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1	1	and the agency was asked as well. I can tell you having	1	1	A. The next step was to review their concerns and
2	2	found the email that is a request to you to help out, but	2	2	what they needed from me, and I then spent time, a number
3	3	was that request done verbally? Was it by phone?	3		of hours, and I cataloged them in an invoice which I
4	4	A. I'm not sure I understood your question.	4	4	think I can probably find for you doing research,
5	5	Q. You said that the first thing you do when	5	5	reviewing any publications that they wanted me to review
6	6	somebody writes to you requesting your testimony or	6	6	and creating my report.
7	7	assistance or consulting help is that you send your CV	7	7	Q. What was the conversation? What were you asked
8	8	and your fee schedule, is that right?	8	8	to do?
9	9	A. That's correct. It is within a period of time	9	9	A. I was asked to write a report of essentially
10	10	depending on if I'm very busy in the office and I've got	10	10	the history of transgender health in the United States,
11	11	an immense amount of work to do both in the office and	11	11	the sort of progression of sort of the ideology as it
12	12	late into the evening related to patient care it might be	12	12	rose to take prominence in the field of transgender
13	13	a day or two delay, but it's the first	13	13	health and to make criticisms of some of the most
14	14	Q. Oh no, yeah. It will be like next week, right?	14	14	standard defenses for using medical, social and surgical
15	15	All I mean is that's one of the first things you do once	15	15	affirmation in minors.
16	16	you are contacted?	16	16	Q. Who asked you to do that in your report?
17	17	A. Yes, it is.	17	17	A. I believe it was Mr. Weida.
18	18	1	18		Q. And at that point in time had a decision been
19	19		19		made that coverage would no longer be provided?
	20	, , , ,	20		A. No, there was going to be a hearing in front of
21		contact with the Agency for Healthcare Administration in			invited people that would be pro or con, the public
	22		22		comments and professional people's comments, and I was
23		A. I honestly don't recall. I thought it was	23		invited to that hearing.
24		E	24		Q. Understood, but at that point in time when you
25	25	Q. When were you officially retained as a	25	25	were given this task, there was a GAPMS report that was
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3 3 Q. How many times between April 13 and June 2 did	3 3 report?
4 4 you speak on the phone with somebody from AHCA?	4 4 A. The one most prevalent was I think Mr. Perko
5 5 A. Very few times. It was more often an email	5 5 and maybe Mr
6 6 exchange.	6 6 Q. Did you receive go ahead. Sorry.
7 7 Q. Did you speak more than two times with somebody	7 7 A. Actually this is before the 21st of August, is
8 8 on the phone?	8 8 that correct?
9 9 A. I may have spoken more than two times.	9 9 Q. Yes, I'm only asking before the 21st of August?
10 10 Q. More than five?	10 10 A. I don't recall specifically what kind of
11 11 A. Probably not.	11 11 feedback I got. I got feedback about the language of my
12 12 Q. So, somewhere between two and five times you	12 12 report, and I took that and edited it appropriately to
13 13 spoke on the phone between April 13 and June 2?	13 13 clarify certain things that I had originally written. I
14 14 A. Yes, most of the interactions and	14 14 do not recall the individual. It would likely have been
15 15 communications were written by email.	15 15 Mr. Weida.
16 16 Q. Did you communicate between April 13 and August	16 16 Q. I'm going to show you what's been marked as
17 17 21 with any counsel at the firm Holtzman and Vogel, and	17 17 Exhibit 17. Exhibit 17. Do you see the screen?
18 18 when I ask you this question, I'm very specific. I'm	18 18 A. Yes.
19 19 asking about communications up to August 21, 2022. I'm	19 19 Q. This is an invitation for a Microsoft Team's
20 20 not asking about anything thereafter. Did you	20 20 meeting, is that right?
21 21 communicate with attorneys at Holtzman and Vogel?	21 21 A. Yes.
22 22 A. I do not recall when I did, but I can find that	22 22 Q. It's for May 2, 2022, is that right?
23 23 information from you with a review of my emails.	23 23 A. That's correct.
24 24 Q. Did you communicate with Moha Jazil? Is that a	24 24 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 17 was
25 25 name that comes to mind?	25 25 marked for identification.)
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1 1 A. Again, I don't recall that name.	1 1 BY MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN:
2 2 Q. Did you communicate with Gary Perko?	2 2 Q. Subject Florida call and required FMV includes
3 3 A. Yes, I did.	3 3 k-i-d-e-n-d-o @comcast.net. Is that right?
4 4 Q. Did you communicate by phone with Gary Perko?	4 4 A. That's correct.
5 5 A. Before the 23rd of August, again, I will have	5 5 Q. That's your email, is that correct?
