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    UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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    EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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    ADRIAN SCHOOLCRAFT,
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                         Plaintiff,
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             -against- Index No.
                        10CIV-6005 (RWS)
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    THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPUTY CHIEF
    MICHAEL MARINO, Tax Id. 873220,
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    Individually and in his Official
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    Capacity, ASSISTANT CHIEF PATROL
    BOROUGH BROOKLYN NORTH GERALD NELSON,
    Tax Id. 912370, Individually and in his
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    Official Capacity, DEPUTY INSPECTOR
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    STEVEN MAURIELLO, Tax Id. 895117,
    Individually and in his Official
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    Capacity, CAPTAIN THEODORE LAUTERBORN,
    Tax Id. 897840, Individually and in his
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    Official Capacity, LIEUTENANT JOSEPH
    GOFF, Tax Id. 894025, Individually and
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    in his Official Capacity, stg. Frederick
    Sawyer, Shield No. 2576, Individually
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    and in his Official Capacity, SERGEANT
    KURT DUNCAN, Shield No. 2483,
    Individually and in his Official
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    Capacity, LIEUTENANT TIMOTHY CAUGHEY,
    Tax Id. 885374, Individually and in his
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    Official Capacity, SERGEANT SHANTEL
    JAMES, Shield No. 3004, and P.O.'s "JOHN
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    DOE" 1-50, Individually and in their
    Official Capacity (the name John Doe
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    being fictitious, as the true names are
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    presently unknown) (collectively referred
    to as "NYPD defendants"), JAMAICA
    HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER, DR. ISAK ISAKOV,
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    Individually and in his Official
    Capacity, DR. LILIAN ALDANA-BERNIER,
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    Individually and in her Official Capacity
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    and JAMAICA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER
    EMPLOYEES "JOHN DOE" # 1-50, Individually
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and in their Official Capacity (the name John Doe being fictitious, as the true names are presently unknown),

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220 42nd Street New York, New York May 30, 2014 10:28 a.m.

VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION of ANTHONY J. MAFFIA, a Witness on behalf of one of the Defendants, JAMAICA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER, in the above-entitled action, held at the above time and place, taken before Margaret Scully-Ayers, a Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public of the State of New York, pursuant to Order and the

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and among counsel for the respective parties hereto, that the filing, sealing and certification of the within deposition shall be and the same are

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that all objections, except as to form of the question, shall be reserved to the time of the trial;

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that the within deposition may be signed before any Notary Public with the same force and effect as if signed and sworn to before the Court.

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hereby waived;

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	MR. SMITH: Okay.
3	Q. Good morning, Mr. Maffia. Is
4	that how you pronounce it?
5	A. Correct.
6	Q. My name is Nathaniel Smith, and
7	I'm an attorney. I represent Adrian
8	Schoolcraft who was an individual who
9	brought a claim against Jamaica Hospital.
10	He was admitted against his will by
11	Jamaica Hospital, and he brought a
12	lawsuit against Jamaica Hospital and
13	others.
14	There's a few rules and
15	procedures. I'm sure your counsel spoke
16	with you about them; the rules and
17	procedures. I just want to clarify that
18	we both agree on them at the beginning of
19	the record. Okay?
20	A. Okay.
21	Q. Is that all right?
22	A. Okay.
23	Q. If I ask you a question and you
2 4	don't understand, will you please let me
25	know?

1	A. MAFFIA
2	A. Okay.
3	Q. You've just been sworn to tell
4	the truth so it's important that you do
5	that but also important that you
6	understand my questions because if I ask
7	a question and you answer, I'm going to
8	assume and the record is going to assume
9	that you understood the question.
١٥	If you have any concerns about
11	the question, please let me know and I
12	will do my best to rephrase it. Okay?
13	A. Okay.
14	Q. Have you ever been deposed
1 5	before?
16	A. No.
17	Q. Who are you currently employed
18	by?
19	A. Jamaica Hospital Medical
2 0	Center.
21	Q. What is your position there?
22	A. Vice president of psychiatry.
2 3	Q. How long have you been the vice
2 4	president of psychiatry?
2 5	A. Since 1995.

1	A. MAFFIA
2	MR. IVONE: Read that back.
3	[The requested portion of the
4	record was read.]
5	Q. Is there a department within
6	Jamaica Hospital that you work in?
7	A. Yes, the Department of
8	Psychiatry.
9	Q. How long have you worked within
10	the Department of Psychiatry at Jamaica
11	Hospital?
12	A. Since 1995.
13	Q. Can you describe for me the
14	organizational structure of the
15	Department of Psychiatry?
16	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection to
17	form.
18	But you can answer the question.
19	A. The organizational structure is
20	that there is a vice president, myself,
21	who reports to the chief operating
22	officer of the hospital.
23	There is clinical chairman who
2 4	reports to the chief operating officer,
25	the medical board, and the president of

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	the hospital; and he takes care of all
3	clinical matters.
4	And I take care of
5	responsible for the administrative
6	matters.
7	Q. What is the name of the
8	individual who was in charge of the
9	clinical matters?
10	A. Dr. Seeth, S-E-E-T-H, first
11	name; last name Vivek, V-I-V-E-K. He's a
12	physician.
13	Q. Are you a physician?
1 4	A. I am not.
15	Q. Do you report to the same
16	individuals that Vivek reports to?
17	A. Well, he reports to the medical
18	board, and I report to the chief
19	operating officer and the president.
20	He reports to the medical
21	board, the chief operating officer, and
22	the president.
23	Q. Who is the chief operating
2 4	officer?
25	A William Lynch

1	A. MAFFIA
2	Q. Have you reported to Lynch
3	throughout your tenure and Jamaica
4	Hospital?
5	A. No.
6	Q. Who else was the chief
7	operating officer?
8	A. Prior to Mr. Lynch was Mr.
9	Bruce Flanz, F-L-A-N-Z, first name Bruce.
10	Q. When did Lynch become the chief
11	operating officer?
12	A. About one year ago.
13	Q. In 2009 Flanz was the chief
14	operating officer of the hospital?
15	A. That's correct.
16	Q. As the vice president, what are
17	your duties?
18	A. My duties are administrative in
19	nature.
20	Q. Can you explain that in a
21	little bit more detail?
22	A. I'm responsible for program
23	development; budgets; finance; grant
24	writing; any other administrative issues;
25	development of space; construction; those

1	A. MAFFIA
2	types of things.
3	Q. Exclusively for the Department
4	of Psychiatry?
5	A. That's correct.
6	Q. When you say "program
7	development," what kind of program
8	development are you referring to?
9	A. To new ideas and concepts for
10	different types of programs we can
11	utilize at the hospital to assist the
12	community; for instance, operations that
13	would help patients utilize a mental
14	health clinic more than an inpatient
15	setting, a CPEP, Comprehensive
16	Psychiatric Emergency Program.
17	Q. Was there a CPEP at the
18	hospital in 2009?
19	A. No.
20	Q. When did a CPEP operation
21	commence at the hospital?
22	A. Last year.
23	Q. Was it that last year that
2 4	there were renovations done to the
25	psychiatric emergency room?

1	A. MAFFIA
2	A. That's correct.
3	Q. And those renovations were done
4	in order to obtain the CPEP
5	authorization?
6	A. That's correct.
7	Q. What kind of psychiatric
8	facility did the hospital have in 2009?
9	A. They had a mental health
10	clinic, a psychiatric emergency
11	department, and two psychiatric inpatient
12	units.
13	MR. IVONE: I'm sorry.
14	THE WITNESS: Two psychiatric
15	inpatient units.
16	MR. RADOMISLI: Off the record.
17	[Discussion held off the
18	record.]
19	Q. You said there was a clinic at
20	the hospital?
21	A. Uh-huh.
22	Q. What did the clinic do?
23	A. Sees outpatients.
2 4	Q. And the psychiatric ER, what
25	does that do?

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	A. Sees emergency patients.
3	Q. What are emergency patients?
4	A. Patients that are brought in
5	requiring emergency care either by
6	ambulance, by police, by families or
7	themselves.
8	Q. What are the circumstances
9	under which patients require emergency
10	care?
11	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection, goes
12	beyond the scope.
1 3	Don't answer the question.
14	MR. SMITH: Don't answer the
15	question?
16	MR. RADOMISLI: You are limited
17	by court order.
18	MR. SMITH: Well, I'm not going
19	to quibble with you about that, but I
2 0	think I need a little bit of latitude
21	to understand the nature of the
22	operations and all the other areas.
23	So give me a little bit of
2 4	latitude so we won't get into an
2 5	unnecessary delay.

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	MR. RADOMISLI: The question is
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4	MR. SMITH: I understand what
5	the court order was. I think you do
6	to.
7	So I'm suggesting give me a
8	little bit of latitude and if you
9	think I'm really going beyond the
10	limitations, that might be a good
11	point to tell the Witness not to
12	answer the question.
13	MR. RADOMISLI: I think the
14	question that you just asked goes
15	beyond it.
16	Q. The two wards that you
17	mentioned, units, what do they do?
18	A. They see psychiatric patients.
19	Q. Where are they located?
20	A. They are on the second and
21	third floor of what is known as the C
22	building at the hospital.
23	Q. Is there any difference between
2 4	the two units?
2.5	A. No.

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	assistant director of social work there.
3	Q. What was your next form of
4	employment?
5	A. Jamaica Hospital. I was the
6	director of social work there.
7	Q. When did you start working at
8	Jamaica Hospital?
9	A. 1986.
10	Q. What were your duties as a
11	director of social work in 1986?
12	A. To supervise and direct the
13	social work services at the hospital.
1 4	Q. What are the social work
15	services at the hospital?
16	MR. RADOMISLI: What were they
17	back in 1986?
18	MR. SMITH: No, what are they.
19	A. Now?
20	Q. Yes.
21	A. I'm not the director of social
22	work anymore.
23	Q. At the time that you were, what
2 4	were the social work activities?
25	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection.

