

IN THE MATTER OF THE *HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 183
(the "Act")

AND IN THE MATTER OF

THE COLLEGE OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA (the "College")

AND

LALONNIE WOOD
(the "Former Registrant")

CONSENT ORDER PROPOSAL
(the "Proposal")

BACKGROUND

1. This Proposal is made by the Former Registrant to the Inquiry Committee of the College (the "**Committee**") under section 37.1 of the Act.
2. On October 3, 2001, the College issued the Former Registrant a certificate of Active Registration under No. RMT-004524.
3. Following a period of inactive status beginning January 1, 2004, the Former Registrant returned to practising status on February 14, 2012.
4. On June 2, 2021, the College received a public complaint about the Former Registrant.
5. As part of the Committee's investigation in relation to the complaint, a letter was sent to the Former Registrant on the Committee's behalf on November 3, 2021 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".
6. On November 18, 2021, a letter was sent on behalf of the Committee to the Former Registrant seeking an explanation for why it had not received any response to the November 3, 2021 request.
7. On November 23, 2021, a letter was sent on behalf of the Committee to the Former Registrant advising that if it did not receive a response to its November 3, 2021 request by the end of the day on November 24, 2021, the Committee would consider whether to initiate an investigation into the Former Registrant's failure to respond.
8. On December 15, 2021, the Committee initiated a new investigation into the Former Registrant's failure to respond to the November 3, 2021 request.
9. The Former Registrant ceased to be a registrant on January 6, 2022 due to her failure to renew her registration.
10. On October 11, 2022, the Former Registrant was advised that the Committee directed the issuance of a citation in relation to her failure to respond to the November 3, 2021 request.
11. On November 28, 2022, the College issued a citation against the Former Registrant.

ADMISSIONS

- 12. The Former Registrant makes the following admissions:
 - a. The Former Registrant committed unprofessional conduct by failing to respond to the following communications from the College:
 - i. a letter dated November 3, 2021 sent to her on behalf of the 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
 - ii. an email sent to her on November 18, 2021 by Kate Parisotto, the College's Deputy Registrar and Director, Inquiry, Discipline and Quality Assurance, on behalf of the Committee, seeking her explanation for why the College had not received any response from her to its request for the Records.

CONSENT TO ORDER

- 13. The Former Registrant proposes resolution of this matter on the following terms:
 - a. that, pursuant to section 39(2)(a) of the Act, a formal reprimand be issued;
 - b. that, pursuant to section 39(2)(c) of the Act, the Former Registrant's registration be suspended for three months, to be served 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
 - c. pursuant to section 39(8) of the Act, that the suspension of the Former Registrant's registration will only be lifted on the date that the Discipline Committee of the College determines that the Former Registrant has complied with the Committee's November 3, 2021 request for the Records.

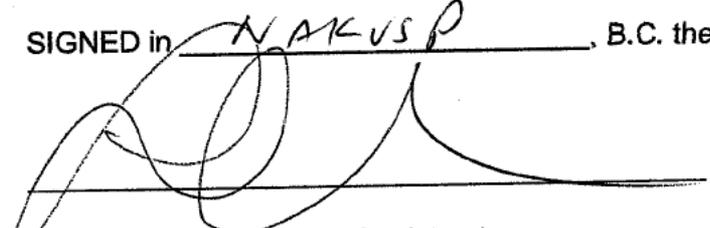
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- 14. The Former Registrant acknowledges that, if this Proposal is accepted by the Committee, it will issue a Consent Order consistent with this Proposal that is considered to be an order of the Discipline Committee made under section 39 of the Act. If the Proposal is rejected, the hearing will proceed as though the Proposal had not been made and without consideration of its contents.
- 15. The Former Registrant acknowledges that, if this Proposal is accepted by the Committee, publication of this Proposal and the Consent Order issued will be made in accordance with section 39.3 of the Act.
- 16. The Former Registrant acknowledges that in the event a Consent Order is issued in accordance with this Proposal, and she applies for registration, her application will be addressed by the Registration Committee in accordance with section 20 of the Act and the College Bylaws, including as they may be amended. She will not have 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.

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17. The Former Registrant acknowledges that she has had an opportunity to obtain legal advice and representation throughout the College processes and before making this Proposal, and that she fully understands and agrees to the terms and conditions set out herein.

SIGNED in NAKUSP, B.C. the 9 day of March, 2023.


LaLonnie Wood, Former Registrant

Signature of LaLonnie Wood witnessed on above date by: 


Witness Name (Please Print) and Signature 