6 6 to find out when it was that I first was contacted, and	6 6 A. That's correct.
7 7 it's very likely that if I was contacted by email that I	7 7 Q. So, there was a meeting on May 2, 2022, is that
8 8 would have had some sort of telephonic communication with	8 8 right?
9 9 Mr. Perko.	9 9 A. Yes, that would indicate that, yes.
10 10 Q. Just for clarity of the record, I'm only asking	10 10 Q. And the meeting included yourself, James
11 11 you up to August 21st?	11 11 Cantor, Patrick Lappert, Jason Weida and a number of
12 12 A. Correct.	12 12 other folks at AHCA, is that right?
13 13 Q. Did you ever speak with somebody at the	13 13 A. That's what it says, yes.
14 14 Department of Health in relation to the GAPMS project?	14 14 Q. What was discussed at this meeting on May 2,
15 15 A. I do not recall any conversation.	15 15 2022?
16 16 Q. Did you ever speak with someone at the Florida	16 16 A. It was an instructional session on the purpose
17 17 Governor's office?	17 17 of the report, the design, who would be involved. It was
18 18 A. No, I did not.	18 18 a guidance of what things that should be included in the
19 19 Q. We've been discussing Attachment E which was	19 19 report and what should be not included in the report that
20 20 submitted in support of the GAPMS determination. When	20 20 would be somehow viewed as inflammatory or inappropriate.
21 21 did you finish the first draft of your report?	21 21 It served as just a guideline. This is what the report
22 22 A. I would have to go back to emails to determine	22 22 is. I believe it was a discussion of what the plan and
23 23 that.	23 23 the goal was overall. It was more instructive than
24 24 Q. You received feedback on your report, is that	24 24 interactive with the participants on the call.
25 25 right?	25 25 Q. Let's break that down a little. You said it

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1 1		1	1	A. I suppose you could say that, yes.
2 2	A. One of the things it showed.	2	2	Q. It doesn't mean that there's no discrimination
3 3	Q. I guess I have a question for you. A, do you	3	3	against transgender people in Sweden?
4 4	know what the rate of suicide would have been absent the	4	4	A. I have no reference that I can quote that says
5 5	care?	5	5	that that is not true.
6 6	A. I don't.	6	6	Q. Let's turn to the next exhibit, Exhibit 19.
7 7	Q. So, it could have been higher, even higher?	7	7	Can you see my screen?
8 8	A. It could have been.	8	8	A. Yes, I can.
9 9	Q. I think there's an assumption built into your	9	9	Q. Is this an invoice like the ones that you were
10 10	critique, and I just want to piece it out that it ignores	10	10	referring to earlier?
11 11	that you are taking out people out of their context.	11	11	A. Yes.
	Like just because somebody is receiving care doesn't mean	12	12	Q. And it delineates a date of June 13, 2022; this
	that they're being taken out of their context in which	13	13	is an invoice that you submitted, is that right?
	let's be real being transgender is not the most socially	14	14	A. That's correct.
	acceptable thing in the world?	15	15	(Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 19 was
16 16	5 1	16	16	marked for identification.)
17 17	y y		17	BY MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN:
18 18			18	Q. It delineates that there was a teleconference
19 19		19	19	with AHCA staff that was 45 minutes on May 1 and that you
20 20			20	spent one hour writing the initial draft of your report
21 21				on May 8. Is that all that you spent writing your
22 22				report, one hour?
23 23	, E		23	A. That one day and then continued writing and
24 24				rewriting the draft report on the subsequent, the 12th of
25 25	world. There might still be some residual stigma. The	25	25	May, the three and a half hours.
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1 1	society of in the country of Sweden at large, minority	1		Q. So, this is what I wanted to ask. Did you
2 2	stress theory for them does not apply to any real extent.	2		receive feedback between the 8th and the 12th, or this
3 3	Q. What literature do you point to to say that	3		was just two days of
4 4	minority stressors don't apply in Sweden?	4		A. I believe I just worked on it on the 8th and
5 5	A. I can't tell you it doesn't apply in every	5		the 12th and then sent it in for commentary.
6 6	single case, but in general of anywhere in the world to		6	Q. That was that email that we saw of May 14th?
