

Adam Lariviere, RMT

Location:

Kelowna, BC

Date of Action:

October 12 and December 4, 2023

Date Action Ended:

December 17, 2024

Nature of Action: Pursuant to section 35(1)(a) of the *Health Professions Act* (the “Act”), on December 4, 2023, a panel of the Inquiry Committee made an order to impose limits/conditions on Adam Lariviere’s registration with CMTBC in order to protect the public.

This order replaced a previous order of the Inquiry Committee made on October 12, 2023, restricting Mr. Lariviere’s practice of massage therapy. Under the October 12, 2023 order, Mr. Lariviere was subject to the limits/conditions that he:

- Had to, by 6:00 p.m. every Friday, provide the College with, or electronic access to, his calendar, including the name and contact information for each patient he treated in the preceding week.
- was subject to random on-site audits of his practice by a College-appointed inspector, with the frequency and timing of the random on-site audits to be at the sole discretion of the College. Without limiting the foregoing, an inspector may inspect any patient booking process (whether that occurs physically, by telephone, or otherwise electronically) and any file or record of any female patient treated by him.

Under the December 4, 2023 order, the limits/conditions imposed on Mr. Lariviere’s practice of massage therapy were that he:

- was prohibited from treating patients who identify as female; and
- had to post a College-approved notice of the prohibition on the treatment of female patients in all his workplaces.

Reasons: The October 12, 2023 order was made following receipt of a complaint from a female patient of Mr. Lariviere (“Patient 1”). In relation to this complaint, the Inquiry Committee panel found that there was a *prima facie* case of allegations that, during the provision of massage therapy to Patient 1, Mr.

Lariviere failed to maintain professional boundaries and engaged in inappropriate conduct.

On October 17, 2023, the College received a new complaint from a female patient of Mr. Lariviere ("Patient 2"). In relation to this complaint, the Inquiry Committee panel found that there was a *prima facie* case of allegations that, during the provision of massage therapy to Patient 2, Mr. Lariviere failed to maintain professional boundaries and consent standards and engaged in sexual misconduct.

The Inquiry Committee panel considered the allegations serious and found that there were some factors that rendered the alleged conduct likely to recur. Therefore, the panel determined that the public must be protected by an interim order during the investigation and pending any discipline hearing.

The panel considered what interim measures would be sufficient and proportionate in this case. Having weighed the different options and the circumstances of this case and having considered the impact on Mr. Lariviere, in its December 4, 2023 order, the Inquiry Committee panel concluded that the new limits/conditions were proportionate and sufficient to protect the public during the investigation(s) or pending a disciplinary hearing.

Important Note: Limits, conditions, and suspensions ordered by the Inquiry Committee under section 35(1) of the Act are made to protect the public during an investigation or pending a hearing of the Discipline Committee. Measures taken under section 35(1) of the Act pertain to allegations that remain unproven unless admitted by a registrant or determined by the Discipline Committee.