SUMMARY SHEET SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

July 12, 2018

- () ACTION/DECISION
- (X) INFORMATION
- I. TITLE: Health Regulation Administrative and Consent Orders.
- **II. SUBJECT:** Health Regulation Administrative Orders, Consent Orders, and Emergency Suspension Orders for the period of May 1, 2018, through May 31, 2018.
- III. FACTS: For the period of May 1, 2018, through May 31, 2018, Health Regulation reports one (1) Consent Order and two (2) Emergency Suspension Orders with a total of ten thousand one hundred fifty dollars (\$10,150) in assessed monetary penalties.

Health Regulation Bureau	Health Care Facility, Provider, or Equipment	Administrative Orders	Consent Orders	Emergency Suspension Orders	Assessed Penalties
Radiological Health	Medical Facility	0	1	0	\$10,150
EMS & Trauma	Paramedic	0	0	1	\$0
	EMT	0	0	1	\$0
TOTAL		0	1	2	\$10,150

Approved By:

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Director of Health Regulation

HEALTH REGULATION ENFORCEMENT REPORT SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

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Bureau of Radiological Health

Facility Type	Total # of Registered Facilities in South Carolina		
Medical Facilities	870		

1. Hope Clinic (Medical Facility) – Moncks Corner, SC

<u>Investigation</u>: On October 17, 2017, the Department conducted a routine inspection of Hope Clinic ("Clinic") and found the facility in violation of Regulation 61-64, <u>X-Rays (Title B)</u>, for failing to ensure all x-ray machines are operated only by a radiologic technologist possessing a current, valid certificate from the South Carolina Radiation Quality Standards Association ("SCRQSA"). Multiple non-certified Clinic employees verbally confirmed they were performing x-ray examination set ups to include patient positioning and orienting the tube at the desired source to image receptor distance ("SID"). This is a repeat violation from Department inspections conducted July 16, 2014, April 10, 2012, and December 19, 2008.

<u>Violations</u>: Based upon the above-referenced inspections, the Department finds Clinic repeatedly violated RHB 4.2.2 of R.61-64, by failing to ensure all x-ray machines are operated only by a radiologic technologist possessing a current, valid certificate from the SCQRSA.

Enforcement Action: By Consent Order executed May 8, 2018, Clinic agreed to the imposition of a ten thousand one hundred fifty dollar (\$10,150) civil penalty. The Consent Order required Clinic to make payment of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) of the assessed monetary penalty within thirty (30) days of execution of the Consent Order. The remainder of the assessed penalty is stayed pending substantial compliance with R.61-64 and the terms of the Consent Order. Clinic further agreed to remove all x-ray equipment, radiographic, and bone densitometry systems from their facility within thirty (30) days of execution of the Consent Order. Finally, Clinic agreed that if they obtain or operate x-ray equipment in the future, they will do so in compliance with R.61-64. The civil penalty has been paid and Clinic has removed all x-ray equipment.

Prior Sanctions: None.

Bureau of EMS & Trauma

EMS Provider Type	Total # of Providers in South Carolina		
EMT	6,218		
Advanced EMT	399		
Paramedic	3,688		
Athletic Trainers	1,000		
Ambulance Services Provider	264		
First Responder Services Provider	2		

2. Christopher L. Sutton (Paramedic)

<u>Investigation</u>: On April 7, 2018, the Department was notified of Mr. Sutton's arrest. Upon notification, the Department initiated an investigation into the matter. The Department discovered that Mr. Sutton was arrested on April 6, 2018, and charged with financial identity fraud.

<u>Violations</u>: The charge against Mr. Sutton is a felony involving moral turpitude and gross immorality and therefore may rise to the level of misconduct as prescribed by S.C. Code Section 44-61-80(F)(2) and Regulation 61-7, Section 1100(B)(2). The Department believes Mr. Sutton's arrest demonstrates a capacity for inappropriate and criminal behavior towards individuals placed within his trust.

<u>Enforcement Action:</u> Mr. Sutton's Paramedic certificate was immediately suspended on an emergency basis pursuant to the Emergency Suspension Order executed May 18, 2018. The Department will continue to monitor Mr. Sutton's criminal matters.

Prior Sanctions: None.

3. Bryan P. Wooten (EMT)

<u>Investigation</u>: On April 12, 2018, the Department was notified of Mr. Wooten's arrest. Upon notification, the Department initiated an investigation into the matter. The Department discovered that Mr. Wooten was arrested on April 12, 2018, and charged with domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature, and possession of a firearm or knife during the commission of, or attempt to commit, a violent crime.

<u>Violations:</u> The charges against Mr. Wooten are felonies involving moral turpitude and gross immorality and therefore may rise to the level of misconduct as prescribed by S.C. Code Section 44-61-80(F)(2) and Regulation 61-7, Section 1100(B)(2). The Department believes Mr. Wooten's arrest demonstrates a capacity for inappropriate and criminal behavior towards individuals placed within his trust.

<u>Enforcement Action:</u> Mr. Wooten's EMT certificate was immediately suspended on an emergency basis pursuant to the Emergency Suspension Order executed May 18, 2018. The Department will continue to monitor Mr. Wooten's criminal matters.

Prior Sanctions: None.