

Christopher REED (102695)

Nature of action:

The Inquiry Committee of the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Practitioners of British Columbia (the “College”) conducted an own-motion investigation into the conduct of Christopher Reed (the “Registrant”), pursuant to section 33(4) of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c.183 (the “Act”).

The Inquiry Committee and the Registrant have agreed to resolve all matters arising from this investigation by way of a Consent Order under sections 33(6)(c) and 36(1) of the Act.

Effective date: April 20, 2024

Name of registrant: Christopher Reed, Student Registrant

Location of practice: Surrey, BC

Reasons for action taken:

The Inquiry Committee received information that the Registrant was practicing acupuncture as a student registrant outside of the supervision of his school clinic. Following its investigation, the Inquiry Committee was concerned that the Registrant was engaging in unauthorized practice and improperly using the titles of “acupuncturist” and “doctor” in his advertising. Specifically, the Inquiry Committee was concerned that the Registrant: (1) failed to comply with section 51(4) of the College Bylaws by providing acupuncture services outside of the supervised school clinic as a student registrant; (2) failed to comply with section 12.1 of the Act and section 3 of the *Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 290/2008 (the “Regulation”) by using the “acupuncturist” title and “doctor” (Dr.) title; and (3) failed to comply with section 92 of the College Bylaws by advertising acupuncture services without having full registration with the College.

Action taken:

The Registrant entered into a Consent Agreement under section 36 of the Act which includes the following terms, among others:

1. The Registrant will be suspended for four (4) months suspension, if granted full registration by the College. If granted Registration, the Registrant acknowledges that the four (4) month period of suspension will commence immediately on the date that he is granted full registration.

2. The Registrant received a reprimand for: (1) practicing acupuncture without full registration with the College; (2) failing to comply with section 12.1 of the Act and section 3 of the Regulation by using the “acupuncturist” and “doctor” (Dr.) title; and (3) failing to comply with section 92 of the College Bylaws by advertising acupuncture services without full registration with the College.
3. The Registrant will not repeat the conduct of: (1) practicing acupuncture without full registration with the College; (2) failing to comply with section 12.1 of the Act and section 3 of the Regulation by using the “acupuncturist” and “doctor” (Dr.) title; and (3) failing to comply with section 92 of the College Bylaws by advertising acupuncture services without full registration with the College.
4. The Registrant is required to complete the Professional/Problem Based Ethics (PROBE) Program at his cost within 12 months of the Consent Order and to obtain an unconditional pass to be confirmed in a report provided by the PROBE Program directly to the College at the completion of the course. In the event the Registrant fails to obtain an unconditional pass, he will be required to successfully complete such further courses on professional ethics at his cost as directed by the Registrar.