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Discipline Hearing Summary – Jian Ao Gou, RMT (Greater Toronto Area)

March 1, 2017

Decision

On March 1, 2017, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Jian Ao Gou, a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT), committed acts of professional misconduct in that he:

1. Falsified a record relating to the Registrant's practice by leaving signed blank receipts unattended when he knew or ought to have known that same would be issued for services that: a) he did not provide; and/or b) were not properly categorized as massage therapy and therefore not eligible for an insurance receipt.
2. Signed or issued, in the Registrant's professional capacity, a document that the Registrant knew contained a false or misleading statement, namely, by leaving signed blank receipts unattended when he knew or ought to have known that same would be used to provide clients with insurance receipts for services that: a) were not properly categorized as massage therapy and/or b) which he himself did not provide;
3. Submitted an account or charge for services that the Registrant knew was false or misleading, namely, by leaving signed blank receipts unattended and in the possession of the Spa when he knew or ought to have known that same would be submitted by clients to claim reimbursements from insurance companies for services that: a) were not properly categorized as massage therapy and/or b) he himself did not provide; and
4. Engaged in conduct or performed an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all of the circumstances, namely, by leaving signed blank receipts unattended when he knew or ought to have known that same would be used to provide clients with insurance receipts for services that: a) were not properly categorized as massage therapy; and/or b) he himself did not provide.

Penalty Order and Cost Award Imposed

The Discipline Committee made the following order:

1. The Registrant's Certificate of Registration will be suspended for a period of eight (8) consecutive months, or until the conditions in paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 below are completed, whichever is longer;
2. The Registrant is required to receive a public and recorded reprimand;
3. The Discipline Committee's decision shall be published in the usual course;

4. The Registrant must enrol in, at his own expense and within six months, the College's Record Keeping Course and shall provide the College with satisfactory evidence of completion;
5. The Registrant must enroll in, at his own expense and within six months, the College's Professionalism Workshop, and shall provide the College with satisfactory evidence of completion thereof;
6. The Registrant will submit to an inspection of his practice at his own expense within twelve (12) months of resuming his practice following the period of suspension, and the cost of such inspection will not exceed \$500.00; and
7. The Registrant must pay costs to the College in the amount of \$2,000.00.

The complete Decision and Reasons is available online on the Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII) [website](#).