



Public Notification

- Please note that the following Public Notification was an interim action under section 35 of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c 183 (the “*Act*”). **This action is no longer in effect.**

Dr. Jim Chan, ND

Date of action: June 2012

Description of action taken:

The Inquiry Committee ordered the temporary suspension of Dr. Jim Chan, ND (“the Registrant”), license #64, under section 35(1)(a) of the *Act*, pending the outcome of an investigation. During the suspension the registrant must not engage in the practice of naturopathic medicine or hold himself out as being a registrant, must not make appointments for patients or prospective patients, and must not communicate with patients except to inform them of the suspension or to refer them to another registrant

Reasons for action taken:

The temporary suspension is intended by the Inquiry Committee to protect the public.

The Inquiry Committee initiated an investigation in response to a complaint filed in April 2012. The complaint contained allegations of practicing naturopathic medicine in a foreign jurisdiction without a license, improper financial dealings, violations of contractual agreements, theft, inappropriate behaviour including inappropriate sexual remarks and abandonment of patients. At the time of the alleged incidents the registrant was already under a consent agreement, dated June 17, 2010, in connection with an earlier complaint. In view of the Inquiry Committee’s concerns regarding the serious nature of the allegations and the risk to the public that such behavior if proven would constitute, the Inquiry Committee determined that precautionary action was necessary to protect the public pending completion of its investigation. Since the Registrant was already under the terms of a consent agreement, the Inquiry Committee determined that no lesser action would be effective to protect the public pending the conclusion of the investigation.

The Inquiry Committee has the power to take interim action, including suspension, against registrants under section 35 of the Act. Measures taken under section 35(1) pertain to matters which are and remain unproven unless admitted by a registrant or determined by the Discipline Committee. Actions taken under section 35(1) are subject to appeal to the Supreme Court of British Columbia.