

## Public Notification

1. **Nature of Action:** Following an investigation by the College of Naturopathic Physicians of British Columbia (the “College”), the Inquiry Committee (the “Committee”) directed that a citation be issued against Jonas LaForge, ND with licence #416 (the “Registrant”). A discipline hearing had been scheduled for 11 – 13 March, 2019. The discipline hearing was cancelled when the Registrant made admissions and proposed a resolution under section 37.1(1) of the *Health Professions Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c 183 (the *Act*).
2. **Approval date:** February 28, 2019.
3. **Name of registrant & location of practice:** Jonas LaForge, Lower Mainland, B.C.
4. **Admissions:** The Registrant has acknowledged and admitted that he:
  - a. engaged in the unauthorized practice of naturopathic medicine without registration, which constitutes professional misconduct and/or unprofessional conduct as defined by section 26 of the *Act*;
  - b. failed to comply with the terms of a consent order entered into between the College and the Registrant on [October 9, 2015 \(the “Consent Order”\)](#). In particular, the Registrant acknowledges and admits that he breached the terms of the Consent Order by practicing naturopathic medicine while he was suspended from practice under the Consent Order;
  - c. failed to comply with section 70 of the College’s Bylaws; and
  - d. failed to comply with standards, specifically the following provisions of the Code of Ethics:
    - section 7 by failing to conduct his practice and professional activities with honesty and integrity; and
    - section 40 by failing to behave in a manner that is beyond reproach.
5. **Disposition:** The Registrant has voluntarily entered into a consent agreement on the following terms:
  - a. cancellation of his licence with the College as of October 10, 2016, with no entitlement to apply to the College for reinstatement until the later of:
    - Monday, 2 March 2020; or
    - the date that the Registrant has complied with paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Consent Order;
  - b. payment of a portion of the investigative costs in the amount of \$15,617.45; and
  - c. payment of pay a fine to the College in the amount of \$10,000.

6. **Rationale:** The Committee considers the Registrant's conduct to be serious. The Committee is satisfied that the terms of the consent order proposed by the Registrant will protect the public and has accepted the Registrant's proposal pursuant to s. 37.1(2) of the *Act*.