

Craig Hall, RMT

Location:

Surrey, BC

Date of Action:

May 5, 2023

Nature of Action: The registrant, Craig Hall, voluntarily entered into an undertaking and consent agreement with the Inquiry Committee of the College.

As part of the agreement, the registrant agreed to the following terms:

1. a one-week suspension;
2. undertakings not to repeat the conduct;
3. completion of extensive remedial education on professional ethics and boundaries; and
4. payment of a portion of the costs of the investigation in the amount of \$500.

Reasons: The undertaking and consent agreement relates to a complaint made by a patient (the "Patient") on August 23, 2021.

As part of the undertaking and consent agreement, the registrant admitted to the following facts:

- a. While providing massage therapy services to the Patient on August 23, 2021:
 - i. he asked the Patient, "you've never had bondage therapy?" while he used a strap around the Patient's thigh to perform a hip distraction.
 - ii. he introduced the topic of massage parlours and referred to them as "rub-and-tug" establishments.
 - iii. he told the Patient that RMTs are not permitted to date their patients.
 - iv. he used the words "hell" and "batshit nuts" while he conversed with the Patient.

Mr. Hall admitted that by engaging in the conduct described above, he committed professional misconduct and contravened: sections 3 and 15 of the College's Code of Ethics; and sections 1, 2, 3, and 12 of the College's Standard of Practice on Boundaries.

Specifically, Mr. Hall admitted that he engaged in professional misconduct by making remarks of a sexual nature to the Patient, as set out in subparagraphs a(i), (ii), and (iii) above. An RMT must never sexualize a treatment environment or therapeutic relationship through words, touch, or any other form of explicit or implicit sexual conduct. An RMT must refrain from engaging in sexual misconduct with a patient.

Mr. Hall also admitted that he committed professional misconduct when he used the words "hell" and "batshit nuts" while he conversed with the Patient. An RMT must establish and maintain professional boundaries with a patient. An RMT must treat the patient with respect and uphold the patient's dignity.

The Inquiry Committee is satisfied that the terms of the undertaking and consent agreement will protect the public interest.