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	But you can answer.
3	A. They provided discharge
4	planning services to the patients in the
5	hospital.
6	Q. Anything else?
7	A. Also counseling services to the
8	same patients and their families.
9	Q. What kind of counseling?
10	A. Counseling around discharge,
11	assistance at home, basically, medical
12	social work. It wasn't psychiatric
13	social work.
14	Q. What did you do next?
15	A. In 1995 I was promoted to vice
16	president of psychiatry at Jamaica
17	Hospital.
18	Q. Those are the duties that you
19	have and that's the title that you have
2 0	today?
21	A. That's correct.
22	Q. Was your work as a social
23	worker prior to coming to Jamaica

Hospital medical social work?

Yes.

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	Q. Did it also involve psychiatric
3	social work?
4	A. At Winthrop the answer yeah,
5	and at Jamaica Booth also. It was
6	limited experience in psychiatry there at
7	Winthrop. I had some experience in
8	psychiatric social work there.
9	Q. What was your experience in the
10	psychiatric social work?
11	A. There was a psychiatric unit at
12	Winthrop, and I supervised the social
13	work there.
14	Q. Do you have any training in
15	psychiatric social work?
16	A. Social work is social work.
17	Psychiatry is only the division that you
18	work in.
19	Q. Is that an answer to my
20	question?
21	A. [Indicating.]
22	Q. Yes?
23	A. Yes.
24	If you are a social worker in a
25	psychiatric setting, that's where you

1	A. MAFFIA
2	work. If you were a social worker in a
3	medical setting, you do social work in a
4	medical setting.
5	The differentiation is the type
6	of social work you provide. Social work
7	in general as a service or diploma is
8	social work.
9	Q. Do you have any licenses?
10	A. Yes.
11	Q. What licenses do you have?
12	A. I am LCSW, a licensed clinical
13	social worker.
14	Q. Any other licenses?
15	A. No.
16	Q. As a licensed social worker,
17	did you have to take any examinations?
18	A. Yes.
19	Q. Who administered those
20	examinations?
21	A. The State of New York.
22	Q. Do you also have to have
23	certain educational requirement?
24	A. Master's degree.
25	Q. Either in your studies to

1	A. MAFFIA
2	obtain your master's degree or in your
3	studies to obtain any prior degrees, did
4	you have any training in psychiatric
5	social work?
6	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection.
7	You can answer.
8	A. No.
9	Q. Have you ever had any training
10	in psychiatric social work?
11	MR. RADOMISLI: Asked and
12	answered.
13	You can answer.
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. What was your training in
16	psychiatric social work?
17	A. When I worked at Booth Memorial
18	Medical Center, there was as psychiatric
19	unit there. I provided services there
20	and was supervised by the director of the
21	department.
22	Q. And that was the extent of your
23	training in psychiatric social work?
2 4	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection to
25	form.

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	MR. SMITH: You can answer.
3	A. At Booth.
4	Q. How were you trained?
5	MR. RADOMISLI: He is not here
6	as a personal witness. He is here as
7	a corporate witness.
8	MR. SMITH: But I'm trying to
9	understand the foundation for the
10	subject matters I'm going to ask him
11	about.
12	MR. RADOMISLI: Well, I'm not
1 3	sure that that question goes to the
1 4	issues. I'm not going to give you a
15	hard time, but at some point
16	MR. SMITH: Okay. I'm just
17	trying to find out what his training
18	was in psychiatric social work in
19	forms not only from his experience and
2 0	the level of his foundation for the
21	testimony.
22	MR. RADOMISLI: Not really. The
23	foundation of his testimony is his
2 4	role as VP director and VP in
25	psychiatric.

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MR. SMITH: I'm not going to go

Sir, can you just briefly

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describe for me what training you got for

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psychiatric social work?

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Winthrop when I was a supervisor of the

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programs that I would attend along with

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or others?

other social workers and team members. What were these educational

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program about?

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conferences, grand rounds, individual

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conferences about certain patients with

training in order to determine whether or

not a patient is a danger to themselves

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psychiatrists who would discuss the

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MR. RADOMISLI: Objection.

Have you ever received any

I'm going to direct him not to

It's beyond the scope. answer.

1	A. MAFFIA
2	Q. At Jamaica Hospital, do you
3	have any role in making assessment of
4	dangerousness of individuals who are
5	mentally ill or have been alleged to be
6	mentally ill?
7	A. No, the physicians do that.
8	Q. What did you do to prepare for
9	today's deposition?
10	A. Met with the attorneys or
11	attorney.
12	Q. When?
13	A. Over about a two- or three-week
14	period probably.
15	Q. My question was when?
16	A. When, sorry. Once a week for
17	the last three weeks.
18	MR. RADOMISLI: Don't look at
19	me.
20	THE WITNESS: I apologize. I'm
21	just trying to remember.
22	MR. SMITH: Did you say don't
23	look at him?
2 4	MR. RADOMISLI: Don't look at
25	me I can't give you the answer.

1	A. MAFFIA
2	Q. How many times did you meet,
3	How many times did you meet with the
4	attorney for Jamaica Hospital in this
5	case?
6	A. Three times.
7	Q. How long were each of these
8	meetings?
9	A. Between hour and a half to two
10	hours.
11	Q. Did you look at any documents?
12	A. Yes.
13	Q. What documents did you look at?
14	A. Some of the policies that the
15	Department of Psychiatry has.
16	Q. How many policies did you look
17	at?
18	A. I don't know, several.
19	Q. Did you look at anything else
20	other than Department of Psychiatry
21	policies?
22	A. No.
23	Q. What were the policies about?
2 4	A. One policy was about
25	involuntary admission.

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	Q. What were the other policies
3	about?
4	A. Similar.
5	Q. I don't know what that means.
6	A. There was some policies about
7	involuntary admission and some of the
8	issues surrounding the mental hygiene law
9	and the policies. I looked at those.
10	Q. I'm not sure you're answering
11	my question.
12	What policies of the hospital
13	did you look at in preparing for your
14	deposition?
15	A. It was a policy on involuntary
16	admissions.
17	Q. You told me about that.
18	A. Right.
19	Q. What other policies did you
20	look at in preparing for your deposition?
21	A. I can't recall. I know it was
22	that one. I don't recall. I'm sorry.
23	Q. Who were the attorneys that you
2 4	met with on those three occasions when
25	vou prepared for your deposition?

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	A. On all three occasions, counsel
3	present [indicating], also there was
4	another attorney that we met with Mr.
5	Thrope, T-H-R-O-P-E.
6	Q. Who is Mr. Thrope?
7	A. He was one of the attorneys for
8	the hospital.
9	Q. Does he work for Martin,
10	Clearwater & Bell?
11	A. No, he does not.
12	Q. He is in-house counsel for the
13	hospital?
14	A. No, he works for a firm. I
15	don't know.
16	In-house, does that mean we
17	employ him and he works at the hospital?
18	I don't understand.
19	Q. What is the name of the firm?
20	A. Foley & Lardner.
21	Q. It's your understanding he was
22	the attorney representing the hospital?
23	A. That's correct.
2 4	Q. Was there anybody else present?
25	A. Yes.

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1		A. MAFFIA
2	Q.	Who?
3	Α.	Dr. Vivek was present at one
4	meeting.	
5	Q.	Anybody else present at any of
6	these mee	ings?
7	Α.	No.
8	Q.	Is Dr. Vivek your peer, your
9	superior,	or your subordinate at the
10	hospital?	
11	Α.	He is
12		MR. RADOMISLI: Objection to
13	form.	
1 4	Α.	He is a peer.
15	Q.	Have you spoken with anybody
16	else at t	he hospital about your
17	deposition	n?
18	A .	No.
19	Q.	Have you done anything else
2 0	other than	n meet with the attorneys and
21	Dr. Vivek	on the three occasions and
22	looked at	the policy documents that you
23	mentioned	?
2 4	A .	Say that again.
25	Q.	I'll be happy to.

1	A. MAFFIA
2	Other than meeting the
3	attorneys on these three occasions
4	A. Uh-huh.
5	Q and other than looking at
6	these policy documents for the hospital,
7	did you do anything else to prepare for
8	today's deposition?
9	MR. RADOMISLI: Other than Dr.
10	Vivek.
11	MR. SMITH: He was at one of the
12	meetings.
13	THE WITNESS: Right.
14	Q. Other than being in these three
15	meetings and other than looking at these
16	policy documents, did you do anything
17	else to prepare for your deposition?
18	A. No.
19	Q. What is your understanding of
20	the subject matter that you are here to
21	testify about?
22	A. I'm here to testify about four
23	issues: One was about structure of the
2 4	hospital; something about cameras;
25	policies; and I forget the fourth one.

