

**DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE OF
THE COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHS OF ONTARIO**

Laure Sbeit, ND - Chair
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TUESDAY, THE 11th DAY OF
OCTOBER, 2022

B E T W E E N:

COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHS OF ONTARIO

- and -

KURT STAUFFERT

ORDER

THIS HEARING was heard on October 11, 2022 by a Panel of the Discipline Committee of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario (the "College") electronically via videoconference.

ON READING the Notices of Hearing dated December 13, 2021, the Agreed Statement of Facts and Admissions of Professional Misconduct, Joint Submission as to Penalty and Costs, the Acknowledgement and Undertaking, and on hearing the submissions of the parties:

- A. THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE FINDS** that Kurt Stauffert (the "Registrant"), engaged in professional misconduct pursuant to section 51(1)(c) of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*, being Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (the "Code") as set out in one or more of the following paragraphs of section 1 of Ontario Regulation 17/14 made under the *Naturopathy Act, 2007*, specifically: **Paragraph 1** (Contravening, by act or omission, a standard of practice of the profession or failing to maintain the standard of practice of the profession including but not limited to the following: Record Keeping, Core Competencies, Conflict of Interest, Code of Ethics, Consent, Scope of Practice, Therapeutic Relationships and Professional Boundaries and 13(3) of the Ontario Regulation 168/15 the "General Regulation"); **Paragraph 3** (Doing anything to a patient for a therapeutic, preventative, palliative, diagnostic or other health-related purpose except, i) with the informed consent of the patient or the patient's authorized representative, or ii) as required or authorized by law); **Paragraph 7** (Recommending or providing treatment that the member knows or ought to know is unnecessary or

ineffective); **Paragraph 8** (Providing or attempting to provide services or treatment that the member knows or ought to know to be beyond the member's knowledge, skill or judgment); **Paragraph 9** (Failing to advise a patient or the patient's authorized representative to consult another member of a health profession within the meaning of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, when the member knows or ought to know that the patient requires a service that the member does not have the knowledge, skill or judgment to offer or is beyond his or her scope of practice); **Paragraph 14** (Prescribing, dispensing, compounding or selling a drug or a substance for an improper purpose); **Paragraph 23** (Failing to keep records in accordance with the standards of the profession); **Paragraph 25** (Falsifying a record relating to the member's practice); **Paragraph 36** (Contravening, by act or omission, a provision of the Act, the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* or the regulations under either of those Acts, including but not limited to sections 13(3) of the General Regulation); **Paragraph 46** (Engaging in conduct or performing an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional); **Paragraph 47** (Engaging in conduct that would reasonably be regarded by members as conduct unbecoming a member of the profession); and **Paragraph 48** (Failing to make reasonable attempts to collaborate with the patient's other relevant health care providers respecting the care of the patient, where such collaboration is necessary for the patient's health, unless the patient refuses to consent).

B. THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE ORDERS:

1. The Registrant to appear before the Panel to be reprimanded immediately following the hearing of this matter;
2. The Registrant to pay a fine of not more than \$350 by cheque made out to the Minister of Finance, and to be mailed to the College, within one month of the date of this order; and
3. The Registrant shall pay the College's costs fixed in the amount of \$7,500 payable within one month of the date of this hearing of this matter.

October 11, 2022

Date



Dr. Laure Sbeit, ND, Chair

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