



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

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

Katie Johnston, R.Ac
INQ-2024-00025TCMA

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

BY THE REGISTRAR:

WHEREAS:

- A. On April 2, 2025, pursuant to section 33 (1)) of the Health Professions Act, RSBC 1996, c 183 (the "HPA,) the College initiated an investigation into the conduct of Katie Johnston, R.Ac (the "Respondent").
- B. The investigation primarily dealt with the Respondent's advertising practices, medication prescription, practicing outside their scope, clinical record keeping and not responding fully to the investigation (the "Investigation").
- C. On April 11, 2025, the Respondent was provided with notice of the investigation. The Respondent was provided with an opportunity to respond to the investigation before the College's previous Inquiry Committee deliberated on the disposition of the Complaint.
- D. On March 18, 2026, the previous Inquiry committee under the HPA assessed the Complaint and determined to request that the Respondent provide undertakings and consents pursuant to subsections 36(1) (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the HPA.
- E. On April 1, 2026, the HPA was repealed and replaced by the HPOA The matter constituted a transitioned investigation under section 542(2) of the HPOA.



- F. On August 6, 2026, a panel of the College's Investigation Committee disposed of 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:
- a) Advertising contrary to the *Marketing and Advertising Practice Guidance and the Jurisprudence Handbook* for practitioners of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture (in place at the time).
 - b) Prescribing a product to patients that is not approved for human consumption by Health Canada, namely Fenbendazole, contrary to the *Food and Drugs Act* and the *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act*.
 - c) Prescribing a product to patients without the requisite prescribing authority, namely Ivermectin, contrary to the *Food and Drugs Act* and the *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act*.
 - d) Engaging in the behaviours which are outside the scope of practice of a Registered Acupuncturist contrary to the *Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists Regulation* (in force at the time) by performing point injection therapies, effectively prescribing medicines and products for oral dose by providing products in-clinic and recommending oral (non-topical) products.
 - e) Breaching the College Bylaws, Schedule 9, and part 2 and 3 of the *Clinical Record Keeping Practice Standard for Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists* (in place at the time) by:
 - i. Failing to maintain complete Intake and Consent Forms for patients of acupuncture, out-of-scope prescription medications, out-of-scope Point Injection Therapies, and topical and oral CBD products;
 - ii. Failing to complete clinical charting records within a reasonable time period;
 - iii. Altering patient records following a Notice of Investigation served by the College regarding their conduct;
 - iv. Failing to sign patient charts and records;
 - v. Failing to carry out an assessment, obtain a patient history, record prescription information and any ongoing monitoring for patients who were provided with Fenbendazole and Ivermectin outside the scope of practice by the Respondent;
 - vi. Failing to document prescriptions of oral and topical products;



- vii. Failing to adequately document Point Injection Therapies provided to patients in the clinical record.
 - viii. Failing to record discussions with patients about the nature of proposed assessments, risks, treatments, or procedures in the clinical record contrary to paragraph 14 of the *Consent to Treatment Practice Standard for Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists*.
- f) Breaching section 11.6 of the College Bylaws (in place at the time) by failing to respond fully and substantively to College requests for information made in the course of the investigation.
- 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 they have read and understood the terms of this Consent Order and were 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), 269 and 270 OF THE HPOA, THE REGISTRAR ORDERS THAT:

1. The Respondent acknowledges that they engaged in misconduct and consents to a reprimand for the conduct described in paragraph (G) above.



2. The Registrar accepts the Respondent's undertaking not to repeat the conduct and breach the current College Bylaws and the following Professional Standards:
 - a) Advertising and Marketing;
 - b) Record Keeping;
 - c) Scope of Practice; and
 - d) Informed Consent.
3. An order that suspends the Respondent's practice authority for a period of two months to commence 14 days after the consent order is signed. While their registration is suspended, the Respondent must comply with section 12.30 of the College's Bylaws.
4. An order that the Respondent complete the following specified education:
 - a) Within one month of signing the consent order, the Respondent reviews and thoroughly familiarizes themselves with the College's Bylaws and Professional Practice Standards, and provides written confirmation that they have done so;
 - b) The Respondent agrees to successfully complete the following courses within six months of signing this order and provide confirmation of completion to the College:
 - i. "PROBE: Ethics and Boundaries Program - Canada", offered through the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians ("CPEP");
 - ii. "Basics of Electronic Healthcare Records: Documentation, Compliance. and Best Practices for TCM", offered by Lotus Institute of Integrative Medicine;
 - iii. "TCM Patient Documentation and Ethical Practices", offered by Lotus Institute of Integrative Medicine;
 - iv. "Protecting Yourself Through Proper Charting", offered by Eastern Currents;
 - v. "Managing and Avoiding Risk in your Acupuncture Practice", offered by Eastern Currents; and
 - vi. "Ethics: Standards of Conduct and Professional Practice" offered by Healthy Seminars
5. For a period of twelve months commencing on the date the Respondent returns from suspension, the Respondent must



cooperate with random audits of their practice locations as well as their clinical and billing records.

College of Complementary Health Professionals of British Columbia:

Marta Kumor Fane
Deputy Registrar

Dated at Vancouver this 20th day of October, 2026.