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NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
COUNCIL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Summary of Adjudication Tribunal Decision

IN THE MATTER OF: Dr. Xiao Hong Liu

On February 26, 2020, the registration of Dr. Xiao Hong Liu, Registered Acupuncturist, (the “Respondent”) was suspending pending a hearing pursuant to Section 40 of the Health Professions Act (the “Act”).

In a written decision, dated April 12, 2021, an Adjudication Tribunal of the Newfoundland and Labrador Council of Health Professionals (NLCHP) found the Respondent guilty of conduct deserving of sanction pursuant to the Act.

The NLCHP received a complaint from a member of the public particularly related to clinical cleanliness and hygienic needle practices, lack of clinical judgment, lack of communication and informed consent prior to treatment and of responsiveness to the patient’s questions and concerns. Dr. Liu did not participate in the investigation process initiated by the Complaints Authorization Committee of the NLCHP. Based on the information in the complaint, the Committee referred the complaint to the Disciplinary Panel of the NLCHP and placed an interim suspension on Dr. Liu’s registration. On March 9, 2020 Dr. Liu was found to have violated the Act by continuing to practice Acupuncture while her license was suspended.

The Adjudication Tribunal found Dr. Liu guilty of breaches of the following provisions:

- Section 18 of the Act
- The College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Newfoundland and Labrador (CTCMPANL) Practice Standards items 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 1. 10, 1.11, 2.1, 2.2, 3.4 ,5.3, 5.4, 6, 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3.
- CTCMPANL Professional Misconduct policy sections 2, 4, 5, 36, and 37, 40, 41, 42 and 44.
- CTCMPANL Code of Ethics section 4(d).

The Tribunal ordered as follows:

- (1) Dr. Liu’s registration will be suspended for an additional period immediately following the issuance of a final Order of the Disciplinary Tribunal to allow for her

to successfully complete a fitness to practice medical assessment by a qualified medical professional.

- (2) Once Dr. Liu has been deemed fit for practice, there will be a minimum of a one year supervisory period whereby a qualified Acupuncturist assessor, appointed by the NLCHP, will have authority to visit (announced and unannounced) the clinic of Dr. Liu, Chinese Therapy Centre, Regatta Plaza II, 84-86 Elizabeth Ave, 3rd Floor, Suite 4, in St. John's, NL for purposes of inspection for compliance with the CTCMPANL standards of practice.
- (3) Dr. Liu is required to successfully complete two educational modules related to Jurisprudence and Informed Consent.
- (4) Dr. Liu is required to pay costs of \$5000.00.

Alice Kennedy
Registrar NLCHP
May 29, 2021