

BRITISH COLUMBIA COLLEGE OF NURSES AND MIDWIVES

CITATION

(Section 37 of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c.183)

TO: Sean Taylor

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Registration No. ██████████

TAKE NOTICE that a Panel of the Discipline Committee of the British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives (“BCCNM”) will conduct a hearing into your conduct and competence as a Registered Nurse registrant under s. 38 of the *Health Professions Act* (the “Act”).

The hearing will be either held at the offices of BCCNM, 900-200 Granville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, or be conducted by videoconference, on **November 15 to 17, 2022** commencing at 10:00 a.m.

You are requested to attend the hearing. You have the right to be represented by legal counsel and to submit evidence. However, if you fail to attend the hearing, the Panel will proceed with the hearing in your absence, and without further notice to you, may take any action that it is authorized to take under the Act.

The purpose of the hearing is to inquire into your conduct as follows:

1. Between approximately 31 March 2020 and 2 November 2020, you made the following statements while identifying yourself as a registered nurse:
 - a. (about COVID-19) "*...[Y]ou will get people to wear your masks and put them in your internment camps ... but there is a group of people, myself included, and you, and a bunch of friends, who will not comply. We will meet you in the streets and do this the old fashioned way.*"
 - b. (about movements including Black Lives Matter) "*The restraint that's being shown on the Right... I watch that shit, I wanna take a road trip and go down and play paint ball.*"
 - c. (about COVID-19) "*[W]here does influenza come from? It is an avian virus and a porcine virus that usually comes from China because of the interface with Chinese culture*".
 - d. "*There are so many times that I am comforting people in triage, who are terrified to be in the hospital, and I tell them there is no virus here. Don't worry about it. [...] We had no cases admitted to the hospital. [...] They still buy into this narrative.*"

e. *“I don’t wear a mask [...] it’s a load of horse shit.”*

These remarks, made in these contexts, are contrary to BCCNM’s Professional Standards and/or Practice Standards, including: the *Professional Responsibility and Accountability* Professional Standard, the *Knowledge-Based Practice* Professional Standard, and the *Ethical Practice* Professional Standard. They also constitute professional misconduct, unprofessional conduct, and/or a breach of the Act or by-laws, under s. 39(1) of the Act.

2. On 22 June 2020, you gave an interview to Global News (the “Segment”). The Segment was titled *“A Kelowna nurse says alleged racism in the emergency rooms having a negative impact on medical staff”*. The Segment was filmed outside the Kelowna General Hospital, and you wore your scrubs with a stethoscope around your neck. In the Segment, you discussed allegations of racial discrimination against Indigenous patients and expressed the view that such news resulted in patients making allegations of racism against a nurse when they do not get their way.

This conduct is contrary to BCCNM’s Professional Standards and/or Practice Standards, including: the *Professional Responsibility and Accountability* Professional Standard, the *Knowledge-Based Practice* Professional Standard, the *Client-Focused Provision of Service* Professional Standard, and the *Ethical Practice* Professional Standard. It also constitutes professional misconduct, unprofessional conduct, and/or a breach of the Act or by-laws, under s. 39(1) of the Act.

The Discipline Committee is constituted under the Act and BCCNM’s by-laws. You are referred to ss. 37 to 40 of the Act, as well as ss. 196 to 213, and Schedules I and J of the by-laws.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that after a hearing under s. 38 of the Act, the Discipline Committee may make such determinations and orders under s. 39 of the Act as it considers appropriate.

This Citation is issued at the direction of BCCNM’s Inquiry Committee under s. 37 of the Act.

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Cynthia Johansen
Registrar / CEO

September 27, 2022

Date