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	I'm sorry.
3	Q. Was the fourth one performance
4	evaluations at the hospital for doctors?
5	A. Yes [indicating].
6	Q. Is that correct?
7	A. Yes. Sorry.
8	Q. Does the hospital have any
9	procedures, protocols, or practice with
LO	respect to doing evaluations on the
L 1	performance of doctors that work for it?
L 2	A. Yes.
L 3	Q. What are those?
L 4	A. They get a yearly evaluation.
L 5	Q. Is there a policy document that
16	describes what that yearly evaluation
L 7	covers?
18	A. The evaluation which I'm
19	somewhat familiar with has the tenet of
2 0	what the evaluation is about; what the
21	doctor is evaluated on. It kind of
2 2	serves as the policy and the evaluation
2 3	tool.
2 4	Q. Can you explain that answer?
2 5	A In other words, on the

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	evaluation there are things that the
3	doctor was evaluated on and that serves
4	as the policy.
5	Is there a policy they get a
6	yearly evaluation, the answer is yes.
7	Q. So there is a form of
8	evaluation used to evaluation doctors?
9	A. That's correct, right.
10	Q. And the form covers certain
11	subject matters; is that correct?
12	A. Yes.
13	Q. And are you telling me that the
14	hospital policy about what the factors
15	are in order to assess the performance of
16	the doctors who works at the hospital are
17	set forth in the form?
18	A. Yes.
19	MR. SMITH: I request the
20	production of the form, Jamaica
21	Hospital evaluation that was employed
22	to evaluate doctors for the period
23	2007, '8, '9.
24	MR. RADOMISLI: Taken under

advisement. Please follow up in

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	writing.
3	Q. Have you looked at that form
4	recently?
5	A. Yes, just perused it briefly.
6	Q. When?
7	A. During one of our conversations
8	with the attorneys.
9	Q. What do you recall about the
10	form?
11	A. It has certain items that the
12	physicians are evaluated on.
13	Q. What are the items?
14	A. Their ability to relate to
15	patients, ability to relate to staff, the
16	ability to work on an interdisciplinary
17	team, those are some of the items.
18	Q. I would like to know all of the
19	items.
20	A. I couldn't recount them all.
21	Q. Do you have them here today?
22	A. I don't have them.
23	Q. So you're not ready to testify
24	about the subject matter of the
25	evaluation process for doctors at Jamaica

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	Hospital, are you?
3	A. I don't
4	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection to
5	form.
6	A. I don't do the evaluations.
7	Q. So you are not prepared to talk
8	to me about what the evaluations of
9	doctors are, right?
L O	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection. He
L1	is
L 2	MR. SMITH: You can object. You
L 3	can instruct him not to answer
L 4	questions. Please don't make any
L 5	speeches.
L 6	MR. RADOMISLI: I'm going to
L 7	object to that question.
L 8	MR. SMITH: You can answer.
L 9	MR. RADOMISLI: He cannot
2 0	answer. He is here to answer
21	questions about the evaluation
2 2	process.
2 3	MR. SMITH: Stop. You're
2 4	interrupting my examination.
2 5	Q. Do you want to answer my

1	A. MAFFIA
2	question, please?
3	MR. RADOMISLI: No.
4	MR. SMITH: You're telling him
5	not to answer a question about whether
6	or not he is prepared to answer as to
7	the subject matter that the Court
8	directed him to appear before me and
9	answer. Is that what you're doing?
10	MR. RADOMISLI: No. The form of
11	the question is improper.
12	MR. SMITH: Fine. If the form
13	is improper, the form is improper; but
14	to instruct him not to answer the
15	question because of that is completely
16	improper, okay, and you know it so
17	stop it.
18	MR. RADOMISLI: Don't raise your
19	voice.
20	MR. SMITH: I'm not raising my
21	voice. I'm frustrated every time I
22	ask a question I try to get basic
23	information, I get stall tactics like
2 4	this.
25	MR. RADOMISLI: Stall tactics?

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MR. SMITH: I'm asking the Witness whether or not he is prepared to testify about one of the subject matters that the Court directed you to produce him on.

MR. RADOMISLI: Fine.

MR. SMITH: And you're instructing not to answer that question.

MR. RADOMISLI: Not in that form. Don't ask it in the negative.

Ask a positive question.

- Q. Are you prepared to testify on the subject matters of the performance evaluation process for doctors at Jamaica Hospital?
- A. I can testify as to -- ask me a question and I try to help you.
- Q. I just asked you a question, sir. Do you want to answer my question?

Are you prepared to testify about the factors that go into the evaluation of doctors at Jamaica Hospital?

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	A. I know what some of the factors
3	are.
4	Q. But some of the factors you
5	don't know?
6	A. That's correct. I can't
7	remember all of them.
8	MR. SMITH: My suggestion,
9	Counsel, is you either get me a copy
10	of this form now and I show it to the
11	Witness or we are going to have to
12	come back.
1 3	MR. RADOMISLI: He can testify
1 4	about the evaluation process. You
1 5	specifically asked for documents
16	before the court conference, and the
17	Court did not allow you to get it.
18	He is here to talk about the
19	evaluation process of the doctors. It
2 0	doesn't necessarily mean it's
21	exhaustive, every single item. He can
22	tell you what he can tell you. He is
2 3	prepared to tell you about the
2/	nrocess

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SMITH:

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lecture you about the law. The fact is he has an obligation to study the subject matter of the 30(b)(6) witness and come here prepared to provide information, complete information about the subject matter.

To me he has not done that because he says I don't know some of the factors but I don't know all of them, and I looked at the form but I can't remember everything.

So, again, I suggest to you, you get me the form and you present it to the Witness that he looked at recently so we can complete this witness's examination, or we were going to have to have another fight. It's up to you.

MR. RADOMISLI: The Witness is prepared to answer your questions. It's not a memory test.

If you want to ask him about certain things whether X is considered, Y is considered, go ahead.

1	A. MAFFIA
2	He is not here to reiterate the entire
3	form. He is not required to do that.
4	He is familiar enough with the process
5	and the what factors are considered.
6	The fact that he may not be able
7	to remember every single one, does not
8	disqualify him as a competent witness.
9	MR. SMITH: Well, I disagree
10	with you.
11	So you are not going to get that
12	form so we can complete his
13	examination?
14	MR. RADOMISLI: I'll think about
15	it. Move onto other topics.
16	MR. SMITH: That's reasonable.
17	We will leave the performance
18	evaluation subject matter and come
19	back to that later.
2 0	Q. What is the organizational or
2 1	corporate structure of Jamaica Hospital?
22	MR. IVONE: Read that back.
2 3	[The requested portion of the
2 4	record was read.]
2 5	A. Jamaica Hospital has a board of

1	A. MAFFIA
2	trustees with a chairman and then there
3	are several officers on the board, board
4	members. Under that is the president and
5	CEO of the hospital. Underneath the
6	president and CEO is the chief operating
7	officer and the chief financial officer.
8	Kind of across from that is the medical
9	board. Underneath the medical board who
10	has a president, there are the clinical
11	chairmen which also report to the
12	president and CFO and COO; and there are
13	vice presidents underneath the president
14	and the chief operating officer.
15	Underneath the vice presidents are
16	various administrators and directors of
17	services.
18	Jamaica Hospital is
19	not-for-profit hospital.
20	Q. Who is the chairman?
21	A. The board of trustees?
22	Q. Yes.
23	A. Neil Phillips.
2 4	Q. Who is the president of the

hospital?

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	A. Mr. Bruce Flanz.
3	Q. And the CEO?
4	A. He is the CEO.
5	Q. And the COO?
6	A. Mr. William Lynch.
7	Q. And the CFO?
8	A. Mounir, M-O-U-N-I-R; last name
9	Doss, D-O-S-S.
10	Q. How many vice presidents are
11	there?
12	A. I believe there are six.
13	Q. What are their titles other
14	than yours?
15	A. There is a vice president for
16	finance; vice president ambulatory care,
17	vice president for
18	rehabilitation/transitional care
19	services. I'm trying to remember, jeez.
20	I'm missing something. I'm sorry. I
21	will remember.
22	Q. If it comes to your mind, let
23	me know?
2 4	A. I apologize.
25	Vice president of nursing, Miss

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	Holley, H-O-L-L-E-Y.
3	Q. Does the hospital have separate
4	departments?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. Who are those?
7	A. There are quite a few. Are you
8	talking about clinical departments?
9	Q. I want to know about the
10	organizational structure.
11	A. The Department of Surgery; the
12	Department of Medicine; Department of
13	OB/GYN; Department of Pediatrics. There
1 4	is the Department of Rehabilitation
15	Medicine; pediatrics, and Department of
1 6	Anesthesia, Emergency Department, there a
17	whole series of other departments:
18	pulmonary; respiratory; social work;
19	quality improvement. There's dozens.
20	Q. I would like know to the extent
21	that you have to rattle off those
22	departments, I would like to know what
23	they are.
2 4	A. Let's see. I mentioned

respiratory, instruction, engineering,

1	A. MAFFIA
2	housekeeping, plant operations, human
3	resources, there is the Finance
4	Department, Benefits Department,
5	Department of Nursing, Department of
6	Ambulatory Care, case management, the
7	list goes kind of on and on.
8	Q. Who runs the Emergency
9	Department?
10	A. Dr. Doughlin. He is the
11	chairman of emergency medicine.
12	Q. Who runs the Finance
13	Department?
14	A. Mounir Doss, the chief
1 5	financial officer.
1 6	Q. Is the Finance Department
17	responsible for determining whether or
18	not services the hospital provides will
19	be covered by insurance, among other
2 0	things?
21	A. I can't answer your question
2 2	the way you phrased it. Could you just
2 3	ask it another way? I'm sorry.
2 4	Q. Is there a particular
2 5	department within the hospital

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2	responsible for determining whether or
3	not the hospital will be reimbursed by
4	insurance or some other third-party
5	payer?
6	A. The Finance Department would
7	usually bill or send the bills out to the
8	insurance company.
9	Q. Which department contacts
10	insurance companies to find out whether
11	or not a service to be provided will be
12	covered?
13	A. Usually, it would be the
1 4	Finance Department and case management.
1 5	Q. Who runs case management?
1 6	A. Cheryl Mersten, M-E-R-S-T-E-N,
17	I believe. She runs case management.
18	Q. Is there a Security Department?
19	A. Yes, there is. I left that
2 0	out.
21	Q. Who runs the Security
22	Department?
23	A. Presently.
2 4	Q. Yes?
2 5	A. Mr. Charles Neacy, N-E-A-C-Y.

