

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
KEVIN M. MEADOWCROFT, P.A.	*	MARYLAND STATE
Respondent	*	BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
License Number: C04486	*	Case Number: 2222-0142B

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CONSENT ORDER

On January 24, 2023, Disciplinary Panel B (“Panel B”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") charged **KEVIN M. MEADOWCROFT, P.A.** (the “Respondent”), License Number C04486, under the Maryland Physician Assistants Act (the “Act”), codified at Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. (“Health Occ.”) §§ 15-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2022 Supp.).

Disciplinary Panel B charged the Respondent with violating the following provision of the Act:

Health Occ. § 15-314. Reprimand, probation, suspension, revocations.

- (a) *Grounds.* -- Subject to the hearing provisions of § 15-315 of this subtitle, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum, may reprimand any physician assistant, place any physician assistant on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the physician assistant:
 - (3) Is guilty of:
 - (ii) Unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine[.]

On March 22, 2023, Panel B was convened as a Disciplinary Committee for Case Resolution (“DCCR”) in this matter. Based on negotiations occurring as a result of this

DCCR, the Respondent agreed to enter into this Consent Order, consisting of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Consent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Disciplinary Panel B finds the following:

I. BACKGROUND

1. At all times relevant, the Respondent was and is licensed to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was originally licensed to practice as a physician assistant in Maryland on June 20, 2011, under License Number C04486. The Respondent’s license is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2023.

2. At all times relevant, the Respondent practiced as a physician assistant at an urgent care facility (the “Facility”)¹ located in Westminster, Maryland.

II. DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

3. On June 26, 2014, the Board charged the Respondent with failing to meet appropriate standards for the delivery of quality medical care, in violation of Health Occ. § 15-314(a)(22), and failing to keep adequate medical records, in violation of Health Occ. § 15-314(a)(40), under Board Case Number: 2013-0265.

4. The Respondent resolved the Board’s charges by entering into a Consent Order, dated October 23, 2014, in which the Board concluded that the Respondent failed to meet quality medical standards, in violation of Health Occ. § 15-315(a)(22) and failed to keep adequate medical records, in violation of Health Occ. § 15-315(a)(40), with respect

¹ To ensure confidentiality, the names of individuals, hospitals and healthcare facilities involved in this case are not disclosed in this Order.

to four patients. The Board found that the Respondent failed to meet quality medical and record keeping standards for reasons including but not limited to failing to perform abdominal examinations, prescribing certain medications without indication, and failing to document relevant clinical observations. The Board reprimanded the Respondent and placed him on probation until he completed Board-approved courses on medical recordkeeping and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.

5. The Respondent successfully completed his probation, which was terminated through a Board order, dated August 18, 2015.

III. COMPLAINT

6. On or about May 24, 2022, the Board received a complaint from a patient (the "Patient") of the Respondent alleging that during a visit to the Facility on May 17, 2022, the Respondent inappropriately touched a tattoo on her arm, made inappropriate comments, and disclosed non-medically relevant personal information to her.

7. Based on the complaint, the Board initiated an investigation of the Respondent.

IV. BOARD INVESTIGATION

8. As part of its investigation, Board staff obtained relevant records, including, but not limited to, the Respondent's personnel files and medical records of patients, conducted patient surveys, and interviewed relevant witnesses, including, but not limited to, the Patient, as well as the Respondent.

9. The Board's investigation revealed that on or about May 17, 2022, the Patient presented at the Facility with complaints of a suspected urinary tract infection. The Patient

initially provided a urine sample to a nurse and waited in an examination room for the testing results.

10. The Respondent entered the examination room and provided the urine testing results to the Patient. The Respondent then commented on the tattoo on the Patient's arm and ran his finger along the tattoo.

11. The Respondent also made personal comments on gender identity and disclosed non-medically relevant personal information about himself and his family to the Patient.

12. Before concluding the visit, the Respondent brought the Patient to a patient-only bathroom, turned off the lights and traced the tattoo on the Patient's arm using a Wood's Lamp, which emitted ultraviolet light to detect certain types of cells. The Respondent told the Patient that he wanted to see if her tattoo would glow in the dark.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Panel B concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, Health Occ. § 15-314(a)(3)(ii).

