

Saskatchewan College of Paramedics Consensual Complaint Resolution Agreement

BETWEEN:

Katrina Kochut, Primary Care Paramedic, Registry No. 44915 (the Member)

AND:

The Professional Conduct Committee (The PCC) of The Saskatchewan College of Paramedics (The College)

Whereas the Saskatchewan College of Paramedics received complaints June 21, 2023, and June 26, 2023, regarding the Member's conduct. The concerns raised were in relation to the Member's communication behaviors, aggressive actions, and treatment of a patient on June 20, 2023.

Whereas the complaint was referred to the PCC for review and investigation in accordance with subsection 27(1) of *The Paramedics Act*; and

Whereas the evidence obtained by the PCC during the investigation establishes that the Member engaged in activities which most likely constitute professional misconduct and/or professional incompetence. Specifically, the Member's aggressive actions, inappropriate conduct, and assessment and treatment of a patient on June 20, 2023, was lacking. The investigation report notes several parties were interviewed, including the Member, the employer, and additional witnesses, and all agreed the Member displayed a lack of professionalism and judgment on June 20, 2023.

Whereas the PCC concluded that the Member would most likely be found guilty of professional misconduct and/or professional incompetence, as these terms are defined in sections 24 and 25 of *The Paramedics Act*, on the grounds that the Member's conduct was harmful to the best interests of the public; and/or the members; and/or the standing of the profession. Additionally, the Member's actions impacted patient care and her responsibilities as a health care provider.

Professional misconduct is conduct that is harmful to the best interests of the public; and/or the members; and/or the standing of the profession. Any conduct that is harmful to the best interests of the public, and/or the members; and/or that tends to harm the standing of the profession is professional misconduct.

Professional incompetence is conduct that includes a display of a lack of knowledge, skill or judgment to an extent that demonstrates the member may be unfit to continue in the practice of the profession; and provide services that are ordinarily delivered as part of the practice of the profession and/or a disregard for the welfare of a member of the public to the extent that a member may be unfit to continue in the practice of the profession or provide services delivered as a part of the practice of the profession.

Section 10 of the College's Regulatory Bylaws requires that every Member must comply with the Code of Professional Conduct. A breach of the Code is therefore a breach of the bylaws, and a breach of the bylaws is professional misconduct as defined in section 25 of *The Paramedics Act*; and

Whereas the PCC is of the opinion that a disciplinary hearing is not warranted in this case; and

Whereas the PCC is of the opinion that no further action with respect to the matter under investigation is warranted because the Member has cooperated throughout the course of the investigation, and the Member and the Complainants have consented to its resolution on the terms contained in this agreement.

Now, therefore, the PCC and the Member agree as follows:

1. Terms and Undertakings

1.1 This Agreement remains in effect for a period of 12 months and until all the conditions outlined in the undertakings described in paragraph 1.3 have been satisfactorily completed.

1.2 The Member acknowledges and understands the seriousness of their responsibilities and obligations as contained in the Code of Professional Conduct and understands that as a paramedic they are required to behave in a manner that is beyond reproach and to conduct and present oneself in such a manner so as to encourage and merit the respect of the public for members of the profession.

1.3. The Member undertakes to:

(a) Maintain a non-practicing paramedic license from the College until after the Executive Director of the College receives confirmation of the following:

(i) Prior to returning to work as a paramedic, shall arrange for a written report from a [REDACTED] and who is familiar with this agreement, [REDACTED]

(ii) Prior to returning to work as a paramedic, shall arrange for a written report from a [REDACTED], confirming the Member is fit to return to work as a paramedic; and

(iii) Prior to changing their status to practicing, the Member will meet the requirements of the College in place at that time.

(b) At the Member's expense, successfully complete the 16-hour Saskatchewan Anger Management Class within (3) months of signing this agreement; and

(c) At the Member's expense, successfully complete the Building Effective Skills to Cope with Anger course within (4) months of signing this agreement; and

(d) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(f) Pay costs related to the investigation of \$3850.00, within (12) months of the signing of this agreement.

2. Disclosure and Notification

- 2.1. Disclosure of this agreement shall be in accordance with *The Paramedics Act* and the College's policies that may exist from time to time.
- 2.2. The existence of this agreement between the College and the Member shall be recorded on the register of the College until the term of the agreement expires.
- 2.3. The PCC and the Executive Director of the College shall receive and keep a signed copy of the agreement for their records.
- 2.4. The College shall mail a copy of this agreement to the Member.
- 2.5. Any Canadian paramedic regulator may be notified of the agreement.
- 2.6. This agreement will be posted to the College's website, until the completion of all terms outlined in section 1.3.

3. Consequences of Breach of Undertaking

- 3.1. The Member acknowledges and understands that, if the PCC has reason to believe the Member has breached an undertaking contained in this agreement, the PCC will investigate the matter as a new complaint in accordance with *The Paramedics Act*.

4. Conclusion of Undertaking

4.1. If the PCC is satisfied that the Member has substantially complied with the terms and undertakings in this agreement, the PCC will consider the undertakings to be concluded and shall inform the Member in writing that:

- 4.1.1. The Member's compliance with the terms and undertakings have been satisfactory; and
- 4.1.2. The notation on the register regarding this agreement has been removed.

This agreement was signed by the Member on the __ day of _____, 2024.

Katrina Kochut 44915
Registry Number

Witness

This agreement was signed on behalf of the PCC on the ___ of _____, 2024.

Ron Colin
Chair, Professional Conduct Committee
Saskatchewan College of Paramedics

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