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COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHIC
DOCTORS OF ALBERTA

March 3, 2022

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Veronika Botova



Re: Formal Complaint of Unprofessional Conduct by Dr. Botova
File number: CR 2021-018

Dear Dr Botova:

Further to a Notice of Complaint and a Notice to Produce Information dated November 1, 2021, I have now completed, under s.55(2)(d) of the *Health Professions Act*, an investigation into this matter. I have determined that you have failed to meet the minimum standards as set out in the following standards of practice:

- a. CNDA Standard of Practice: Advertising and Marketing;
- b. CNDA Standard of Practice: General;
- c. CNDA Standard of Practice: IV Therapy; and,
- d. CNDA Standard of Practice: Records Keeping.

You failed to adequately chart the patient interactions through which you determined that mask exemption letters were appropriate. Upon further review of your patient charts, you also failed to chart the benefits and risks of proposed treatments and prescriptions; subjective information and objective findings; evidence of continued assessment; and infusion rates and patient vitals during IV therapy treatments. In addition, your website makes reference to "prescribing rights in British Columbia," which is not only a restricted act in Alberta but was resigned alongside your CNPBC registration in 2017.

I find that there are reasonable grounds that your conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined by the *Health Professions Act*, RSA 2000, sections 1(1)(pp)(i) and (ii).

Given your willingness to cooperate with the CNDA in this investigation, I am prepared to resolve this complaint with you by way of an undertaking which will include the following terms:

1. You will remove all references to "prescribing rights" on your website immediately;
2. You will pay a fine of \$250 on or before June 1, 2022;

3. You will pay a portion of the CNDA investigation costs in the amount of \$500 on or before June 1, 2022;
4. You will provide proof of enrollment or completion of a CNDA-approved records keeping course to the Complaints Director on or before September 30, 2022;
5. You agree that if you fail to comply with the terms of this Agreement and Undertaking, the Complaints Director may proceed to refer the Complaint to a Hearing Tribunal pursuant to Part 4 of the *HPA*, notwithstanding non-adherence to any time limit set out in the *HPA*;
6. You acknowledge that the terms of this agreement will be used in any future discipline proceedings with the CNDA; and,
7. You agree to publication of this matter, including your name and clinic name.

Please provide your response on or before March 15, 2022.

You are entitled to seek legal advice before agreeing to the terms of this undertaking.

Please communicate any questions or concerns to me at registrar@cnda.net.

Yours truly,

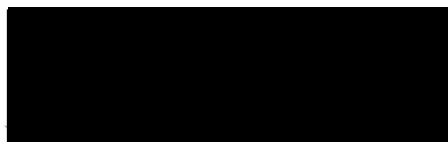


Cherie Baruss

Complaints Director and Investigator for File Number 2021-018

I, Veronika Botova, have sought legal advice with respect to the terms of the above-referenced undertaking or have explicitly waived my right to legal advice and I agree to be bound by the terms of this undertaking. Failure to comply with the terms of the undertaking will be deemed unprofessional conduct and result in the immediate suspension of my practice permit.

DATE: Mar 9, 2022



Witness: (please sign & print name)



Member: Veronika Botova