



IN THE MATTER OF:

Barbara Host (the "Registrant")

AND:

Complaint of [REDACTED] dated October 26, 2023 – BCCOHP File #106629 (the "Complaint")

CONSENT AGREEMENT

Following an investigation into the Complaint by the Inquiry Committee (the "Committee") of the British Columbia College of Oral Health Professionals (the "College"), the Committee hereby requests under s. 36(1) of the *Health Professions Act* (the "HPA") that Ms. Barbara Host (the "Registrant") undertake and consent as set out herein.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE

1. On October 26, 2023, a patient, [REDACTED] submitted a complaint alleging the Registrant may be engaging in the unauthorized practice of dental hygiene after learning that she had been appointed to receive hygiene treatment from the Registrant, who held non-practising registration.
2. On November 20, 2023, the Committee initiated an investigation under s. 33(1) of the HPA to determine whether the Registrant had engaged in the unauthorized practice of dental hygiene contrary to College bylaws 6.05, 6.10, 6.26 and 15.02.
3. By letter dated November 28, 2023, the College provided notification of the investigation to the Registrant and requested her response to the concern she practised dental hygiene without a valid practising registration.
4. On December 4, 2023, the College received a written response from the Registrant confirming she had been working as a dental hygienist from September 2019 to October 2023 while holding non-practising registration, had not met the requirements to allow her to be reinstated into a practising category or class, misrepresented her registration status to her employer, and would accept full responsibility for her conduct

and the consequences flowing from such conduct.

5. On a review of the material gathered during the investigation, the Committee was concerned that:
 - a. the Registrant had knowingly engaged in the unauthorized practice of dental hygiene by providing dental hygiene services to the public between September 2019 and October 2023 while holding non-practising registration, contrary to College bylaw 6.26(2);
 - b. the Registrant had misrepresented her registration status to her employer, contrary to the Dental Hygienist Code of Ethics;
 - c. between the years 2014 and 2023, the Registrant held non-practising registration and, in applying for such registration from 2019 onwards, accepted a declaration that:
 - i. she understood that she must not practise or provide any service in dental hygiene,
 - ii. to return to practice, she must meet the requirements outlined in the College bylaws for reinstatement of practising registration,
 - iii. all information provided in her application for registration was true and complete, and
 - iv. she understood that submitting false or incomplete information in support of her application for registration constitutes professional misconduct and may result in cancellation of registration;
 - d. the Registrant continued to practise dental hygiene knowing that she did not meet the requirements to reinstate her registration in a practising category or class, and did not have professional liability insurance, contrary to the Dental Hygienist Code of Ethics and College bylaws 6.05, 6.10 and/or 15.02.

- e. in or around November 2008, following an investigation that she had practised dental hygiene when not registered with the former College of Dental Hygienist of British Columbia (CDHBC), the Registrant provided an undertaking to the CDHBC not to repeat the conduct of practising dental hygiene while not registered to do so and of failing to advise CDHBC of her current mailing address.
6. On March 4, 2024, the Committee determined under s. 33(6)(c) of the HPA that it would seek a consent order under s. 36(1) of the HPA.
7. The Committee has deemed that this Consent Agreement is made in relation to a serious matter under s. 39.3 of the HPA.

ADMISSION

8. The Registrant admits the conduct as described in paragraph 5 of this Consent Agreement.

UNDERTAKING, CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Further to the Facts and Evidence set out above, and the request of the Committee under s. 36(1) of the HPA,

I, BARBARA HOST, do hereby:

1. UNDERTAKE AND CONSENT to:
 - a. resign from the College register; and
 - b. never apply for reinstatement as a dental hygienist in British Columbia.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE that:
 - a. The College will publish a notice of this Consent Agreement and/or this Consent Agreement, in its entirety, on its website;
 - b. I have voluntarily entered into this Consent Agreement with full awareness of my

rights and responsibilities and having had the opportunity to seek independent legal advice with respect to those rights and responsibilities and the consequences of this Consent Agreement.

[Redacted Signature]

Barbara Host

Apr 25/24
Date

[Redacted Signature]

Witness

Apr 25/24
Date