

Type: Undertakings

Registrant: Dr. Kevin Miller (1780)

Date: May 25, 2022

Status: Completed

Nature of Action: The Registrant voluntarily agreed to undertakings under section 36(1)(d) of the *Health Professions Act* placing conditions on his practice. The Registrant agreed to the supervision of his practice, with a particular focus on the following:

- Ensuring that any statements the Registrant makes to clients regarding medication usage are clear, consistent with his role as a psychologist, within his area of competence, and not misunderstood as medical advice;
- Ensuring that any statements by the Registrant regarding the effect of medication on the treatment he provides are not misunderstood as a precondition to receiving treatment from him, and where appropriate that the Registrant provides clients with referrals to other service providers.

Reasons: The College received a complaint from a regulated health professional that the Registrant was advising patients to discontinue their medications without consulting their primary care physician who prescribed the medication, which is outside the Registrant's scope of practice as a psychologist. The Registrant explained in response to the complaint that he routinely discusses the potential interaction of medications and therapy, but he does not advise clients regarding their prescribed medications and rather encourages them to consult their primary care physician about such issues. However, the College also interviewed several of the Registrant's clients and some had understood his statements as encouragement to discontinue their medications. The Inquiry Committee was satisfied that the agreed terms of the Registrant's regulatory supervision would address the concerns arising from this complaint about the clarity and appropriateness of the Registrant's communications with clients about medications prescribed by other regulated health professionals. All public notifications pertaining to this registrant can be viewed in public notice.