

SUMMARY SHEET  
SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

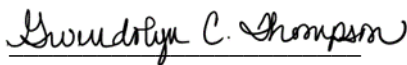
January 5, 2023

- ( ) 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 November 1, 2022, through November 30, 2022.
- III. FACTS:** For the period of November 1, 2022, through November 30, 2022, Healthcare Quality reports 0 Administrative Orders and 3 Consent Orders totaling \$13,500 in assessed monetary penalties.

Bureau	Facility, Service, Provider, or Equipment Type	Administrative Orders	Consent Orders	Assessed Penalties	Required Payment
Community Care	Residential Treatment Facility for Children and Adolescents (RTF)	0	1	\$8,000	\$8,000
	Nursing Home	0	1	\$5,000	\$5,000
Healthcare Systems and Services	Paramedic	0	1	\$500	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$13,500</b>	<b>\$13,500</b>

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HEALTHCARE QUALITY ENFORCEMENT REPORT  
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**Bureau of Community Care**

Facility Type	Total Number of Licensed Facilities	Total Number of Licensed Beds
Residential Treatment Facility for Children and Adolescents (RTF)	8	518

**1. Broadstep Academy-South Carolina-Venice (60 Beds) – Simpsonville**

**Investigation and Violations:** The Department conducted complaint investigations in April and July 2022, and found the facility repeatedly failed to implement policies and procedures regarding resident care, rights, and operation of the facility. Specifically, the facility did not implement its Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Employee Conduct policy.

Additionally, the Department found the facility failed to ensure a resident was free from harm, including isolation, excessive medication, if applicable, abuse, or neglect. Specifically, video surveillance footage showed a staff member pushing a resident to the ground.

The Department also found the facility failed to ensure a resident was treated with consideration, respect and dignity, including privacy in treatment and in care for personal needs. Specifically, the facility documented that a staff member and resident repeatedly engaged in inappropriate sexual behavior.

**Enforcement Action:** The parties met in July and September 2022 for enforcement conferences and agreed to resolve the matter with a Consent Order. The facility agreed to the assessment of a \$8,000 monetary penalty and was required to pay the assessed monetary penalty within 30 days of executing the Consent Order.

**Remedial Action:** The facility has paid the required \$8,000. The facility staff members involved were terminated.

**Prior Orders:** None in the past 5 years.

Facility Type	Total Number of Licensed Facilities	Total Number of Licensed Beds
Nursing Home	194	20,665

**2. NHC Healthcare Laurens (176 Beds) – Laurens**

**Investigation and Violations:** The Department conducted a complaint investigation in August 2022, regarding alleged suspicious bruising on a resident that was initially reported as a fall. The Department found the facility failed to ensure residents were protected from physical abuse in accordance with S.C.

Code Section 44-81-40(G) of the Bill of Rights for Residents of Long-Term Care Facilities. S.C. Code Section 44-81-40(G) provides, “Each resident must be free from mental and physical abuse and free from chemical and physical restraints except those restraints ordered by a physician.” Specifically, the Department’s investigation found that a resident had been physically abused by a facility staff member.

**Enforcement Action:** The parties met for an enforcement conference and agreed to resolve the matter with a Consent Order. The facility agreed to the assessment of a \$5,000 monetary penalty and was required to pay the assessed monetary penalty within 30 days of executing the Consent Order.

**Remedial Action:** The facility has paid the required \$5,000. The staff member involved was terminated by the facility and added to the CNA abuse registry. The facility also assigned relevant retraining for all employees.

**Prior Orders:** None in the past 5 years.

**Bureau of Healthcare Systems and Services**

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certification Level	Total Number of Certified Paramedics
Paramedic	4,273

**3. Jason Gibson – Paramedic**

**Investigation and Violations:** The Department received a complaint from Murrells Inlet Garden City Fire District that Mr. Gibson failed to complete seven (7) electronic patient care reports (ePCRs) for seven (7) patients. Based on the complaint, the Department investigated and determined that Mr. Gibson committed misconduct as defined by the Emergency Medical Services Act of South Carolina and Regulation 61-7, *Emergency Medical Services*, by failing to complete ePCRs for seven (7) patients.

**Enforcement Action:** The parties met for an enforcement conference and agreed to resolve the matter with a Consent Order. Mr. Gibson agreed to the assessment of a \$500 monetary penalty and was required to pay the assessed monetary penalty within 30 days of executing the Consent Order.

**Remedial Action:** Mr. Gibson has paid the required \$500.

**Prior Orders:** None in the past 5 years.