

College of Physical Therapists of British Columbia Public Notice under s. 39.3 of the Health Professions Act

Jagroop Bains, RPT

Location: Metro Vancouver, BC

Date of Action: September 22, 2020

Date Action Ended: November 20, 2020

Limits, conditions and suspensions ordered by the Inquiry Committee under section 35(1) of the Act, or by the Discipline Committee under section 38(8), are made to protect the public during an investigation, pending a hearing, or during a hearing. Measures taken under sections 35(1) or 38(8) of the Act pertained to matters which are and remain <u>unproven</u> unless admitted by a registrant or determined by the Discipline Committee. Actions under sections 35(1) and 38(8) of the Act are subject to appeal by the registrant to the court.

Update: On considering information obtained during the course of the investigation into this matter, the Inquiry Committee concluded that the interim restrictions Mr. Bains practice were no longer necessary to protect the public and accordingly, terminated the consent agreement on November 20, 2020.

Nature of Action: Mr. Bains voluntarily entered into a consent agreement with the Inquiry Committee of the College agreeing that he will not provide physical therapy to female patients, whether for a fee or otherwise, except in the presence of a chaperone of the patient's choosing as of September 24, 2019. This action is temporary and does not indicate any wrongdoing.

Reasons: A patient of Mr. Bains made a complaint to the College alleging that during her treatment, it appeared that Mr. Bains engaged in touching which appeared to be non-therapeutic in nature. The Inquiry Committee is currently investigating the matter.

In view of the serious nature of the allegations, which if proven, would present a significant risk to public safety, the Inquiry Committee decided to conduct a hearing, under section 35(1) of the Health Professions Act, to determine whether any action may be necessary to protect the public during the investigation.

To obviate the need for a hearing, Mr. Bains voluntarily entered into a consent agreement (as described above) which is in effect while the Inquiry Committee conducts its investigation. The Inquiry Committee is satisfied that this action is sufficient to protect the public.

Important Note: The consent agreement relates to matters, which are and remain unproven unless admitted by Mr. Bains or determined by the Discipline Committee.