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1		A. MAFFIA
2	Q.	Who ran security in 2009?
3	Α.	I think it was a Mr. Martinez.
4	Q.	What was his first name?
5	A .	Francisco. I might be wrong
6	about that	. I believe it was him.
7	Q.	How many people worked in the
8	Security D	epartment?
9	Α.	I don't know.
10	Q.	Any of them formal NYPD?
11	Α.	I don't know that either.
12	Q.	Who are the other directors of
13	the Securi	ty Department who you can think
14	of?	
15	Α.	Previous directors?
16	Q.	Yes.
17	A .	There was prior to Mr.
18	Martinez,	there was a Clarence Herring.
19	Q.	Can you spell that?
20	A .	H-E-R-R-I-N-G?
21	Q.	Anybody else?
22	Α.	Prior to him was a gentleman by
23	the name o	f David McJolly, M-C-J-O-L-L-Y.
2 4	Q.	And prior to him?
25	Α.	A gentleman by the name of

What kind of security cameras

Q.

1	A. MAFFIA
2	were at Jamaica Hospital in
3	October/November 2009?
4	A. The cameras were broken.
5	Q. So there were cameras in the
6	hospital, but they were broken?
7	A. That's correct.
8	Q. How many cameras were there in
9	the hospital?
10	A. In the entire hospital?
11	Q. Yes.
12	A. I couldn't even begin to guess.
13	MR. SMITH: I think that
14	question was a little bit poorly
15	formed, very badly, poorly formed.
1 6	Q. How many camera systems were
17	there in the hospital in October 2009?
18	A. There was one system.
19	Q. Just to clarify my bad
20	question: And that system had various
21	cameras located throughout the hospital?
22	A. [Indicating.]
23	Q. Is that correct?
2 4	A. Yes, that's correct.
25	Q. Including cameras in the

you're fine.

1	A. MAFFIA
2	Q. In 2009, the psychiatric ER was
3	directly to the left of the emergency
4	room when you walked in through the
5	double doors and faced the nurses'

station, right?

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- A. That's correct.
- Q. And were there security cameras in the medical ER area?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Were there security cameras in the psychiatric ER section of the hospital at the same time in November 2009?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Were there also cameras in the entrance way to the hospital, the entryway to the emergency room at the hospital?
- A. I'm not sure what you mean.
- 21 Which entryway?
 - Q. When a patient is brought to the hospital in the ambulance, the ambulance parks in a certain location?
 - A. Yes, that's correct.

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	Q. Four or five different parking
3	spots, correct?
4	A. [Indicating.]
5	Q. Is that correct?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. And the patient is brought
8	through some doors to the hospital. To
9	the right is the emergency room, right?
10	A. Yes.
11	Q. Are there cameras in the area
12	of the interior of the hospital, right
13	there?
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. Are there cameras in the
16	exterior showing what is going on
17	directly outside the hospital where the
18	ambulances park?
19	A. I can't answer that for sure.
20	Q. Were there also cameras in the
21	wards of the hospital in October 2009?
22	A. What do you mean by wards?
23	Q. All right.
24	Was there a camera system in

the two psychiatric wards at Jamaica

1	A. MAFFIA
2	Hospital in October 2009?
3	A. Yes. They were broken then.
4	Q. I got that. I just want to
5	know whether or not there were little
-6-	cameras there set up but weren't working,
7	right?
8	A. No, they weren't.
9	Q. How long had they been broken
10	as of October 31, 2009?
11	A. They had been nonoperational
12	probably since 2003. I'm guessing at the
13	year, but it's a long time.
14	Q. Why did the hospital permit the
15	cameras system to remain inoperable for
16	such a long period of time?
17	A. Because the cost of replacing
18	all of them because the machinery was
19	old, outdated, and they didn't have the
20	money to do it.
21	Q. When did the hospital fix the
22	security camera system?
23	A. The hospital, as far as I know,
24	fixed the security system only in the
2 5	Department of Developmy and that was

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	after we got grant money to do it.
3	Q. When was that?
4	A. We did the new CPEP I guess
5	that was 2011/2012 when the construction
6	took place.
7	Q. When you say that the camera
8	system at the hospital was broken in
9	2009, does that mean it was completely
10	inoperable in any fashion?
11	A. That's correct.
12	Q. Have you looked at the hospital
13	chart with respect to Schoolcraft?
14	A. No.
15	Q. Have you ever looked at the law
16	governing involuntary admissions in the
17	state of New York?
18	A. Not the entire law.
19	Q. What parts of the law have you
2 0	looked at?
2 1	A. The parts that are in the
2 2	policy.
2 3	MR. SMITH: I want to mark this
2 4	as Exhibit 130.
2 5	[The document was hereby marked

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	as Plaintiff's Exhibit 130 for
3	identification, as of this date by
4	the attorney.]
5	MR. SMITH: Let's take a
-6	five-minute break.
7	Going off the record. It's
8	11:21.
9	[Discussion held off the
10	record.]
11	[Whereupon, at 11:21 a.m., a
12	recess was taken.]
13	[Whereupon, at 11:36 a.m., the
14	testimony continued.]
15	MR. SMITH: Back on the record.
16	It's 11:36.
17	Off the record I marked as
18	Exhibit 130 a group of documents that
19	came from the Jamaica Hospital
20	production. They don't have Bates
21	stamp numbers on them, but they were,
22	I believe, the sections from the
23	production by Jamaica Hospital
24	relevant to Jamaica Hospital policies
25	regarding its admission procedures at

1	A. MAFFIA
2	the hospital.
3	MR. RADOMISLI: Just so the
4	record is clear, we served them on
5	August 5, 2011.
6	MR. SMITH: Right.
7	Q. Have you had a chance to look
8	at the document part of 130, sir?
9	A. Yes.
10	Q. Were these all of the documents
11	that you looked at in preparing for your
12	deposition, or were they just some of
13	them?
14	A. These are the ones.
15	Q. These are all of the ones?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. Can you tell me what the
18	documents that are Exhibit 130 are,
19	generally?
20	A. Generally, one is the Emergency
21	Admission Procedure and that lists the
22	section of New York State Mental Hygiene
23	Law for admission.
2 4	The next page is the
25	Involuntary Legal Status Admission Policy

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when someone is brought to the hospital and evaluated by the physician.

The next one is the Emergency
Admission Status where the mental hygiene
law would apply and how the physician
would evaluate a patient based on the
law, what the procedure would be.

And the last, I think it's the last one, it's the admission from the emergency room to the floor to the inpatient unit and what that would entail.

- Q. Are there any other pertinent policies with respect to the hospital that aren't set forth here in connection to a decision to admit on an involuntary basis an individual?
 - A. No, I believe this is all.
- Q. On the third page of that document at the bottom there is indication of reviewed, revised, and a series of dates.
- Do you see that?
- 25 A. Yes, I do.

1	A. MAFFIA
2	Q. Who is involved in the
3	reviewing and revising the Jamaica
4	Hospital involuntary hospital procedures?
5	A. That would be the physicians,
6	the chairman the associate chairman.
7	These are policies for
8	physicians so they would review those.
9	Q. And the chairman is Dr. Vivek?
10	A. That's correct.
11	Q. Who is the associate chairman?
12	A. Dr. Vinod, V-I-N-O-D; last name
13	Dhar, D-H-A-R.
14	Q. And Vivek and Dhar were the
15	chairman and associate chairman of the
16	Psychiatric Department in 2009?
17	A. Yes.
18	Q. And they are currently in those
19	positions; is that true?
20	A. Yes, Dr. Vivek was the
21	chairman. I have to remember when doctor
22	Dhar came back.
23	You will have to excuse me, we
24	had changes in personnel and I don't
25	exactly recall when Dr. Dhar came.

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	Q. Who was Dhar's predecessor?
3	A. Dr. Bamji. He was not there at
4	the time.
5	Q. In October of '09?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. So Dhar was?
8	A. I believe he was there. I can
9	check and make sure. I don't want to
10	Q. How did you spell the other
11	individual's name?
12	A. Bamji, B-A-M-J-I. First name
13	is Dinshaw, D-I-N-S-H-A-W.
14	Q. Is there anybody else at the
15	hospital responsible for participating in
16	the review and the revision of policies
17	with respect to involuntary admissions?
18	A. It would be those people.
19	Q. Anybody else?
20	A. I don't believe so.
21	Q. Were you at all involved in
22	that activity?
23	A. I was involved only that I had
24	read them and but the physicians are
2 5	the ener that are really involved with

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	the particular use of this.
3	Q. On the second page of this
4	document, there is a caption for a policy
5	called, "Involuntary Legal Status."
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. When does this policy apply?
8	A. Well, the involuntary legal
9	status would apply if the patient is ill,
10	mentally ill, and for some reasons does
11	not feel that they need to be admitted or
12	the physician feels for some reason that
13	they need to be admitted.
14	Q. Do you know whether or not
15	Schoolcraft was admitted under this
16	policy?
17	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection to
18	form.
19	Q. Under the policy in front of
20	you right now.
21	MR. RADOMISLI: That's the 927?
22	MR. IVONE: Isn't that a
23	psychiatric decision?
2 4	MR. SMITH: Forget about it. I
25	withdraw the question.

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Q. You see on the second page of ibit 130, there is a "Procedure" ding, do you see that?

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A. Uh-huh, yes.

Q. It says, 1, "An application for the admission of patient under this status will be made by any person."

Do you see that?

