



AMENDED CITATION TO APPEAR

Section 37 of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, ch. 183

To: Kathleen Sarah Oddoux (aka Kathleen Sarah O’Neill), RSLP (Registration No. 1123)

[Redacted]

TAKE NOTICE that the Inquiry Committee has directed me, the Registrar, to issue this Citation under section 37 of the *Health Professions Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, chapter 183 (the “Act”).

A hearing panel of the Discipline Committee (the “Discipline Committee”) of the College of Speech and Hearing Health Professionals of British Columbia (the “College”) will conduct a hearing to inquire into your conduct, the circumstances of which are set out in the attached schedule, to determine if your conduct constitutes any matter set out under section 39(1) of the Act.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Hearing will be held as follows:

PLACE: While social distancing remains reasonably necessary with respect to the current COVID-19 pandemic, videoconferencing using the Zoom platform with details to be provided, unless otherwise directed.

DATE: October 2, 2020

TIME: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 pm.

If you are unavailable on the date set for hearing, you may apply in writing to request a change in the date or time.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that section 38(4.1) of the Act entitles you to an outline of the anticipated evidence from each of the witnesses that will be called and an opportunity to inspect any documentary evidence at least 14 days prior to the hearing. Your rights relating to the hearing can be found in the Act and the College Bylaws.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that at the hearing, legal counsel on behalf of the College will make submissions with respect to the appropriate action to be taken regarding your registration. The action that can be taken includes a reprimand, imposing limits or conditions on your

practice, suspension or cancellation of your registration, or imposing a fine, under section 39(2) of the Act.

Non-Appearance by Respondent: If you fail to appear at the date, time and place set for the hearing, the Discipline Committee is entitled to proceed with the hearing in your absence upon proof of receipt of the Citation by you and may take any action, without further notice to you, that it is authorized to take under the Act pursuant to section 38(5) of the Act.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE'S CONTACT INFORMATION

The mailing address of the Discipline Committee for delivery is:

College of Speech and Hearing Health Professionals of British Columbia
900 – 200 Granville Street
Vancouver, British Columbia
V6C 1S4

Attention: Discipline Committee

Dated at Vancouver, British Columbia this 23rd day of July 2020.

Dated for reference August 21, 2020 (amendment)



Cameron Cowper
Registrar & Chief Executive Officer

SCHEDULE

1. In this Schedule,
 - a. “Bylaws” means the Bylaws of the College;
 - b. “College” means the College of Speech and Hearing Health Professionals of British Columbia;
 - c. “HPA” means the *Health Professions Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 183; and
 - d. “IC” means the Inquiry Committee.
2. In this Schedule, headings are for convenience of reference only.

Nature of the alleged conduct to be inquired into

3. Ms. Kathleen Sarah Oddoux (the “Respondent”) was, at all material times before January 31, 2020, a registrant of the College, and specifically a speech-language pathologist (“SLP”).
4. On or about September 27, 2018, three complainants filed a complaint with the College asserting the Respondent lacked competency in clinical practice and formal assessment skills, and that clients had possibly not received appropriate, evidence-based therapy (the “Matter” or “2018-R-08”).
5. The IC disposed of the Matter by offering, under HPA s. 36(1), undertakings and consents which the Respondent gave pursuant to an agreement dated July 29, 2019 (the “Undertaking Agreement”).
6. Under the Undertaking Agreement, the Respondent acknowledged the IC’s concerns arising from the Matter relating to,
 - a. “Clinical competencies skills in relation to concerns about case files supporting a lack of understanding of clinical terminology, inconsistent reporting and therapy targets resulting in client’s primary needs being unmet;”
 - b. “Completion of formal assessments in relation to the absence of results and inconsistencies in reporting practices; and”
 - c. “Professional obligations in relation to meeting client’s needs and the required standard of practice required of College registrants....”
7. Under the Undertaking Agreement, the Respondent undertook to participate in sessions with a supervisor to review five files relating to the Matter, and to complete the sessions in accordance with terms in the Undertaking Agreement (the “Review Sessions”).

8. The Undertaking Agreement provided in part as follows:

“General Terms

...

3. I undertake to comply with the limits or conditions set under this Agreement.

...

6. I acknowledge and agree my willfully or carelessly failing to comply with the terms of any undertaking I have given under this Agreement will constitute professional misconduct.

7. I acknowledge and agree that the terms of my consents and undertakings may not be varied without the written agreement of the Registrar on behalf of the Inquiry Committee.”

9. On or about January 7, 2020, Respondent refused to complete the Review Sessions, advising her supervisor and the College she was retiring as of January 31, 2020.

10. On or about January 31, 2020, the College cancelled the Respondent’s registration pursuant to her request.

11. To date, the Respondent has not completed the Review Sessions required by the Undertaking Agreement.

Grounds for action by the discipline committee

12. By acting, or failing to act, in the circumstances particularized above, the Respondent

- a. committed professional misconduct or unprofessional conduct;
- b. further or alternatively, failed to comply with a standard, limit or condition imposed under the HPA.

13. Pursuant to HPA s. 26, in Part 3 of the HPA, “registrant” includes a former registrant.

[End of Schedule]