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July 19, 2005

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

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Re: Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
Investigation of Evelyn Sue Berwick, M.D.
License No. MD-021018-E

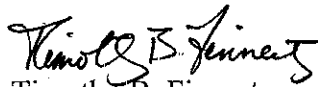
Dear Dr. Berwick:

I have received an Investigative Subpoena from the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs that requires Allegheny General Hospital to release any and all documents and/or records pertaining to the action taken by Allegheny General Hospital with regard to your medical staff membership and clinical privileges. I have enclosed a copy of the Investigative Subpoena for your reference. I have also been provided with the enclosed Authorization for the Release of Information that was signed by you on February 2, 2005. The authorization states: "I permit Allegheny General Hospital to release information pertaining to the termination of Dr. Evelyn Berwick's medical staff membership and clinical privileges at AGH."

In light of the Investigative Subpoena and your executed Authorization, Allegheny General Hospital will be releasing the requested information to Daniel Monaghan, an investigator with the Bureau of Enforcement and Investigation.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this matter. I can be reached directly at 412.578.7305.

Sincerely,


Timothy B. Finnerty
Legal Counsel

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Enclosures

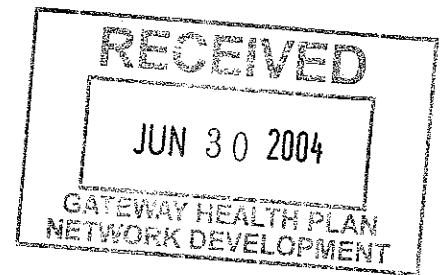
cc: Daniel Monaghan, Investigator w/encs.
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Clinical Privileges and Hospital Staff Rights

I withdrew my application from Mercy Hospital, as there was very little activity and I was disappointed with the nursing staff.

In 1982, a patient of mine became very ill. The nursing staff claims they could not reach me or my partner. I was at my parent's house (my father was very ill), and I had given my parent's home phone number, my answering service's number and my beeper number to the staff. When I got home the next day, there were several messages left on my answering machine. Though I was not on call at the time, I was severely reprimanded.

Also, around late '99-early 2000, a patient of mine, who should have been discharged immediately, was left in the hospital for 5 days without being seen or given medication. The patient was discharged but the orthopedic surgeon who was consulted 4 days prior still hadn't evaluated him. I discussed this with the doctor, who was asked to put the patient on his service if he wanted to keep him hospitalized. I gave the patient discharge instructions and prescriptions. The orthopedic surgeon met with the patient, disregarded my explicit instructions and left the hospital without even making a note of it. The nurse, to whom I had spoken -at length- about the patient's treatment and discharge simply finished her shift and left while the patient was left unattended.

I was severely reprimanded for this incident, though the patient did not have a place to live at the time and basically stayed of his own volition.

I also received a 28 day suspension from Mercy Providence for not seeing patients on a Sunday. I normally discharged patients from the hospitals to nursing homes on Thursdays and Fridays, yet they normally stayed in the hospital until Monday because of the delay in transfer. If they were severely ill, I would always visit them on Sundays. Otherwise, I would visit them on Monday at the nursing home and do a full history and physical, (and they were technically discharged by Friday.) This happened in 1999 and I had no problems thereafter.

I was dismissed from the staff at AGH in 2004 for not reporting the aforementioned info, though it was reported by Mercy Providence yearly. I lost privileges at AGH in 2004 for reasons that are still unclear to me. I was simply told "We must do what's best for AGH"