A. Yes.

Q. Who are the individuals who can make an application for admission under this procedure?

A. It says in the policy, "An application for admission of a patient under this status may be made by any person with whom the patient resides: father or mother; husband or wife; brother or sister; or the child of any person or the nearest available relative; the committee of such a person, an officer of any public or well-recognized charitable institution, agency, or home in who's institution the person resides; the director of community/service social

1	A. MAFFIA
2	service official; the director of the
3	hospital or designee."
4	Q. Do you know whether or not the
5	Plaintiff, Officer Schoolcraft, in this
6	case, was committed under this procedure?
7	A. I don't.
8	Q. Turn to the next policy
9	document called, "Emergency Admission
10	Status."
11	A. Okay.
12	MR. IVONE: What page number?
13	MR. SMITH: A page number on the
14	bottom of 17. It's about five pages
15	in.
16	Q. Do you see in the reviewed
17	portion of this document the series of
18	dates?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. There is a review date of April
21	'09; also a review date of April 2010.
22	A. Yes.
23	Q. Am I correct that every April,
24	the hospital would undergo a review and
25	make any revisions that the people doing

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	the review thought were appropriate in
3	April?
4	A. Yes.
5	Q. It looks like there was a
6	review done between April '09 and April
7	2010.
8	Do you know if there were any
9	changes to this policy document during
10	that year period?
11	A. No, I don't.
12	Q. Who would know?
13	A. Probably the physicians who
14	reviewed it, the chairman, the associate
15	chairman. I don't know that there were
16	any revisions done.
17	MR. RADOMISLI: Off the record.
18	MR. SMITH: Off the record.
19	It's 11:46.
20	[Discussion held off the
21	record.]
22	[Whereupon, at 11:46 a.m., a
23	recess was taken.]
2 4	[Whereupon, at 11:47 a.m., the
25	testimony continued.]

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MR. RADOMISLI: Yes.

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policy, it has reviewed dates and also

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a couple of dates where it was

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revised. It's my understanding as far as the Emergency Admission Status policy, the one we produced and marked today,

In contract, if you look at the

MR. SMITH: Thank you.

was the one in effect in 2009.

The Emergency Admission Status Q. policy says, reading the first part, "Jamaica Hospital Medical Center will admit appropriate patients in emergency

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2	situation under New York State Mental
3	Hygiene Law Article 9.39 with careful
4	attention to the preservation of their
5	legal rights as well as their safety."
6	Do you see that, sir?
7	A. Yes, I do.
8	Q. Is this one of the policy
9	statements of the hospital that you
ιo	reviewed, studied, prepared to appear
11	today for?
12	A. Yes.
13	Q. The reference to emergency
14	situations, can you explain to me what
15	the emergency situations are there are
16	being referenced in this statement?
17	A. They would be anybody who would
18	be presenting a danger to themselves or
19	others.
2 0	Q. And the reference to careful
21	attention, what does that mean?
2 2	A. To make sure that the patients
2 3	are treated properly and that the proper
O /	evaluations by the physicians are done

Why is careful attention

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required under Jamaica Hospital policy?

- A. Because it's the patient's right to have a careful review and to get the best medical care possible.
- Q. You agree with me involuntary admission is a deprivation of a person's right to freedom on some level?

MR. RADOMISLI: Objection.

MR. CALLAN: Objection.

MR. RADOMISLI: Don't answer the question.

MR. SMITH: On what basis are you instructing the Witness not to answer that question?

 $$\operatorname{MR.}$$ RADOMISLI: Beyond the scope of the deposition.

Q. The next sentence reads,

"Patients alleged to have a mental

illness for which immediate observation,

care, and treatment in the hospital is

appropriate and is likely to result in

serious harm to himself and others, may

be admitted under this provision for a

period of 15 days."

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	Do you see that?
3	A. Yes, I do.
4	Q. Is this another one of the
5	policy statements that you studied?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. The phrase "mental illness,"
8	what does that mean?
9	A. What does the phrase "mental
10	illness" mean? In this context, I'm
11	assuming that would be the physician's
12	decision to determine what the mental
13	illness is.
14	Mental illness can be a wide
15	range and variety of things. That's
16	where the physicians have to make that
17	determination.
18	Q. The physicians have to make a
19	determination whether or not the patient
20	has a mental illness, right?
21	A. Uh-huh.
22	Q. Is that correct?
23	A. Right.
24	Q. What I want to know is what is

Jamaica Hospital's definition of a mental

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	illness under this policy?
3	A. It would the same definitions
4	that are set down in the DSM 5, then the
5	DSM 4.
-6-	Q. What are those?
7	A. It's an entire book full of
8	definitions.
9	MR. IVONE: You are basically
10	asking him to make a decision as a
11	physician.
12	MR. SMITH: I'm asking him to
13	explain Jamaica Hospital's policy and
14	some of the terms in its policy.
15	MR. IVONE: You are going beyond
16	that.
17	MR. SMITH: I disagree with you
18	so
19	Q. Did I understand you to be
20	saying that Jamaica Hospital defines
21	mental illness as all of the categories
22	that are set forth in the DSM?
23	A. I would say the answer to that
2 4	is partially, yes, that's correct. You

need to understand that some of that is

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2	governed by the state law.
3	Q. I'm not asking about the law.
4	I'm asking you
5	A. That's what I'm saying. It's
6	governed by the state law.
7	MR. SMITH: I'm going to
8	rephrase the question.
9	Q. Under this policy how does
10	Jamaica Hospital define the term or the
11	phrase "mental illness"?
12	A. I don't know that I can answer
13	that.
14	MR. RADOMISLI: Asked and
15	answered.
16	Q. Why can't you answer that
17	question?
18	A. Because the term is a broad
19	term and I'm not a physician so I can't
20	make a determination based on each
21	individual case that comes. That's not
22	happening here. So I can't give you that
23	answer. It's much to general.
24	Q. And you can't provide me with a
25	general definition of mental illness?

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MR. CALLAN: Objection. You are asking him for a medical conclusion, Counsel.

MR. SMITH: I'm asking him to explain a phrase in the Jamaica
Hospital policy.

MR. CALLAN: Which is defined by the physicians who work for Jamaica Hospital, not somebody who is an administrator.

MR. SMITH: Then maybe we need a medical person to come here and explain this to us. That's a question I'm going to tender to Jamaica Hospital's counsel.

MR. RADOMISLI: He testified, as far as I recall, that the definition of mental illness is what is based on the DSM so he anticipated that question. What is the next question?

MR. SMITH: The next question is and still was: Can he provide a general definition of mental illness as defined under the hospital policy?

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	MR. RADOMISLI: And he
3	MR. SMITH: His answer to that
4	is no, I can't, right?
5	MR. RADOMISLI: His answer was
-6-	the reference to the DSM.
7	Q. Let me ask the question again:
8	Can you provide a general definition of
9	mental illness?
10	A. No, I can't do that with
11	certainty here because the term is so
12	broad and the amount of the information
13	you would have to have would be so long,
14	I couldn't put it in five words or ten
15	words. It would be something best asked
16	a physician about, not me.
17	Q. The policy statement goes on to
18	say that for a patient whose alleged to
19	have a mental illness for which immediate
20	observation, care, and treatment is
21	appropriate.
22	Do you see that?
23	A. Yes.
24	O. Can you explain to me what this

phrase "immediate observation, care, and

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treatment" means?

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The care and treatment would be up to the physician and so would the immediate observation.

If the physician sees the patient and feels the patients needs to be admitted to the emergency room, they will.

The policy goes to say that likelihood to result in serious harm is defined as, and there are two subcategories.

The first one says "Substantial risk of physical harm to himself as manifested by threats of or attempts at suicide or serious bodily harm or other conduct demonstrating he is dangerous to himself; or 2, a substantial risk of physical harm to other persons as manifested by homicidal or other violent behavior by which others are placed in reasonable fear of serious physical harm."

Do you see those references,

1	A. MAFFIA
2	Hospital require that the patient take
3	any kind of action as opposed to having
4	any kind of thoughts which suggest that
5	the patient is either dangerous to
6	himself, herself, or others?
7	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection to the
8	form.
9	MR. IVONE: Read that back.
10	[The requested portion of the
11	record was read.]
12	MR. IVONE: Objection. He can't
13	make these decisions to respond to
14	that. He is not a physician to be
15	able to do that. I object very
16	strongly.
17	They may have had physicians
18	here having seen those are the
19	ones, not this witness.
20	MR. SMITH: Well
21	MR. RADOMISLI: Or your own
22	expert.
23	MR. SMITH: Yes, well, I
2 4	understand your objection.
25	Q. I guess my question is: In

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light of that objection, do you agree with that objection the person to whom these questions should be directed is the physician at Jamaica Hospital, not yourself?

MR. IVONE: He can't make the decision to whom you have to direct your question. You can't direct it to him.

MR. SMITH: I want to know whether or not he agrees with you.

MR. IVONE: It's whether he can answer it.

MR. SMITH: What I'm saying to the Witness, does he agree with you he is not the proper person to be asking and answering theses question.

MR. RADOMISLI: The problem is he just testified about what the policy is. You're asking about the application of the policy. The application of the policy is not what he's here to testify about.

MR. SMITH: I think you are

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splitting hairs.

MR. RADOMISLI: I'm not. You asked the Court to talk about other things, and all he said was, Judge Sweet said it's the admissibility policy of the hospital and included in that would be any determination made by the hospital part of that policy with respect to allocation to different wards.

He can testify this is what the policy is and can tell you about the policy, but you can't ask him about the application of the policy.

MR. SMITH: I'm afraid he can't even explain to me what the policy means. I think, I don't know, that you agree with me that he can't do that, certainly other counsel have indicated they think that the Witness is not capable of telling me what the phrases in the policy mean.

If you agree with their objection, I think you would agree

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with me we need another person with the capacity to explain what these terms mean; i.e., a physician.

If you don't agree with that, it seems to me you have to allow me to inquire about this.

Frankly, they might be right, this objection is well-founded. This is the witness presented to me to provide testimony about the policy of Jamaica Hospital with respect to involuntary admissions.

MR. RADOMISLI: Right.

MR. SMITH: So we either get another doctor or I'm going to continue with this witness without prejudice to asking that somebody with better knowledge shows up.

MR. RADOMISLI: His testimony was it's up to the physician to make that determination, that's the answer.

 $\label{eq:mr} \mbox{MR. SMITH:} \quad \mbox{I'm going to ask the}$ Witness another question.

