SUMMARY SHEET SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

December 9, 2021

- **ACTION/DECISION**
- () (X) **INFORMATION**
- I. TITLE: Healthcare Quality Administrative and Consent Orders.
- II. SUBJECT: Healthcare Quality Administrative Orders and Consent Orders for the period of October 1, 2021, through October 31, 2021.
- III. FACTS: For the period of October 1, 2021, through October 31, 2021, Healthcare Quality reports three (3) Consent Orders totaling \$15,800 in assessed monetary penalties.

Name of Bureau	Facility, Service, Provider, or Equipment Type	Administrative Orders	Consent Orders	Assessed Penalties	Required Payment
Community Care	Community Residential Care Facility (CRCF)	0	1	\$14,500	\$8,700
Healthcare Systems and Services	Paramedic	0	2	\$1,300	\$900
TOTAL		0	3	\$15,800	\$9,600

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HEALTHCARE QUALITY ENFORCEMENT REPORT SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

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Bureau of Community Care

Facility Type	Total Number of Licensed Facilities	Total Number of Licensed Beds	
Community Residential Care Facility (CRCF)	480	21,835	

1. Laurens Memorial Home for the Aged – Laurens, SC

<u>Inspections and Investigations</u>: The Department conducted a routine inspection in February 2021, a routine follow-up inspection and infection control inspection in March 2021, and a routine follow-up inspection and complaint investigation in June 2021, and found the facility repeated violated the regulatory requirements.

Violations: The Department found the facility violated Regulation 61-84, Standards for Licensing Community Residential Care Facilities, by failing to have documentation of staff medication management training. The Department further found the facility repeatedly failed to have a resident's Individual Care Plan (ICP), failing to review and/or revise resident's ICPs at least semi-annually, and by failing to have a resident, sponsor, or responsible party sign the resident's ICP. The facility had multiple repeat violations regarding medication management including failing to render care in accordance with physician orders for administering medications; failing to have residents' physician ordered medications available for administration; failing to properly initial the medication administration record (MAR) as the medication was administered; failing to have documented reviews of the MARs at each shift change by outgoing staff with incoming staff; failing to have on-site reviews of the medication program by a pharmacist at least quarterly; failing to ensure the directions for administering medication were documented correctly in accordance with the physician's order on the MAR and the pharmacy label; failing to ensure expired medications were not stored with current medications in a secure manner; failing to maintain records of receipt, administration, and disposition of all controlled substances in sufficient detail to enable an accurate reconciliation; and failing to have documented reviews of the shift change sheets for the controlled medication count. Moreover, the facility repeatedly failed to have documentation of the milliliters of induration recorded for the first and/or second step of the two-step tuberculin purified protein derivative (PPD).

Enforcement Action: The parties agreed to resolve the matter with a consent order. The parties executed a consent order imposing a civil monetary penalty of fourteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$14,500) against the facility. The facility was required to pay eight thousand seven hundred dollars (\$8,700) of the assessed monetary penalty in eight (8) monthly installments of one thousand eighty-seven dollars (\$1,087). The remaining five thousand eight hundred dollars (\$5,800) will be stayed upon a nine month (9-month) substantial compliance with the regulation and the Consent Order. The facility agreed to schedule and attend a compliance assistance meeting with the Department within forty-five (45) days of executing the Consent Order.

<u>Remedial Action:</u> The facility made their first payment on November 12, 2021. The compliance assistance meeting has been scheduled.

Prior Actions: None in the past five (5) years.

Bureau of Healthcare Systems and Services

Level of EMT Certification	Total Number of Certified Paramedics	
Paramedic	4,071	

2. Brian Drawdy - Paramedic

<u>Inspections and Investigations:</u> The Department received a complaint in March 2021, and after conducting an investigation, found that the Paramedic was in violation of regulatory requirements.

<u>Violations</u>: The Department determined that the Paramedic was in violation of the EMS Act and Regulation 61-7, *Emergency Medical Services*, for committing misconduct as defined in S.C. Code Section 44-61-80(F)(14) and R.61-7, Section 1100.B.14 by leaving a patient unattended after administering Narcan.

<u>Enforcement Action:</u> The parties agreed to resolve the matter with a consent order. The parties executed a consent order assessing a monetary penalty of three hundred dollars (\$300) against the Paramedic. The Paramedic is required to pay the full amount of the assessed monetary penalty.

Remedial Action: The Paramedic made the required payment totaling \$300.

Prior Actions: None in the past five (5) years.

3. Ed Scola – Paramedic

<u>Inspections and Investigations:</u> The Department received a complaint in April 2020, and after conducting an investigation, found that the Paramedic was in violation of regulatory requirements.

<u>Violations</u>: The Department determined that the Paramedic was in violation of the EMS Act and Regulation 61-7, *Emergency Medical Services*, for committing misconduct as defined in S.C. Code Section 44-61-80(F)(14) and R.61-7, Section 1100.B.14 by failing to contact law enforcement to force entry after he was unable to get a response from a patient.

Enforcement Action: The parties agreed to resolve the matter with a consent order. The parties executed a consent order assessing a monetary penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) against the Paramedic. The Paramedic is required to pay six hundred dollars (\$600) of the assessed monetary penalty in two (2) payments of three hundred dollars (\$300).

Remedial Action: The Paramedic made the required payment, in full, totaling \$600.

Prior Actions: None in the past five (5) years.