7 7		7		A. Yes.Q. And then you received commentary, and you spen
	referenced in literature to be the most accepting society and country in the world.		8	
9 9		10	10	two and a half hours making revisions, is that right? A. And putting in the references and that revision
11 11			11	
12 12				additional two and a half hours. That's a really
	articles that are in support of or look critically at the			significant task to go back and look in the references to
	issue of minority stress in transgender patients. It's			be sure that they match. There are mismatches that
	quoted again and again, and again I could find those			happen when you add a new reference, and the reference
	references for you and provide them if you wish.			numbers in the thing may or may not change forward, and
17 17				you will have double references or something that
	of them?			accidentally is a reference for another part of the topic
19 19				that belongs to another part of the report but actually
20 20				was not aligned, and I try to go through and make sure
	just an assumption. Let's take it as true for purposes		21	
22 22		22	22	
00.00	concentration of people in the world. That doesn't mean	23	23	Q. When you sent your email, you sent them
23 23				
	that it is accepting of transgender people, right? It	24	24	directly to Mr. Weida, right?
24 24			2425	

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1 1 Q. Was he your primary contact for this report?	1	1	A. That's correct.
2 2 A. Yes.	2	2	Q. And in the middle of the page there's an email
3 3 Q. I'm going to show you what's been marked as	3	3	that you sent on July 9, 2022, to Devona Pickle that is a
4 4 Exhibit 20. Can you see my screen?	4	4	bit of like an outline of an invoice if you will, is that
5 5 A. Yes, I can.	5	5	right?
6 6 Q. There's a typo there, but it should say AHCA	6	6	A. That's correct.
7 7 hearing on general Medicaid policy rule July 20, '22. Do	7	7	Q. And it says that you spent two hours of phone
8 8 you see that?	8	8	conferences. What were those? Is that right, two hours
9 9 A. I do.	9	9	of phone conferences?
10 10 Q. There's a Bates stamp says FDOH_000020148. Do	10	10	A. Two hours of phone conferences.
11 11 you see that?	11	11	(Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 21 was
12 12 A. I do.	12	12	marked for identification.)
13 13 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 20 was	13	13	
14 14 marked for identification.)	14	14	Q. How many phone conferences were there?
15 15 BY MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN:	15	15	A. Essentially two, and they were nearly an hour
16 16 Q. And it says that it was updated on July 26,	16	16	long each one, more than 45 minutes and at least up to an
17 17 2022. Is that right?		17	
18 18 A. That's what it says.		18	Q. What was discussed at those two one-hour phone
19 19 Q. It states that you were part of a cabinet that	19	19	conferences?
20 20 reviewed the amendment to Rule 59G-1.050 general Medicaid		20	1 3
21 21 policy. Do you see that?	21		Q. Who participated in those two one-hour phone
22 22 A. I do.		22	
23 23 Q. What was your role as part of the cabinet?	23		A. Again, I cannot define. I know I obviously was
24 24 A. I did not know I was part of a cabinet. So, I		24	
25 25 can't describe that to you.	25	25	beyond that I cannot tell you. I do not recall it being
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1 1 Q. Did you ever review or receive a draft of the	1	1	with any other individuals than just me and my report.
2 2 GAPMS report that was published on June 2, 2022, prior to	2	2	Q. You don't recall what was discussed with Mr.
3 3 it being published?			Weida on that phone conference?
4 4 A. I received another document. Let me see. I		4	A. I remember some was about logistics, about
5 5 had pulled this previously. I thought I had it right			arrangements that needed to be made for, you know, what
6 6 here. It was different. It had a different thrust, and			time we should arrive or depart from Tallahassee,
7 7 I don't think it was I can't recall, and I'm not sure			descriptions of how the hearing would very likely
8 8 why I don't have it right here on my desk, but there was			progress, those kinds of things among others, and then
9 9 another document that came in in a spiral binder. It			probably talked about my draft report.
10 10 looked more like a technical report than the final		10	Q. You didn't discuss logistics for two hours
11 11 report, but I don't have it.			though, right?
12 12 Q. That was prior to June 2?		12	A. No, not two hours. You asked me everything I
13 13 A. I don't know.			could remember. So, I'm just telling you what I remember.
14 14 Q. Did you provide input to the document that you 15 15 received?			
16 16 A. Did I provide input?		15	Q. No, no, I understand. I just want to make sure, but there's stuff that you cannot remember that was
17 17 Q. Yes.		17	•
18 18 A. As my Exhibit E is in there. That was my		18	A. That's correct.
19 19 provision of information.		19	Q. Let's turn to the next exhibit. This is
20 20 Q. Let's turn to the next exhibit, Exhibit 21.			Exhibit 22. Can you see that?
21 21 Let's share the screen. This is an email thread with you	21		A. Yes.
22 22 and Devona Pickle, is that correct?		22	Q. This is an email from you to Andrea Van Mol,
23 23 A. Correct.			Jason Weida, Miriam Grossman, Josefina Tamayo, Moha Jazil
24 24 Q. At the bottom of the first page it has a Bates			at Holtzman Vogel and Gary Perko at Holtzman Vogel, is
25 25 stamp of Defendants 000239790, is that right?			that right?