Q. Sir, Mr. Maffia, do you agree

1	A. MAFFIA
2	with the objection that was just made by
3	counsel for Dr. Isakov?
4	MR. IVONE: My name is Ivone.
5	You can't really ask him to make
-6-	a decision as to whether I'm right or
7	wrong. That's what you asked him to
8	do.
9	MR. SMITH: I want to know
10	whether he agrees with you that
11	MR. IVONE: That's not his
12	function, to make a decision as to
13	whether I'm right or wrong.
14	MR. CALLAN: I don't think he's
15	gone to law school and to judge
16	whether an objection is valid or
17	invalid.
18	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection to
19	that question.
20	Q. Do you believe that you are
21	capable of providing testimony to me
22	today about the meaning of the hospital
23	policy that's before you?
2 4	MR. RADOMISLI: Well, objection.
25	He doesn't know what you are going to

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	ask so
3	Q. Can you answer the question,
4	please?
5	A. Repeat it.
6	[The requested portion of the
7	record was read.]
8	A. I can discuss the policy, but I
9	can't discuss any part that a physician
10	would play in the implementation,
11	evaluation of the policy as it regards to
12	patients.
13	Q. I don't understand that
14	distinction. I'm going to try this
15	question again: Does the hospital policy
16	with respect to involuntary admissions
17	require as a condition of involuntary
18	admission that the patient take any
19	affirmative steps or manifest any kind of
20	conduct as opposed to only requiring that
21	the patient entertain certain kinds of
22	thoughts?
23	A. To the best of my knowledge, it
24	could be and may be both.

Can you explain that answer to

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	me both?
3	A. You can either think it or act
4	it.
5	Q. And so the patient could either
-6-	think dangerous thoughts or act with
7	conduct that is construed as dangerous
8	and that could be sufficient to
9	involuntarily admit the patient; is that
10	that's correct?
11	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection.
12	Don't answer.
13	MR. SMITH: What basis?
14	MR. RADOMISLI: Beyond the
15	scope. You're asking about the
16	application of the policy, not to tell
17	you what the policy is.
18	MR. SMITH: I think we are going
19	to have to have another witness come
20	and explain some of these phrases in
21	this document to me.
22	Without waving that position,
23	I'm going to continue with this
24	examination of this witness.
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2	perspective, you were able to ask both
3	doctors who actually implemented the
4	policy about the policy at their
5	depositions, and it's also you're
6	asking for essentially expert
7	testimony from a corporate witness
8	which is not permitted.
9	MR. SMITH: I'm not asking for
10	expert testimony. I'm asking Jamaica
11	Hospital to explain to me its policy,
12	that's what I'm asking.
13	So far I haven't heard anything
14	by Jamaica Hospital explaining what
15	this policy it has actually means.
16	MR. RADOMISLI: He said that the
17	policy is determined by the physician.
18	MR. SMITH: Then I need to speak
19	to a physician.
20	MR. RADOMISLI: And you did.
21	MR. SMITH: No, who speaks on
22	behalf of the hospital, not on behalf
23	of himself or herself.
24	Let's go on.

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2	document, Procedure 1, "Following an
3	examination and interviews with other
4	informants which may be available should
5	the examining physician consider the
6	patient to meet the criteria before he
7	should certify this finding on Form OMH
8	474."
9	Do you see that?
10	A. I do.
11	Q. Where it says, "following an
12	examination," what examination is being
13	referred to there?
14	A. That would be the psychiatric
15	assessment.
16	Q. And when a patient is brought
17	into the hospital, when should the
18	psychiatric assessment be conducted?
19	MR. RADOMISLI: According to the
20	policy?
21	MR. SMITH: Yes.
22	MR. RADOMISLI: Review the
23	policy, see if there is anything in
2 4	there about that.

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2	should be responsible for this
3	assuring
4	MR. RADOMISLI: He is asking
5	when does the first one have to be
6	done, is there anything in this policy
7	that says that?
8	THE WITNESS: I don't see
9	anything.
10	Q. Do you know when the first
11	psychiatric evaluation should be
12	conducted?
13	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection.
14	Don't answer the question.
15	MR. SMITH: Because there is
16	nothing written in the policy, you are
17	telling him not to answer the
18	question?
19	MR. RADOMISLI: That's correct.
20	MR. SMITH: I'm going to have to
21	take this up with the Court.
22	Q. It says here in the Jamaica
23	Hospital policy, there is a reference to
24	informants.
25	Do vou see?

1	A. MAFFIA
2	A. I do.
3	Q. What does that mean?
4	A. That means anybody who brought
5	the patient in who has information about
6	the patient.
7	Q. Are doctors required to conduct
8	an investigation prior to making a
9	decision to involuntarily admit a
10	patient?
11	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection.
12	Don't answer it.
13	MR. SMITH: On what basis?
14	MR. RADOMISLI: A, it goes
15	beyond the scope of the deposition; B,
16	you are asking him to comment on care
17	rendered by codefendants which is not
18	proper; C, he is not a doctor. He is
19	telling you what the policy is.
20	MR. SMITH: I disagree. He is
21	not telling me what the policy is.
22	He's telling me that I can read the
23	words on the page. And you are
2 4	telling him if it's not on the page,

don't answer the question.

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	We can play this game, but it's
3	a game. It's not real from my
4	perspective.
5	MR. RADOMISLI: It's real from
6	perspective. The order is very clear.
7	Q. There is a reference on line 6
8	to a patient being able to give written
9	notice.
10	Do you see that?
11	A. Number 6?
12	Q. "If at any time after
13	admission, the patient or relative or
14	friend or the MHLS gives written notice
15	to the director of request for a court
16	hearing."
17	Do you see that?
18	A. Yes, yes, I do.
19	Q. What constitutes a written
20	notice under the policy?
21	A. A written notice, you can give
22	them a letter.
23	Q. Is a letter the only kind of
24	written notice that's required under the

policy?

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	A. I don't know.
3	Q. If a patient says I want to get
4	out, would you please put that down in
5	the hospital chart
6	A. You could
7	Q is that written notice?
8	A. Yes.
9	Also, do you know what MHLS is?
10	Q. Is that Mental Health Law
11	Services?
12	A. Legal services, yeah.
13	This means that every year a
14	patient on the inpatient service has
15	legal counsel representation.
16	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection to the
17	form of the last question because it
18	talks about a court hearing, not I
19	want to get out.
20	Q. The next policy statement,
21	Admissions to Emergency Room subject
22	matter
23	MR. IVONE: Is that 7?
24	MR. SMITH: No, this is the next
25	policy statement staring on page 44.

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	MR. IVONE: Okay.
3	MR. SMITH: Goes onto 45,
4	Caption subject, Admissions
5	to Emergency Room.
6	MR. IVONE: I have it.
7	Q. Is this the procedure for
8	taking a patient from the psychiatric
9	emergency room to one of the wards?
10	A. Yes.
11	Q. On the next page, No. 3, "It's
12	the responsibility of the admitting
13	psychiatrist to determine if the patient
14	is medically suitable for the inpatient
15	unit."
16	Do you see that?
17	A. Yes.
18	Q. What are the circumstances
19	under which an individual would not be
20	medically suitable for the inpatient
21	unit?
22	MR. IVONE: Doesn't that state
23	who makes that decision here, "the
2 4	admitting psychiatrist."
25	MR. SMITH: That's what it says

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2	here. I agree with you.
3	MR. IVONE: How can he answer
4	the question?
5	Q. Can you answer the question?
6	A. The physician makes the
7	determination about admission.
8	Q. Can you answer my question,
9	sir?
10	MR. RADOMISLI: He just did.
11	Q. Yes or no?
12	A. No.
13	Q. Am I correct that the hospital
14	policy on involuntary admission requires
15	the physicians to make a determination
16	about whether or not a patient is a
17	danger to themselves or others?
18	A. Yes.
19	Q. Under the hospital policy, what
20	is the degree of likelihood that the
21	patient will engage in dangerousness
22	that's required in order to involuntarily
23	admit a patient?
24	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection.
25	A. I'm sorry?

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	MR. RADOMISLI: You can answer.
3	MR. IVONE: Can you please read
4	that back.
5	[The requested portion of the
6	record was read.]
7	MR. IVONE: Objection to this
8	witness answering such a question.
9	Q. Can you answer the question,
10	please?
11	MR. IVONE: It's a medical
12	decision.
13	MR. RADOMISLI: That's going to
14	be his answer.
15	Q. Can you answer my question,
16	please?
17	A. It's a medical decision.
18	Q. Are you capable of providing
19	information about the level of potential
20	risk that is required in order to
21	involuntarily admit a patient?
22	MR. IVONE: Objection.
23	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection to
2 4	form.
25	You can answer.

1	A. MAFFIA
2	A. It's a medical question. The
3	physician determines.
4	Q. So you can't provide
5	information on that, is that what are
6	you're telling me?
7	A. The physician does.
8	Q. You're not answering the
9	question. I understand the physician
10	said that.
11	Are you telling me you are not
12	capable of providing that information?
13	A. I'm not a physician.
14	Q. And therefore you are not
15	capable of providing me with the
16	information I'm requesting; is that
17	correct?
18	A. Yes.
19	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection to
20	form.
21	Q. In Dr. Bernier's deposition,
22	she testified that if there was any
23	potential risk of dangerousness that she
2 4	would involuntarily admit the patient.

Is that consistent with

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2	hospital policy?
3	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection.
4	Don't answer the question.
5	Beyond the scope.
6	Q. At Dr. Isakov's deposition, he
7	said that it doesn't matter, this is from
8	page 98.
9	"It doesn't matter what level
10	of risk, if there is a risk, I think it's
11	my duty to protect the patient.
12	There was a follow-up question.
13	"Question: So it doesn't
14	matter what level of risk so long as you
15	perceive a risk, you are going to admit
16	him?
17	"Answer, Yes, right."
18	Is that testimony by Dr. Isakov
19	consistent with hospital policy on the
20	determination of whether or not to
21	involuntarily admit a patient based on a
22	dangerousness assessment?
23	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection.
2 4	Don't answer the question.
25	MR. IVONE: Objection.

