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Subject of Report

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Patient Information

No patient information supplied.

Details of Report

I am submitting this complaint regarding Dr. Daniel Davidow due to multiple concerns related to:
1) Allegations of abuse reported to Virginia Department of Social Services and; As part of my role and responsibilities the Chief Clinical Officer for the DBHDS, an inter-agency meeting was held with the Virginia State Police, OAG, DSS, DMAS, DBHDS, VDH, and DBH on Thursday, 1/30/2020. During this meeting, CPS provided accounts of over one dozen allegations of abuse, physical and sexual, by Dr. Davidow. The specific detailed information regarding each individual who reported is in the possession of DSS. This extent of allegations include children and adolescents with severe emotional disturbance and/or behavioral health conditions and intellectual disability who are not verbal and therefore many could not be substantiated. This pattern is concerning for a

significant degree of professional misconduct. 2) Practice of medicine that does not meet standard of care and places individuals at risk of medical harm due to mismanagement. Patient records provided by DMAS were reviewed as part of a comprehensive review of Cumberland Hospital, and demonstrated that children and adolescents with severe and complex medical and psychiatric conditions have been treated by Dr. Davidow, a pediatrician, and do not adhere to a medical standard of care. Specific examples are as follows: a) 14 year old male with chromosomal deletion, mitochondrial dysfunction, failure to thrive, microcephaly, and autism who was admitted to Cumberland Hospital on 9/18/17 due to increasing aggressive behaviors. Dr. Davidow indicated the following management of his complex behavioral health presentation: diagnosis of "organic affective disorder" resulting in "cross taper of Risperdal to Seroquel", "inderal for emotional flooding". There is no documentation of monitoring of side effect of antipsychotics, target dosage, appropriateness of medication choice related to diagnosis. Seroquel is only FDA approved for this age individual for treatment of schizophrenia and bipolar I disorder, acute mania - neither of which is a diagnosis of this individual. Inderal does not have an FDA indicated use for "emotional flooding". b) 13 year old female with autism, intellectual disability, and organic affective disorder with minimal verbal communication ability who was admitted to Cumberland Hospital on 8/4/2017 for "rehabilitative efforts to improve her ability to eat". Clinical documentation reviewed also indicates she displays physical aggression and g-tube dependence. Medications prescribed include clonidine 0.2mg bedtime, Abilify 2.5mg BID, Klonopin 1mg BID, Synthroid 0.088mg daily. There is no documentation of monitoring of side effect of antipsychotics, target dosage, appropriateness of medication choice related to diagnosis. None medications utilized are FDA approved for the listed diagnosis. c) 15 year old male with autism, seizure disorder, and obesity admitted to Cumberland Hospital on 6/20/17 for severe aggression. Medication management documented is "stop Abilify and Thorazine will be started in its place", "start spironolactone 50mg BID for hypersexual behavior and aggression", "keep intramuscular Thorazine available for serious aggression", "likely try to use Geodon". There is no documentation of monitoring of side effect of antipsychotics, target dosage, appropriateness of medication choice related to diagnosis. Rational for the use of Thorazine as first line is not described and no dosage target for maintenance is described. There is no other plan of care for aggression other than use of Thorazine for chemical restraints. Spironolactone is not FDA approved for hypersexual behavior and aggression. It is my professional opinion as a pediatrician and psychiatrist that the treatment of patients by Dr. Davidow and Cumberland Hospital does not meet an acceptable standard of care and this places vulnerable children and families at medical risk.

My concern or incident is related to the following locations.

Details are noted above related to Cumberland Hospital where Dr. Daniel Davidow serves as the Medical Director.

Others who have knowledge of these events are listed below.

Dr. Chethan Bachireddy, MD 936-635-1559

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