

Public Notification

Name of Registrant: Dr. Christina Gordon, ND

Description of action taken:

A panel of the Discipline Committee has issued an order against Dr. Gordon under s. 39.1 of the *Health Professions Act* that she will be subject to the following conditions under s. 39(2)(b) of the Act: (a) a requirement to complete six specified continuing education courses within one year from the date of its order; (b) a requirement to cooperate with random chart audits at her cost up to a maximum of \$1,000 per year for a period of two years from the date of its order; and (c) a requirement to practice under the supervision of a full registrant of the College for a period of one year from the date of its order with a requirement for quarterly reports from her supervisor at her cost to a maximum of \$1,000 per year.

Reasons for the action taken:

Section 39.1 of the Act provides that where a college in another province has found that a registrant committed an act that constitutes unprofessional conduct, or the registrant admits to committing an act that constitutes unprofessional conduct, the Discipline Committee may make an order under s. 39(2) of the Act without issuing a citation or conducting a discipline hearing. The Registrant made admissions during an investigation of a complaint filed against her with the College of Naturopathic Physicians of Ontario (“CNO”) in 2017 that she failed to maintain proper professional boundaries with a patient and failed to disclose information to the CNO on her renewal application. She was ordered to attend for an oral caution and complete a Specified Continuing Education and Remediation Program in Ontario. The Discipline Committee panel in this province concluded that the Registrant’s conduct in failing to maintain professional boundaries was a serious transgression and reflected a departure from the standards required of registrants of the College. The panel was also concerned about the Registrant’s failure to disclose a matter on her renewal application. The panel concluded that the Registrant would benefit from further education on her professional obligations and the ramifications for patients if she failed to comply with those obligations and that supervision and random audits would ensure that she does not pose any further risk to the public.