

LaLonnie Wood, Former RMT

Location:

Nakusp, BC

Date of Action:

March 15, 2023

Nature of Action: A section 39(2) order by consent under section 37.1 of the *Health Professions Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 183. Following the issuance of a citation giving notice of a formal discipline hearing, the respondent, LaLonnie Wood, who was at the time a former registrant, made a proposal to enter into a consent order with the Inquiry Committee. Ms. Wood agreed to an order by the Inquiry Committee that:

1. she is reprimanded;
2. she must serve a three-month suspension from practice, commencing the date of her reinstatement with the College, in the event that she applies for registration with the College in the future and is successfully reinstated; and
3. the suspension of her registration will only be lifted on the date that the Discipline Committee of the College determines that she has complied with the Committee's November 3, 2021 request for records.

Given this resolution, a formal discipline hearing will not proceed.

[Read Ms. Wood's proposal](#) (PDF).

[Read the Consent Order and Reasons](#) (PDF).

Reasons: Ms. Wood admitted that she committed unprofessional conduct by failing to respond to the following communications from the College:

- a letter dated November 3, 2021 sent to her on behalf of the Inquiry Committee, requesting that she provide the College, by November 17, 2021, with "true copies of all [her] records that relate in any way to [her] provision of massage therapy services to patients during" prescribed time periods, "[her] COVID-19 safety plan (pre July 1, 2021)"; and "[her] current Communicable Disease Prevention Plan" (together the "Records"); and

- an email sent to her on November 18, 2021 by the College's Deputy Registrar, on behalf of the Inquiry Committee, seeking her explanation for why the College had not received any response from her to its request for the Records.

In its reasons, the Inquiry Committee noted that Ms. Wood ceased to be a registrant of CMTBC on January 6, 2022 due to her failure to renew her registration. The Inquiry Committee also noted that if she applies for reinstatement of registration, her application will be addressed by the Registration Committee in accordance with section 20 of the *Health Professions Act* and the Bylaws of the College, including as they may be amended. She will not have an automatic right to registration and will be required to meet all legislative and bylaw requirements relating to registration, including those relating to good character; and pursuant to section 54(5) of the College Bylaws will be required to satisfy the Registration Committee that her registration will not pose an undue risk to public health or safety or otherwise be contrary to the public interest.

The Inquiry Committee considered Ms. Wood's admitted conduct to be serious. The Inquiry Committee is satisfied that the consent order in this matter appropriately reflects the seriousness of Ms. Wood's conduct and protects the public interest.