1	A. MAFFIA
2	MR. CALLAN: Objection.
3	Q. Does hospital policy require
4	that when police officers present an
5	individual to the hospital that the
6	police officers sign any documents or
7	make any certifications when tendering a
8	patient for assessment by the Psychiatric
9	Department?
10	MR. RADOMISLI: Read that back,
11	please.
12	[The requested portion of the
13	record was read.]
14	MR. IVONE: Objection.
15	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection,
16	beyond the scope.
17	MR. SMITH: Are you instructing
18	him not to answer that question also?
19	MR. RADOMISLI: It's beyond the
20	scope.
21	MR. SMITH: Yes, and he is
22	instructed not to answer the question?
23	MR. RADOMISLI: Yes.
2 4	Just read it back one more time
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2	[The requested portion of the
3	record was read.]
4	[A document was hereby marked
5	as Plaintiff's Exhibit 131 for
6	identification, as of this date.]
7	Q. I'm going to show you what I'm
8	marking as Plaintiff's Exhibit 131. This
9	is a one-page document that comes out of
10	a hospital chart.
11	Are you familiar with this
12	form?
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. What is this form?
15	A. Notice of Status and Rights of
16	Emergency Admission.
17	Q. Is this a document that's
18	required under hospital policy to be
19	given to patients who are involuntarily
20	committed at the hospital?
21	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection to
22	form.
23	You can answer.
2 4	A. Yes.
25	Q. Do you see in the upper

1	A. MAFFIA
2	right-hand corner, there is a date that's
3	handwritten in there?
4	MR. RADOMISLI: I'm not going to
5	let him testify about the form.
6	MR. SMITH: So if I ask him what
7	this form is, what some of the
8	language on the form says, you are not
9	going to allow him to answer it?
10	MR. RADOMISLI: Well, maybe I'll
11	allow him to answer questions
12	regarding the language on the form;
13	certainly nothing handwritten by
1 4	somebody else.
15	MR. SMITH: All right.
16	Q. Directly to the left of the
17	handwritten portion, what does that say?
18	A. Where am I looking at? What
19	are you talking about?
20	Q. Do you see "Date of Arrival At
21	Hospital"?
22	A. Okay.
23	Q. Do you see that?
2 4	A. Yes.
25	MR. IVONE: Sorry. Where are

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2	you talking about?
3	MR. SMITH: Do you see the date
4	11/1 or $11/3$ in handwriting on the
5	upper right-hand portion by your
6	thumb?
7	MR. RADOMISLI: That's a
8	question to the attorney.
9	Q. Directly to the left of that
L O	handwriting there is a column, "Date of
11	Arrival at Hospital," right?
12	A. Okay. Yes.
13	Q. In this form, what is that a
L 4	reference to?
15	A. On this form what is that date
16	a reference to?
17	Q. Yes. What are you supposed to
18	write, date of arrival at the hospital,
19	what date are you supposed to put down?
2 0	MR. RADOMISLI: Is there a
21	policy that governs what date you put
2 2	down? Look at the policy.
2 3	THE WITNESS: No.
2 4	Q. Is that defined in the policy?
2 5	A. I don't think so.

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2	MR. RADOMISLI: Then it's beyond
3	the scope.
4	Q. Aren't you supposed to put down
5	the date that the patient got to the
6	hospital on this form, this notice?
7	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection, asked
8	and answered.
9	Don't answer the question.
10	MR. SMITH: Don't answer the
11	question?
12	MR. RADOMISLI: Right, because
13	he testified it wasn't in the policy.
14	Q. Doesn't this form that was
15	created by the hospital require the
16	information about when the patient got to
17	the hospital to be recorded in the notice
18	that is given to the patient?
19	A. This is given to the patient,
20	yes.
21	Q. The form is given to the
22	patient, right?
23	A. Yes.
2 4	Q. And somebody from the hospital

is supposed to write the date that the

1	A. MAFFIA
2	patient got to the hospital, right?
3	MR. RADOMISLI: Is that in the
4	policy? Look at the policy, testify
5	about the policy.
6	THE WITNESS: No, it's not in
7	the policy.
8	Q. So there is nothing in the
9	hospital policy about recording when the
10	patient gets to the hospital; is that
11	right?
12	MR. RADOMISLI: About the policy
13	we have before looking at?
14	MR. SMITH: Right.
15	Q. There is nothing in the
16	involuntary admissions policy at Jamaica
17	Hospital that would require there be some
18	sort of documentation of when the patient
19	got to the hospital; is that correct?
2 0	A. There's not in this policy, no.
21	Q. So that's correct?
2 2	A. Right, yes.
2 3	Q. I have shown you all of the
2 4	documents
2 5	A. Yes.

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1	A. MAFFIA
2	Q that I believe are the
3	hospital policy and you told me that's
4	all of it. So there is nothing else,
5	there is no other pieces of paper I
6	should be looking for?
7	MR. RADOMISLI: Pertaining to
8	involuntary admissions?
9	MR. SMITH: Yes.
10	Q. Pertaining to involuntary
11	admissions, right?
12	A. Yes.
13	Q. So there is no policy about
14	involuntaries where the hospital required
15	documentation of when the patient got to
16	the hospital; is that correct?
17	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection.
18	Q. In the policy?
19	MR. RADOMISLI: Asked and
2 0	answered.
21	You can answer again.
22	A. In the policy there is none.
23	Q. Who created that form, Exhibit
2 4	131, not the handwriting, just the
25	preprinted form?

1	A. MAFFIA
2	A. I believe the Office of Mental
3	Health.
4	Q. New York State?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. Does hospital policy permit an
7	individual to be held for observation for
8	a period of time before psychiatric
9	assessment is conducted of the patient?
10	A. The psychiatric assessment, you
11	are talking about the emergency room or
12	on the floor?
13	Q. I'm talking about anywhere, for
1 4	any reason.
15	A. If a patients to the
16	MR. IVONE: Aren't you asking a
17	question that's statutory? Some other
18	questions
19	Q. Would you please answer my
20	question?
21	A. If the patient comes to the
22	emergency room, the psychiatric
23	assessment is done in the emergency room.
2 4	Q. Is there anything in Jamaica
25	Hospital policy that authorizes an

1	A. MAFFIA
2	individual to be held for observation
3	prior to a psychiatric assessment?
4	MR. IVONE: Read that back.
5	[The requested portion of the
6	record was read.]
7	A. Are we talking about a
8	psychiatric emergency room or any
9	emergency room anywhere in the hospital?
10	Q. Under any circumstances, sir.
11	MR. IVONE: Objection. Isn't
12	this a decision by a physician to
13	decide that?
14	Q. Would you answer my question,
15	please?
16	MR. IVONE: Objection.
17	MR. RADOMISLI: Review the
18	policy and answer his question.
19	A. In the Emergency Department in
20	psychiatry when a patient goes in, he
21	gets the psychiatric assessment.
22	If he is in the another
23	emergency room for other reasons like the
2 4	medical emergency room, that evaluation
25	would have to be done by a consulting

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2	psychiatrist.
3	Q. You are not answering my
4	question.
5	Is there anywhere in Jamaica
6	Hospital policy some sort of
7	authorization to hold a patient before
8	the patient is psychologically evaluated?
9	A. I'm sorry. I can't answer
10	that, I don't know.
11	Q. In this case Schoolcraft was
12	brought to the hospital on the night of
13	October 31, 2009, and he was
1 4	psychologically assessed the following
15	day.
16	Is there anything in Jamaica
17	Hospital policy that authorizes it or
18	permits any of its employees to hold a
19	patient against the patient's will before
2 0	the patient has been evaluated for
21	involuntary admission?
2 2	A. I don't believe that I know
23	that.
2 4	Q. Does hospital policy require

physicians to consider the safety of the

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community in making involuntary admission decisions?

- A. The admission decision is based on the 9.39 regulation from the mental hygiene law which is again a danger to self or others. The physician makes that determination.
- Q. So does the hospital policy require physicians to protect the community?
- MR. RADOMISLI: Objection to form.
- You can answer.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. What are the factors involved
 17 in making an involuntary commitment
 18 decision?
- A. The physician has to evaluate the patient as it states in the law.

 They have to determine if the patient is a danger to himself or others.
 - Q. Are you capable of providing me with information about how that decision is made on a particularized basis?

1	A. MAFFIA
2	A. No, because the psychiatric
3	assessment is done by the physician.
4	Q. Is there any time requirement
5	in the hospital policy governing when a
6	second evaluation must be done in order
7	to maintain a patient's status as an
8	involuntary?
9	A. I think that's in the policy.
10	Let me check the policy. I think it's
11	"The admitting doctor will be responsible
12	for"
13	THE REPORTER: You have to slow
14	down.
15	Q. You don't have to read it out
16	loud. Take a look and tell me whether or
17	not there is such a requirement.
18	A. Yes. It's conducted.
19	Q. What is the requirement?
20	A. Conducted within 48 hours of
21	admission.
22	Q. So the second evaluation has to
23	be done within 48 hours of admission?
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Yes?

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THE WITNESS: Yes.

- Q. When you say that the second evaluation has to be done within 48 hour of the admission, do you mean the second evaluation has to be done within 48 hours of the initial decision to involuntarily admit the patient?
- A. No. It says "admission." So if the patient is admitted, then within 48 hours of the admission, they would do the evaluation.
- Q. That's admission. If the
 patient is admitted in the medical, is
 that a reference to medical admission?

 MR. RADOMISLI: Objection to

form.

