

Docket Number: 2788

DOYLESTOWN HOSPITAL, d/b/a
PINE RUN HEALTH CENTER

~~Jonathan C. James, Esquire~~
~~Donald R. Reavey, Esquire~~
*Joseph H. Murphy, Esquire

VS.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

~~John A. Kane, Chief Counsel~~
Catherine Stewart, Assistant Counsel

September 15, 1998

Claim and filing fee filed by attorney for Plaintiff. Amount of Claim: No amount stated.

September 21, 1998

Copy of Claim forwarded to attorney for Defendant and Chief Deputy Attorney General. ANSWER DUE FROM DEFENDANT 10/21/98.

September 28, 1998

Acceptance of Service of Complaint received from attorney for Defendant. Receipt of same acknowledged by attorney for Defendant September 23, 1998.

September 28, 1998

Acceptance of Service of Complaint received from Chief Deputy Attorney General. Receipt of same acknowledged by Chief Deputy Attorney General September 23, 1998.

February 18, 1999

Answer and New Matter filed by attorney for Defendant. Copy forwarded to attorney for Plaintiff by attorney for Defendant.

March 25, 1999

Answer to New Matter filed by attorney for Plaintiff. Copy forwarded to attorney for Defendant by attorney for Plaintiff.

October 22, 1999

Letter forwarded to parties requesting a Status Report. STATUS REPORT DUE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 22, 1999.

November 1, 1999

Letter/Status Report received from Plaintiff advising that the parties are engaged in discovery and upon receipt of sufficient responses to their discovery requests from Defendant, Plaintiff will analyze the Defendant's response in order to formulate a position paper and settlement offer.

November 19, 1999

Letter/Status Report received from Plaintiff advising that the parties are engaged in discovery and upon receipt of sufficient responses to their discovery requests from Defendant, Plaintiff will analyze the Defendant's response in order to formulate a

position paper and settlement offer.

December 2, 1999

Notice of Service of Claimant's First Set of Interrogatories and First Request for Production of Documents filed by attorney for Plaintiff.

June 20, 2000

Letter forwarded to parties requesting a Status Report. Status Report due on or before **July 20, 2000**.

July 12, 2000

Letter/Status Report received from attorney for Plaintiff advising that Claimant is engaged in discovery with Defendant and that they will endeavor to organize and submit a settlement proposal in the matter.

April 25, 2001

Letter forwarded to parties requesting a status report. Status report due from parties on or before May 25, 2001.

June 4, 2001

The Board rendered an Opinion and made the following Order: **AND NOW**, this 4th day of June, 2001, a Rule to Show Cause is issued upon Plaintiff, Doylestown Hospital, d/b/a Pine Run Health Center, wherein it is **DIRECTED** that Plaintiff advise the Board, within thirty (30) days from the exit date of this Order, as to whether or not Plaintiff wishes to pursue the above-captioned matter. In the event the Board does not receive a response to this Rule, said Rule to Show Cause shall become absolute and the case shall be marked "closed, discontinued and ended with prejudice".@ Copy forwarded to attorney for Plaintiff and attorney for Defendant.

June 7, 2001

Letter received from attorney for Plaintiff advising that Plaintiff does wish to pursue this matter and that the parties are currently engaged in discovery.

June 11, 2001

Acceptance of Service of Opinion and Order dated June 4, 2001 received from attorney for Plaintiff. Receipt of same acknowledged by attorney for Plaintiff June 6, 2001.

June 14, 2001

Acceptance of Service of Opinion and Order dated June 4, 2001 received from attorney for Defendant. Receipt of same acknowledged by attorney for Defendant June 6, 2001.

December 24, 2001

Letter forwarded to parties requesting a Status Report. Status Report due on or before 1/23/02.

January 18, 2002

Status letter received from attorney for Plaintiff advising that the parties are currently engaged in discovery.

January 23, 2002

Status letter received from attorney for Plaintiff advising that the parties are still engaged in discovery.

March 15, 2002

Motion to Compel Discovery filed by attorney for Plaintiff. Copy forwarded to attorney for Defendant by attorney for Plaintiff. **Defendant's Response due on or before April 8, 2002.**

April 11, 2002

Defendant's Response to Motion to Compel Production of Documents filed (via fax) by attorney for Defendant. Copy forwarded to attorney for Plaintiff by attorney for Defendant.

April 15, 2002

Defendant's Response to Motion to Compel Production of Documents filed (via U.S. mail) by attorney for Defendant. Copy forwarded to attorney for Plaintiff by attorney for Defendant.

April 23, 2002

Reply Brief of the Claimant, Doylestown Hospital, d/b/a Pine Run Health Center to the Defendant's Response to Motion to Compel filed by attorney for Plaintiff. Copy forwarded to attorney for Defendant by attorney for Plaintiff.

July 1, 2002

The Board rendered an Opinion and made the following Order: **AND NOW**, this 1st day of July, 2002, it is **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that the Motion to Compel Discovery filed by the Plaintiff is **GRANTED**. The Defendant, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public Welfare is **ORDERED** to respond to the Request for Production of Documents and the First Set of Continuing Interrogatories in the manner as set forth in the Pa. Rules of Civil Procedure and to serve such documents on the Plaintiff within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. The Defendant shall respond to the Request for Production of Documents by providing written answers and by responding to request numbers 2 and 3.@ Copy forwarded to attorney for Plaintiff and attorney for Defendant.

July 8, 2002

Acceptance of Service of Opinion and Order dated July 1, 2002 received from attorney for Defendant. Receipt of same acknowledged by attorney for Defendant July 5, 2002.

July 8, 2002

Acceptance of Service of Opinion and Order dated July 1, 2002 received from attorney for Plaintiff. Receipt of same acknowledged by attorney for Plaintiff July 5, 2002.

August 5, 2002

Answer to Interrogatories filed by attorney for Defendant. Copy forwarded to attorney for Plaintiff by attorney for Defendant.

November 15, 2004

Plaintiff filed Notice of Appearance of Joseph F. Murphy, Esquire on behalf of Plaintiff.

October 19, 2005

Board rendered an Opinion and Order. Order as follows: **"AND NOW**, this 19th day of October, 2005, it is **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that pursuant to 42 Pa. C.S.A. §5103(a) and Pa. R.C.P. 213(f), this matter and the record thereof is **TRANSFERRED** to the Department of Public Welfare, Bureau of Hearings and Appeals." Copy forwarded to Plaintiff and Defendant.

October 24, 2005

Board transferred file to Department of Public Welfare, Bureau of Hearing and Appeals.

November 2, 2005

Defendant filed Acceptance of Service of Opinion and Order dated October 19, 2005. Receipt of same acknowledged October 31, 2005.

November 21, 2005

Plaintiff filed Acceptance of Service of Opinion and Order dated October 19, 2005. Receipt of same acknowledged November 18, 2005.
