



**COLLEGE OF COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (the “College”)**

In the matter of a Regulatory Complaint under the
Health Occupations and Professions Act, SBC [2022] c 43 (“HPOA”), regarding:

Brad Karse, DC

**CONSENT ORDER
(pursuant to section 158 of the HPOA)**

BY THE REGISTRAR:

WHEREAS:

- A. On May 5, 2025, pursuant to section 33 (1) of the Health Professions Act, RSBC 1996, c 183 (the “HPA”), the College initiated an investigation following a complaint submitted by a patient (the “Complainant”) alleging that Brad Karse, DC (the “Respondent”), failed to provide adequate patient care by performing treatments which worsened the Complainant’s symptoms and that the Respondent had failed to respond to the Complainant’s enquiries by phone or letter. The complaint further alleged that the Respondent contacted the Complainant following the submission of their complaint (the “Complaint”).
- B. On September 15, 2025, the Respondent was provided with notice of the investigation regarding the Complaint.
- C. On April 1, 2026, the HPA was repealed and replaced by the HPOA. Pursuant to section 428 of the HPOA, the Complaint continued under the provisions of the HPOA.
- D. The investigation was conducted in accordance with Part 3 of the HPA and Division 12 of the HPOA.
- E. The Respondent was provided with an opportunity to respond to the investigation before the College’s Investigation Committee deliberated on the disposition of the Complaint.
- F. On June 23, 2026, a panel of the College’s Investigation Committee assessed the Complaint pursuant to section 134 (2) (b) of the HPOA.
- G. Pursuant to section 136 of the HPOA, the Panel determined it had reasonable grounds to believe the Respondent committed an act of misconduct by:



- i. Failing to adequately terminate the therapeutic relationship with the Complainant, in violation of Part 1 and Appendix A of the Chiropractors' Professional Conduct Handbook (in place at the time).
 - ii. Failing to communicate with the Complainant in a professional, timely and open manner in violation of Part 11 of the Chiropractors' Professional Conduct Handbook (in place at the time).
 - iii. Contacting the Complainant during an open investigation regarding the Respondent's conduct and attempting to circumvent the College's investigation procedures by issuing a refund in exchange for the withdrawal of the Complainant's complaint in violation of Part 11.6 of the College Bylaws (in place at the time).
- H. Pursuant to section 136 (2) (a) of the HPOA, the Panel directed the Registrar to dispose of the Complaint by making an order with the Respondent's consent pursuant to section 158 of the HPOA.
- I. The Respondent consents to the making of this Consent Order pursuant to section 158 of the HPOA.
- J. The Respondent acknowledges that he has read and understood the terms of this Consent Order and was given the opportunity to seek independent legal advice before consenting to the terms of the order.
- K. The Respondent acknowledges that, in accordance with section 256 of the HPOA, the Registrar must publish the terms of the Disciplinary Order and the reasons for the Disciplinary Order.
- L. The Respondent acknowledges that a breach of the terms of this Consent Order constitutes misconduct pursuant to section 11 of the HPOA and any alleged breach may result in an investigation under the HPOA and lead to further regulatory consequences.

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

PURSUANT TO SECTION 158 (2) (b) AND 269 OF THE HPOA, THE REGISTRAR ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Respondent acknowledges that he engaged in misconduct and consents to a reprimand for the following conduct:
 - a. Failure to adequately terminate the therapeutic relationship with the Complainant. In violation of Part 1 and Appendix A of the Chiropractors' Professional Conduct Handbook (in place at the time).



- b. Failure to communicate with the Complainant in a professional, timely and open manner in violation of Part 11 of the Chiropractors' Professional Conduct Handbook (in place at the time).
 - c. Contacting the Complainant during an open investigation regarding the Respondent's conduct, attempting to circumvent the College's investigation procedures by issuing a refund in exchange for the withdrawal of the Complainant's complaint in violation of Part 11.6 of the College Bylaws (in place at the time).
2. The Registrar accepts the Respondent's undertaking not to repeat the following conduct, which constitutes a breach of the current College Bylaws, Professional Standards and Clinical Practice Standards:
 - a. Failing to adequately terminate the therapeutic relationship with the Complainant, in violation of Principle 2 of the Integrated Person-Centered Care Professional Standard.
 - b. Failing to communicate with the Complainant in a professional, timely and open manner in violation of Principles 1 and 4 of the Communication and Professionalism Professional Standard.
 - c. Contacting the Complainant during an open investigation regarding the Respondent's conduct and attempting to circumvent the College's investigation procedures by issuing a refund in exchange for the withdrawal of the Complainant's complaint in violation of Part 9.8 of the College Bylaws.
3. An order that requires the Respondent to review the current College Bylaws, the Professional Standard for Communication and Professionalism, and the Professional Standard for Integrated Person-Centered Care and report completion to the College within one month of consenting to the order; (s. 269 (d) (ii)).

College of Complementary Health Professionals of British Columbia:

Marta Kumor Fane
Deputy Registrar

Dated at Vancouver this 1st day of September 2026