18 A. No.

- Q. What is that a reference to?
- A. We are talking about the Psychiatric Department here.
- Q. So the 48 hour clock begins
 when the patient is admitted in the
 psychiatric unit, right?
- 25 A. It says here, patient is --

1	A. MAFFIA
2	"The evaluation/examination is conducted
3	within 48 hours of admission."
4	Q. And the term "admission," is
5	referring to the admission of the patient
6	by the psychiatric emergency room, right?
7	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection to
8	form.
9	Can you rephrase it?
10	Q. The term "admission" refers to
11	admission of the patient by the
12	Psychiatric Department of the hospital;
13	is that right.
14	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection to
15	form.
16	You can answer.
17	A. If a patient
18	MR. RADOMISLI: Just answer his
19	question. If you can't answer the
20	question, tell him.
21	Read it back.
22	[The requested portion of the
23	record was read.]
24	A. Yes.
25	MR. SMITH: Can you get me that

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2	performance evaluation form?
3	MR. RADOMISLI: Because that
4	portion is going to be marked
5	confidential.
6	Off the record.
7	[Discussion held off the
8	record.]
9	MR. SMITH: Going off the
10	record. It's 12:36.
11	[Discussion held off the
12	record.]
13	[Whereupon, at 12:36 p.m., a
1 4	recess was taken.]
15	[Whereupon, at 12:44 p.m., the
16	testimony continued.]
17	MR. SMITH: Back on the record
18	12:44.
19	MR. RADOMISLI: Plaintiff's
2 0	counsel and I had an off-the-record
21	conversation, and I indicated that I
22	will consider bringing back a doctor
23	to testify solely on behalf of Jamaica
2 4	Hospital to testify about the
2 5	admissibility policy of the hospital.

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I will let plaintiff's counsel know within two weeks and everybody else as well whether we will voluntarily produce a witness, a physician witness, from the hospital to testify about that particular issue.

> MR. SMITH: Okay.

MR. RADOMISLI: Now, let's go to the confidential portion of the deposition.

[Whereupon, the following is deemed confidential:]

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[The document was hereby marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 132 for identification, as of this date by the attorney and deemed confidential.]

MR. SMITH: I'm placing before the Witness a document an 11-page document stamped Plaintiff's Exhibit 132 and also been labeled by Jamaica Hospital's counsel as confidential, entitled, "Jamaica Hospital Job Description Performance Evaluation."

Do you mind if I get a copy of that too?

MR. RADOMISLI: Sorry. Sure.

THE WITNESS: Here.

MR. SMITH: You should have the one with the sticker on it if there are any questions about the copying.

- Q. Mr. Maffia, is this the form of evaluation that you had mentioned earlier in your testimony?
 - A. Yes, it is.
 - Q. And you looked at that form in

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2	preparing for your testimony today?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. Are there any other forms or
5	any other documents that are relevant to
6	an assessment of the performance of a
7	doctor at Jamaica Hospital?
8	MR. RADOMISLI: Objection to
9	form.
10	A. [Indicating.]
11	Q. You have to answer yes or no.
12	A. Are there any others, no, I
13	don't believe.
1 4	Q. Do you see on the first page
15	there is a reference to ADA codes?
16	A. Right.
17	Q. What are those?
18	A. Um those are, um I'm
19	trying to remember because they are in
20	the back, the Americans with Disabilities
21	Act codes. If you turn to page
22	Q. I see this is the list on page
23	5.
2 4	A. Right, so if you
25	MR. RADOMISLI: Answer the

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2	question.
3	Q. These are references to
4	categorizing the various work categories
5	either within or outside of the Americans
6	with Disabilities Act Essential Job
7	Functions?
8	A. Yes.
9	Q. Who was the one that filled out
10	or prepared these forms with respect to
11	individual psychiatrists in the
12	Psychiatric Department of Jamaica
13	Hospital?
14	A. Who does the evaluations?
15	Q. Yes.
16	A. The physicians are evaluated by
17	the unit chief.
18	Q. Who were or was the unit chief
19	in October 2009?
20	A. I believe this was a Dr.
21	Edelman, Martha Edelman, E-D-E-L-M-A-N.
22	Q. Does this evaluation apply to
23	doctors or psychiatrists who work in the

emergency room as well and doctors or

psychiatrists that work in the various

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2	wards?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. Does the evaluation process
5	track the number of patients that a
6	doctor sees during a period of time?
7	A. No.
8	Q. Does the evaluation process at
9	Jamaica Hospital track the amount of
10	revenue that a physician generates or
11	assists in generating for purposes of
1 2	assessing the performance of the doctor?
13	A. No.
1 4	Q. Does the evaluation process
1 5	keep track of whether or not a physician
16	or psychiatrist in the Psychiatric
17	Department maintain levels of training?
18	A. Well, there is a yes, it
19	does.
2 0	Q. Where is that on the form?
21	A. There is a skill competency
22	check on the second page and
23	Q. What are you referring to,
2 4	specifically?
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2	So those competencies would have to be
3	fulfilled.
4	If you also look at "Learning
5	Resources."
6	Q. What page are you at?
7	A. I think it looks like page 6.
8	Q. What are those?
9	A. So those would be things that
10	the supervisor would assess and evaluate
11	the physician on.
12	It says, "the application of
13	knowledge and of skills appropriate to
1 4	care of patients."
1 5	Q. Where were you just reading
16	from?
17	A. I'm sorry under, "Criteria for
18	Success."
19	Q. Yes.
2 0	A. Number 1.
21	Q. Thank you.
22	Is the process for evaluating
23	Dr. Bernier the same as the process for
2 4	evaluating Dr. Isakov?
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2	Q. Does the hospital generate
3	statistics on length of stay of
4	involuntary admission patients?
5	MR. RADOMISLI: Don't answer the
6	question.
7	Beyond the scope.
8	Q. On page 7 there is some
9	information requested by the form.
10	Can you explain to me how this
11	relates to the performance of a
12	physician?
13	A. Yes. It's performance
14	criteria, knowledge and ability, skills
15	you would have to demonstrate.
16	Now on this form, it's a
17	generic form used for all the evaluations
18	so some of the areas don't apply; for
19	instance, neo relates to infants. We are
20	not going to evaluate on that. It's a
21	general form.
22	If you go to the next page, it
23	says "Adulthood, 19 to 65." We would be

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using these criteria.

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2	the performance of the doctor or the
3	patient?
4	A. The physician so that they know
5	the general components of some of the
6	things that they have to be involved in.
7	Q. For example, No. 7 in the
8	category "Adulthood, 19 to 65 years,"
9	"Impact of Drug and/or Alcohol Abuse,"
10	the column to the right, done or not
11	done.
12	What if somebody were to check
13	the box done with respect to that
14	category, what would that mean with
15	respect to the performance of the
1 6	physician?
17	A. Means that there was some
18	education that they received during the
1 9	year or supervision that they had
2 0	surrounding that issue.
21	Q. So the items 1 through 10
2 2	reflect areas that physicians were
2 3	provided information about during the

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course of the year?

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Q. On page 10 there is a reference under "Critical Skills" column to "Psychiatric Presentations."

Do you see that?

- A. Sorry, I'm getting there, yes.
- Q. Page 10 under "Critical Skills" at the bottom it says, "Psychiatric Presentations. What is that a reference to?
- 11 A. I'm not exactly sure because I

 12 don't do the evaluations, but I believe

 13 it had to do with how patients present.
- Q. What does that have to do with how doctors perform?
- 16 A. The ability to diagnose 17 patients.
- Q. In reviewing the performance of physicians in the Psychiatric Department at Jamaica Hospital, does the hospital keep track of the number of patients seen by a doctor on an annual basis?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. So the number of patients that a psychiatrist sees on an annual basis is

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2	irrelevant of an evaluation of their
3	performance; is that correct?
4	A. I'm trying to frame an answer
5	so that I can give you the correct view.
6	The way physicians are assigned
7	patients is done by the unit chief. They
8	get a specific group of patients to see.
9	They are supposed to see those patients.
10	We keep track of the amount of
11	the patients that come to our unit who
12	are admitted so the unit chief tracks how
13	many patients the doctors will see.
14	We don't keep a log on how many
15	they see every year, but they are given a
16	certain groups of patients to see.
17	If there were 25 beds, the
18	doctors divide the patients. The unit
19	chief gets less because he has
20	administrative work to do.
21	Q. So am I correct that the volume
22	or number of patients seen by a
23	psychiatrist is not a factor in the
2 4	evaluation of the performance of the

doctor?

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- A. Not necessarily, no.
- Q. I don't know what you mean by not necessarily.
- A. The quality is more important in many cases than the amount. The amount are prescribed, as I mentioned, each staff doctor gets nine or ten patients each. The unit chief gets the remainder.
- Q. So the work is evenly
 distributed, right, is that what you're
 saying?
 - A. Pretty much, yes, but the unit chief gets less because he has administrative work.
 - Q. What about the psychiatrist not on the admissions floor but psychiatrists making decisions about whether or not to voluntarily admit patients, are they evaluated in the numbers of patients that they see or the number of patients that they admit?
- A. Can I clarify, can I ask a question.

1	A. MAFFIA
2	Q. Sure.
3	A. Are you talking about the
4	psychiatrists in the emergency room.
5	Q. Yes.
6	A. Or the psychiatrists that are
7	consultants on the medical side?
8	Q. Both, actually.
9	A. So admission to psychiatry is
L O	based on acuity.
L 1	MR. RADOMISLI: Listen to his
L 2	question. The evaluation of the
13	psychiatrist.
14	THE WITNESS: Okay.
1 5	MR. RADOMISLI: Are they
16	evaluated when psychiatrists are in
17	the emergency room, is part of their
18	evaluation based on the number of
19	patients they decide to move on to
2 0	involuntarily admission to the
2 1	hospital?
2 2	THE WITNESS: No, absolutely
2 3	not.
2 4	[Whereupon, the following is not
2 5	deemed confidential:]

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CERTIFICATION

I, MARGARET SCULLY-AYERS, a Notary
Public for and within the State of New
York, do hereby certify:

That the witness whose testimony as herein set forth, was duly sworn by me; and that the within transcript is a true record of the testimony given by said witness.

I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of June, 2014.

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