	1 -5		

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1	1	to be transgender?	1	1	MR. PRATT: I have no further questions at this
2	2	A. Absolutely.	2	2	time unless Mr. Gonzales-Pagan has any follow-ups.
	3	MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN: Let's take a two-minute	3		MR. GONZALEZ-PAGAN: I do not. Thank you.
4	4	break. I just want to check that I'm done, and if	4	4	COURT REPORTER: All right, we are off the
	5	not, we're done.	5	5	record at 4:44 pm.
6		MR. PRATT: Sounds good.		6	(Whereupon, the deposition in the above-
7		COURT REPORTER: We are off the record at 4:40		7	entitled matter was concluded at approximately 4:44
		pm.			pm.)
9		(Off the record for a short break.)			piii.)
10 1				10	
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11 1		COURT REPORTER: We're back on the record at			
		4:42 pm.		12	
13 1		•			
		for your time today. I appreciate your availability		14	
15 1				15	
16 1				16	
17 1		5		17	
18 1	18	,	18	18	
19 1	19	MR. PRATT: Good afternoon, Dr. Van Meter.		19	
20 2	20	Thank you again for being here this afternoon. We	20	20	
21 2	21	appreciate it.	21	21	
22 2	22	DR. VAN METER: Thank you very much.	22	22	
23 2	23	DIRECT EXAMINATION	23	23	
24 2	24	BY MR. PRATT:	24	24	
25 2	25	Q. I have just some very, very brief questions for	25	25	
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1	1	you. How long have you been a practicing physician	1	1	CERTIFICATE
2	2	again?	2	2	STATE OF GEORGIA)
	3	A. Since 1976. That's 47 years I believe if I'm	3	3	COUNTY OF HALL)
4	4	counting up right.	4	4	
5	5	Q. Over the course of your career how many	5	5	I, Sharon F. McClain, do hereby certify
6	6	children would you estimate that you have treated?	6	6	that I reported the above and foregoing on March 17,
7		A. It would be a wild guess. I honestly don't.	_		
•			7	7	2023; and it is a true and accurate transcript of the
8	8				2023; and it is a true and accurate transcript of the testimony captioned herein.
		Numbers of thousands of children, somewhere less than		8	
9	9	Numbers of thousands of children, somewhere less than 100,000 probably.	8 9	8	testimony captioned herein.
9 10 1	9 10	Numbers of thousands of children, somewhere less than 100,000 probably. Q. And in treating and recommending treatments for	8 9 10	8 9	testimony captioned herein. I further certify that I am neither kin nor
9 10 11	9 10 11	Numbers of thousands of children, somewhere less than 100,000 probably. Q. And in treating and recommending treatments for your patients including any transgender patients, do you	8 9 10 11	8 9 10	testimony captioned herein. I further certify that I am neither kin nor counsel to any of the parties herein, nor have any
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2	2	STATE OF GEORGIA	2	2	ERRATA SHEET	
3	3	COUNTY OF HALL	3	3	Upon reading and examining my testimony as herein	
4	4	Pursuant to Official Code of Georgia	4	4	transcribed, I make the following additions, changes,	
5	5	Annotated 9-11-28, I make the following disclosure:	5	5	and/or corrections, with the accompanying and	
6	6	I, Sharon F. McClain, was hired by				
7	7	Plaintiff to provide court reporting services for	6	6	corresponding reason(s) for same:	
8	8	this proceeding.	7	7	Page Line Is Amended to Read	
9	9	Financial arrangements between myself and	8	8		
10	10	the parties to this proceeding are: the usual and		9		
11	11	customary fees charged by me for the original and one				
12	12	copy, copies to the other parties, and any direct				
13	13	expenses for the production of same. A financial	12	12		
14	14	discount will not be given to any party to this	13	13		
15	15	proceeding.	14	14		
16	16	Further, I have not entered into any	15	15		
	17	contractual arrangement, financial or otherwise, with	16	16		
18		any person or entity in this matter and thereby am				
19	19	taking this matter in full compliance with O.C.G.A.				
	20	Section 15-14-37.	19			
21		I hereby certify that the above disclosure	20			
		statement is true and correct and that copies have				
		been furnished to all counsel and/or parties.				
		DATED: March 20, 2023.				
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1	1	WITNESS CERTIFICATION	1			
2	2	I hereby certify:	2			
3	3	That I have read and examined the contents of	3			
4	4	the foregoing testimony as given by me at the time	4			
5	5	and place hereon indicated, and;	5			
6	6	That to the best of my knowledge and belief, the	6			
7	7	foregoing pages are a complete and accurate record of	7			
8	8	all the testimony given by me at said time, except as	8			
9	9	noted on the attached Errata Sheet hereto.	9			
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