

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE: RYAN MCQUEEN, M.D.
License Number: 0101-262710
Case Number: 185659

CONSENT ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") and Ryan McQueen, M.D., as evidenced by their signatures hereto, in lieu of proceeding to an informal conference, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Dr. McQueen's license to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Ryan McQueen, M.D., was issued License Number 0101-262710 to practice medicine and surgery on June 26, 2017, which is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2020.

2. Dr. McQueen violated Virginia Code § 54.1-2915(A)(3), (13), and (16) in his care and treatment of Patient A. Specifically:

a. Patient A arrived at an emergency room on January 17, 2018, under an emergency commitment order. At the emergency room he was determined to be psychotic, was fighting with the deputies who brought him in, and was agitated for the duration of his stay. On January 19, 2018, he was transferred from the emergency room for a psychiatric admission under Dr. McQueen's care. Dr. McQueen discharged Patient A on January 27, 2018, noting that Patient A "was deemed stable with regard to psychosis and was discharged due to disruptive behaviors on the milieu."

b. Dr. McQueen stated to the Board's investigator that Patient A was administratively discharged based upon his evaluation of Patient A and input from staff. Further, to support his decision to discharge Patient A, Dr. McQueen stated that Patient A was not behaving in a dangerous manner, was not having delusional episodes, was not experiencing any negative reaction to

medication, and was not threatening others on the day of discharge. Despite this assessment and explanation, Patient A's medical record reveals the following:

- i. On the day of discharge, Dr. McQueen noted that Patient A was "pacing, restless, hyperactive, concrete, targeting, irritable, and threatening."
- ii. A nurse's note on the day of discharge states that Patient A was "aggressive verbally, agitated, restless, [flight of ideas], poor insight, impaired judgment, labile mood, thoughts are loose at times and patient tends to perseverate."
- iii. Two days prior to discharge, Dr. McQueen records Patient A's insight and judgment as "impaired due to psychosis".
- iv. Up to and including the day of discharge, Patient A was aggressive, exhibiting threatening behavior toward residents and staff, engaging in destructive and out of control behaviors, and not responding well to direction. Patient A exhibited little change in his behaviors from the date of admission through the date of discharge.

c. Dr. McQueen's decision to discharge Patient A, rather than arrange for his transfer to a different psychiatric facility for further care, resulted in the following:

- i. Patient A's family members expressed concern about Patient A's discharge, and for his safety, because of his diagnoses of schizophrenia, mood disorder, and bipolar disorder. Dr. McQueen admitted that Patient A was released knowing that he had refused assistance securing transportation from the hospital to his home, which was several hours away. Dr. McQueen admitted to the Board's investigator that he told Patient A's mother that Patient A was discharged due to disruptive behavior and threatening Dr. McQueen.

ii. Following a telephone conversation with Patient A's family members, Dr. McQueen decided to search for Patient A, and called 911 to obtain the assistance of law enforcement, to bring him back to the hospital.

iii. Patient A was located after approximately two hours and transported to the emergency room by an ambulance for further evaluation. At the emergency room, a temporary detention order was entered and Patient A was transferred to a state hospital for further care.

CONSENT

Ryan McQueen, M.D., by affixing his signature to this Consent Order, agrees to the following:

1. I have been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document and am represented by Michael L. Goodman, Esq.;
2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me or my license except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, Virginia Code § 2.2-4000 *et seq.*;
3. I acknowledge that I have the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact-finding conference before the Board; and the right to representation by counsel;
4. I waive my right to an informal conference;
5. I neither admit nor deny the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein but waive my right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any sanction imposed hereunder in any future judicial or administrative proceeding in which the Board is a party;
6. I consent to the entry of the following Order affecting my license to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

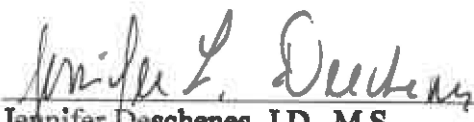
ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Medicine hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Ryan McQueen, M.D., is REPRIMANDED.
2. Within six (6) months of the date of entry of this Order, Dr. McQueen shall submit proof satisfactory to the Board of completion of twenty (20) hours of Board-approved continuing medical education ("CME") in the subject of management of major psychiatric disorders. Such CME shall be approved in advance of registration by the Executive Director of the Board, and shall be completed through face-to-face, interactive sessions (i.e., no home study, journal, or internet courses). Any CME hours obtained in compliance with this term shall not be used toward compliance with the Board's continuing education requirements for license renewal.

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

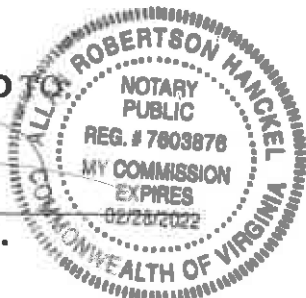
FOR THE BOARD


Jennifer Deschenes, J.D., M.S.
Deputy Executive Director
Virginia Board of Medicine

ENTERED: 8/28/19

SEEN AND AGREED TO


Ryan McQueen, M.D.



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY/CITY OF CHESAPEAKE, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia at large,
on this 23rd day of AUGUST, 2019.



Notary Public

My commission expires:

2/28/2022

Registration No.:

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