

**DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE OF THE COLLEGE OF REGISTERED
PSYCHOTHERAPISTS AND REGISTERED MENTAL HEALTH THERAPISTS OF
ONTARIO**

**PRACTICE DIRECTION ON THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS DISCIPLINE TRIBUNALS
PILOT**

Effective April 3, 2023, the College is participating in the Ontario Health Professions Discipline Tribunals Pilot.

The principal aspects of this pilot project are:

- 1) Council has appointed six new members to the Discipline and Fitness to Practise Committees who are trained as lawyers and have extensive experience as adjudicators. They are members of the Ontario Physicians and Surgeons Discipline Tribunal (OPSDT). As part of the pilot, they are also members of the Discipline Committees of the College of Massage Therapists of Ontario (CMTO) and the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario (CASLPO).
- 2) The Board has appointed the Chair of the OPSDT as Chair of the CRPO Discipline and Fitness to Practise Committees. He is also the Co-Chair of the Discipline Committees of CMTO and CASLPO.
- 3) The new Rule 17 of the Discipline Committee's Rules of Procedure sets out case management principles that apply to cases in the pilot.
- 4) All cases where the merits hearing had not started before April 3, 2023, are part of the pilot, unless the Discipline Committee orders otherwise (Rule 17).
- 5) Case Management Conferences and hearings will be chaired by an experienced adjudicator.
- 6) When a five-member discipline panel hears a referral, it will consist of two public members of Council, two professional members (at least one of whom is a member of Council) and an experienced adjudicator (see s. 38 of the Health Professions Procedural Code). Interlocutory and procedural matters may be decided by a single committee member at the discretion of the Chair, in accordance with s. 4.2 of the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*.
- 7) Independent legal counsel will not be involved in Discipline Committee proceedings.

For more information about the Discipline Committee's processes, see the CRPO website at www.crpo.ca/discipline.