IN THE MATTER OF:

The Regulated Health Professions Act, CCSM, c. R117, Part 8 ("the RHPA")

AND IN THE MATTER OF:

MR. HAZEM ALSAADI, a former member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba ("College")

## **PUBLICATION**

**TAKE NOTICE** that, pursuant to subsections 102(1)(e) and 105(3) of the RHPA, the Investigation Committee ("the Committee") of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba ("the College") has accepted the voluntary surrender of Mr. Alsaadi's registration and license to practice as a clinical assistant in resolution of the above matter and directed that his voluntarily surrender and a description of the circumstances that led to the voluntary surrender be made available to the public.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the circumstances set out in this publication were considered by the Investigation Committee but were not referred to the Inquiry Committee for adjudication. Therefore, the circumstances set out in this publication remain <u>unproven</u> <u>allegations of fact</u>. As such, no findings of professional misconduct have been made with respect to Mr. Alsaadi.

## A. PREAMBLE

Members of the College are expected to conduct themselves in a diligent and professional manner at all times, particularly in their communications with the College. When information is requested of a member, the member's response should be thorough and forthright. This standard is integral to the College's licensing and registration regime, which relies on the accuracy of information from applicants.

Members are obligated to report pending criminal charges and findings of guilt both at the time of their initial application for licensure and registration and then on a continuing basis throughout their membership with the College.

## **B.** THE RELEVANT CIRCUMSTANCES ARE:

- 1. During its investigation, the Investigation Committee obtained the following information:
  - a. Mr. Alsaadi was charged with fraud on July 10, 2015 and pled guilty to that charge in the Provincial Court of Manitoba on April 18, 2017.

- b. Mr. Alsaadi was charged with theft on October 31, 2015 and pled guilty to that charge in the Provincial Court of Manitoba on March 16, 2017.
- c. Between January 24 and July 1, 2016, when Mr. Alsaadi was in the process of obtaining registration and licensure to practice as a Clinical Assistant, he:
  - i. stated in his January 24, 2016 application to the College for licensure and registration that he had no pending criminal charges, even though he was then facing criminal charges for theft and fraud;
  - ii. declared in his application that the information provided was accurate, while concurrently recognizing his license and registration would be cancelled if the information was not accurate; and
  - iii. executed a 'Criminal Record Check Undertaking' on June 29, 2016 advising his Criminal Record Check report would be clear.
- b. Based on the information provided in Mr. Alsaadi's application and the undertaking he signed indicating his Criminal Record Check report would be clear, Mr. Alsaadi was provided licensure by the College and registered on July 13, 2016.
- c. Between July 26, 2016 and October 29, 2017, Mr. Alsaadi:
  - i. failed to report pending criminal charges in his license renewal on July 26, 2016 when asked if he had any pending criminal charges;
  - ii. provided the College with a false and misleading Criminal Record Check report on January 25, 2017, which report did not contain entries reflecting then outstanding criminal charges;
  - iii. failed to report findings of guilt in relation to the aforementioned theft and fraud charges that were entered in March and April of 2017; and
  - iv. provided inaccurate information in his October 29, 2017 application to renew his license by failing to acknowledge the criminal findings of guilt that were entered in March and April of 2017.
- d. Mr. Alsaadi failed to report to the College criminal charges arising from his having allegedly forged and then uttered to the College an inaccurate Criminal Record Check report between July 18, 2016 and January 25, 2017. These charges were pending at the time of this publication.
- e. Mr. Alsaadi failed to report a criminal charge for theft from December 9, 2017. This

charge was pending at the time of this publication.

- 2. Mr. Alsaadi did not plead guilty to professional misconduct in the context of any College proceeding in relation to the above circumstances.
- 3. Mr. Alsaadi is no longer practicing as a Clinical Assistant having voluntarily surrendered his license and registration as of September 20, 2018 while the investigation of the above matters was ongoing.
- 4. The Investigation Committee was satisfied that accepting Mr. Alsaadi's voluntary surrender and this publication precluded the necessity for referral of the matter to the Inquiry Committee for adjudication.