze, M.D. (Respondent) has practiced medicine in violation of law, regulations, or good and accepted medical practice as set forth herein. The investigative docket number associated with this order to show cause isDocket No. 24-044.

# Biographical Information

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.

Factual Allegations

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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).
4. The Respondent has complied with the RI Board order by completing both required courses.

Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

1. Pursuant to 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)12, the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board, that said physician has been discipline in another jurisdiction in any way 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 engaged in conduct which places into question his competence to practice medicine, including but not limited to gross misconduct in the practice of medicine, or practicing medicine fraudulently, or beyond its authorized scope, or with gross incompetence, or with gross negligence on a particular occasion or negligence on repeated occasions. *See* 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)3.
   2. The Respondent failed to maintain a medical record for each patient that is complete, timely, legible, and adequate to enable him or any other health care provider to provide proper diagnosis and treatment. *See* 243 CMR 2.07(13)(a).

The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §§ 5, 61 and 62. This adjudicatory proceeding will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A and 801 CMR 1.01.

Nature of Relief Sought

The Board is authorized and empowered to order appropriate disciplinary action, which may include revocation or suspension of the Respondent's license to practice medicine. The Board may also order, in addition to or instead of revocation or suspension, one or more of the following: admonishment, censure, reprimand, fine, the performance of uncompensated public service, a course of education or training or other restrictions upon the Respondent's practice of medicine.

# Order

Wherefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Respondent show cause why the Board should not discipline the Respondent for the conduct described herein.

By the Board of Registration in Medicine,

Signed by Booker T. Bush, M.D.

Booker T. Bush, M.D.

Board Chair

Date: November 7, 2024

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>.