




Tulsa County Sheriff's Office Inter-Office Memorandum

TO: Chief Michelle Robinette

FROM: Major John Bowman 

DATE: August 14, 2012

SUBJECT: Doctor Adusei

Per your instructions, I met with Dr. Harnish on the morning of 08-14-12, in DLM's Medical section. The purpose of this meeting was to hear concerns that Dr. Harnish had with Dr. Adusei.

Dr. Harnish is an MD (psychiatrist). He has some reservations concerning Dr. Adusei's credentials and abilities. He mentioned that Adusei was asked to leave the surgical residency program at OU. He said that the fellowship that Adusei was supposed to receive sometime in the near future is not going to happen.

Dr. Harnish disapproves of some of Dr. Adusei's actions. He mentioned that Adusei has been giving inmates injections in their jugular veins. He mentioned Wendy Ames, inmate 1145914 specifically. He mentioned Adusei had given a patient an injection of salt water (placebo). He's giving a pregnant inmate (Angela Hong Gonzales #1195478) methadone. He said Adusei is increasing her methadone dosage and releasing her back to a pod.

Dr. Harnish said Adusei ordered an inmate (Paul Ellis?, #1176859) to be released from suicide watch in Medical without conferring with Harnish.

Dr. Harnish said several nurses have voiced their concerns to him over Adusei's actions.

After this discussion with Dr. Harnish, I asked Medical Services Administrator Chris Rogers to come to my office. I told her that Dr. Harnish has voiced some

concerns over Dr. Adusei and I detailed the concerns that Dr. Harnish has shared with me. She indicated that Dr. Harnish is a good physician. I gathered that she has a great deal of respect for him. She said that Dr. Adusei has done some things that she doesn't agree with and she's told him she doesn't agree with them. Among these are the injections to the jugular. She said that by their policy, methadone is permitted to be administered to pregnant females. They are the only inmates who receive the drug.

She did say that Adusei is the doctor in charge there. She said she's confident he would never purposely do anything to harm a patient. She said there are different ways of doing things. She said he hasn't done anything that is immoral, unethical, or illegal. She said "corporate" is aware of the concerns raised about Dr. Adusei and is "addressing" them. I asked her in what way. She thinks they're looking at replacing him.

On 08-15-12, I met with Correctional Healthcare Companies Contract Manager David Miller about Dr. Harnish's concerns. He had already been briefed on the matter by Chris Rogers.

Mr. Miller is going to personally address the personality conflict that appears to exist between the two doctors. He said the doctors don't talk to each other. He's going to make them sit down together and talk. As far as the difference of opinion as to medical procedures and decisions, Mr. Miller has turned that matter over to the doctor in charge of CHC's psychiatric services and to the doctor in charge of CHC's medical services. Those supervising doctors will decide whether Dr. Harnish's concerns are valid and whether Dr. Adusei's techniques need to be altered. If the matter needs to be addressed, CHC will do so.