ORDER

It is thus by a majority of a quorum of Disciplinary Panel B of the Board hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent is **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum of **ONE YEAR**.² During probation, the Respondent shall comply with the following terms and conditions of probation:

1. Within **SIX (6) MONTHS**, the Respondent is required to take and successfully complete a course in professional boundaries. The following terms apply:
 - (a) it is the Respondent's responsibility to locate, enroll in and obtain the disciplinary panel's approval of the courses before the course is begun;
 - (b) the Respondent must provide documentation to the disciplinary panel that the Respondent has successfully completed the courses;
 - (c) the course may not be used to fulfill the continuing medical education credits required for license renewal; and
 - (d) the Respondent is responsible for the cost of the courses.

ORDERED that within **ONE (1) YEAR**, the Respondent shall pay a civil fine of **\$5,000.00 (FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS)**. The Payment shall be by money order or bank certified check made payable to the Maryland Board of Physicians and mailed to P.O. Box 37217, Baltimore, Maryland 21297. The Board will not renew or reinstate the Respondent's license if the Respondent fails to timely pay the fine to the Board; and it is further

² If the Respondent's license expires during the period of probation, the probation and any conditions will be tolled.

ORDERED that after the Respondent has complied with all terms and conditions of probation and the minimum period of probation imposed by the Consent Order has passed, the Respondent may submit a written petition for termination of probation. After consideration of the petition, the probation may be terminated through an order of the disciplinary panel. The Respondent may be required to appear before the disciplinary panel to discuss his petition for termination. The disciplinary panel may grant the petition to terminate the probation through an order of the disciplinary panel if there are no pending complaints relating to the charges; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, the Respondent shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing. If there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact, the hearing shall be before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings followed by an exceptions process before a disciplinary panel; and if there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, the Respondent shall be given a show cause hearing before a disciplinary panel; and it is further

ORDERED that after the appropriate hearing, if the disciplinary panel determines that the Respondent has failed to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, the disciplinary panel may reprimand the Respondent, place the Respondent on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or suspend or revoke the Respondent's license to practice medicine in Maryland. The disciplinary panel may, in addition to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose a civil monetary fine on the Respondent; and it is further

ORDERED that the effective date of the Consent Order is the date the Consent Order is signed by the Executive Director of the Board or her designee. The Executive Director signs the Consent Order on behalf of the disciplinary panel which has imposed the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order is a public document. *See* Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

04/21/2023
Date

Signature On File

Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians

CONSENT

I, Kevin M. Meadowcroft, PA-C, acknowledge that I have consulted with counsel before signing this document.

By this Consent, I agree to be bound by this Consent Order and all its terms and conditions and understand that the disciplinary panel will not entertain any request for amendments or modifications to any condition.

I assert that I am aware of my right to a formal evidentiary hearing, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 15-313 and Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§ 10-201 *et seq.* concerning the pending charges. I waive this right and have elected to sign this Consent Order instead.

I acknowledge the validity and enforceability of this Consent Order as if entered after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections as provided by law. I waive those procedural and substantive protections. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the disciplinary panel to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order.

I voluntarily enter into and agree to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Order as a resolution of the charges. I waive any right to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order set out in the Consent Order. I waive all rights to appeal this Consent Order.

I sign this Consent Order, without reservation, and fully understand the language and meaning of its terms.

13 APRIL 2023

Date

Signature On File

Kevin M. Meadowcroft, PA-C

NOTARY

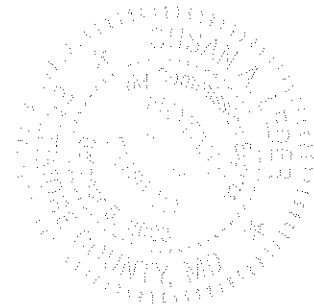
STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 13th day of April,

2023, before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Kevin M. Meadowcroft, PA-C, and gave oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS, my hand and Notary Seal.



Susan A. Leder
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

SUSAN A. LEDER
Notary Public
Baltimore County
Maryland
My Commission Expires October 5, 2023