

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

))
)) MONDAY, THE 28th
))
)) DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020
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B E T W E E N:

COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHS OF ONTARIO

- and -

HELEN COHEN

**ORDER
(DC19-03)**

THIS HEARING was held electronically in Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the Notice of Hearing, the Agreed Statement of Facts and the Joint Submission as to Penalty and Costs, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the College of Naturopaths of Ontario (“College”) and the Registrant¹:

A. THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE FINDS that the Registrant committed acts of professional misconduct pursuant to subsection 30(1) of Ontario Regulation 278 made under the *Drugless Practitioners Act*, and as defined in the following paragraphs of the

¹ The Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario has directed that the College refer to individuals registered with the College as “Registrants”. “Registrant”, as it is used in this Order has the same meaning as “member” as defined in section 1(1) of the *Health Professions Procedural Code* (the Code).

Professional Misconduct and/or Incompetence standards established by the Board: **Paragraph 2(r)** (Conduct or an act relevant to the practice of naturopathic medicine that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by naturopathic doctors as unprofessional); and **Paragraph 2(w)** (Contravening standards of practice or guidelines of practice set by the Board, in particular Standard 2.6 – Deal honestly with all patients, colleagues, public institutions and legal bodies, and refrain from giving any misleading information).

B. THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MAKES AN ORDER:

1. Requiring the Registrant to appear before the panel to be reprimanded immediately following the hearing of this matter.
2. Directing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)² to suspend the Registrant's certificate of registration for a period of four (4) months, on a schedule to be set by the CEO.
3. Directing the CEO to impose the following specified terms, conditions and limitations on the Registrant's certificate of registration:
 - a. Requiring that the Registrant unconditionally pass the PROBE ethics course, which is to be taken at her own expense, by a date selected by the CEO;
 - b. Requiring that the Registrant successfully complete, to the satisfaction of the CEO and at her own expense, the College's Medical Records course by a date selected by the CEO;
 - c. Requiring that the Registrant write an essay between 1000 and 1500 words in length, and provide it to the CEO, no later than a date selected by the

² The Chief Executive Officer has been appointed by the Council to oversee operations and perform the duties of the Registrar as set out in and defined in section 1(1) of the Code.

CEO, that shall be published by the College at a time and in a format determined by the CEO, on the following issues:

- i. The lessons she learned in completing the PROBE course and medical records course; and
 - ii. The methods she will incorporate into her practice to ensure proper record-keeping practices and her obligations as a registrant of the College.
- d. Requiring the Registrant to submit to, and at her own expense, a practice inspection to be completed within six (6) months following her return to practice.
4. Requiring the Registrant to pay of fine of not more than \$350 to the Minister of Finance within two (2) months of the hearing of this matter.
5. The Registrant shall pay the College's costs fixed in the amount of \$3,500 payable on a schedule determined by the CEO.

September 28, 2020

Date: _____



Dr. Jordan Sokoloski, ND
Chair, Discipline Panel

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