

**IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING BEFORE THE HEARING TRIBUNAL  
OF THE ALBERTA COLLEGE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS**

into the conduct of Kris Nelson  
pursuant to the  
*Health Professions Act, R.S.A.2000, c. P-14*

**NOTICE OF HEARING  
AND  
NOTICE TO ATTEND AS WITNESS**

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** a Hearing Tribunal of the Alberta College of Occupational Therapists (ACOT) will conduct a hearing via videoconference (Microsoft Teams) into allegations that you engaged in unprofessional conduct in that:

1. On or between February, 2021 – May, 2021, you failed to maintain appropriate boundaries with client ■■■, the particulars of which include:
  - a. Engaged in communications with ■■■ of a romantic and personal nature;
  - b. Texted with ■■■ and spoke to ■■■ for purposes unrelated to treatment.
2. You engaged in sexual abuse toward client ■■■ the particulars of which include:
  - a. You provided occupational therapy treatment to ■■■ on several occasions between February 4, 2021-February 23, 2021;
  - b. On or about February 20, 2021, you commenced a sexual relationship with ■■■
  - c. You continued to engage in conduct of a sexual nature, including sexual intercourse, with ■■■ thereafter until May, 2021 when your relationship ended;
  - d. You engaged in the conduct identified above at 2(a) – (c) while ■■■ was still a “patient” as defined in Standard 10 of ACOT’s Standards of Practice.

**IT IS FURTHER ALLEGED THAT** your conduct constitutes “unprofessional conduct” as defined in s. 1(1)(pp)(i)(ii)(xii) of the *Health Professions Act, R.S.A. 2000, c. H-7* (the “HPA”), in particular:

1. Your conduct with respect to allegation #1 contravenes one or more of the following:
  - a. Standards of Practice: Standard 1: Maintain Professional Accountability;

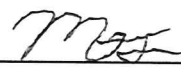
- b. Code of Ethics: Principles 2.1; 2.2.
2. Your conduct in relation to allegation #2:
- a. Constitutes "sexual abuse" as defined in s. 1(1)(nn.1) of the *Health Professions Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. H-7 (the "HPA") and contravenes Standard of Practice: Standard 10: Maintain Appropriate Boundaries;
  - b. Contravenes ACOT's Code of Ethics: Principles 2.1; 2.2.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to section 72(1) of the HPA, you are required to attend at the said time and place in person, and you are compelled to give evidence and produce models, charts, documents, papers, notes, records, and other material relevant to the Hearing Tribunal.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that in the event that you do not attend at the said time and place, the Hearing Tribunal may proceed in your absence pursuant to section 79(6) of the HPA, and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that in the event you do not attend at the said time and place, your failure to comply with the Notice to Attend may result in a further complaint and may constitute unprofessional conduct.

**DATED** at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

  
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Mallory Foreman, Hearings Director  
Alberta College of Occupational Therapists

**TO: KRIS NELSON**