

DECISION #7

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ALLEGATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

Notice of Hearing #1

- Failed to keep records as required (para 25) in respect of 13 patients.
- Failed to take reasonable steps to ensure that information provided by her to the College was accurate (para 57).
- Disgraceful, dishonourable, unprofessional or unethical conduct (para. 59).

Notice of Hearing #2

- Failed to comply with an order of the Discipline Committee (para 52).
- Disgraceful, dishonourable, unprofessional or unethical conduct (para. 59).

BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Notice of Hearing #1

- As part of an investigation, the College requested financial ledgers for 12 patients.
- Numerous deadlines for the production of the ledgers were missed, despite the member's assurances to the investigator and the Executive Committee that they would be forthcoming.
- Although some incomplete ledgers were eventually produced, complete ledgers for the 12 patients were never forwarded to the College.

Notice of Hearing #2

- On another matter, the member appeared before the Discipline Committee in 2003.
- She plead guilty to specified allegations of professional misconduct and entered into a joint submission on penalty, which was accepted by the panel.
- One term of the order of the panel, arising from the joint submission, was that the member pay costs of \$2,500 to the College within seven months.
- Despite a reminder, the costs were not paid by the deadline specified in the order, nor did the member contact the College to make arrangements for payment.

DECISION

1. Finding

The member pleaded guilty to all allegations in both notices of hearing and she was found guilty.

2. Penalty

- Reprimand.
- Certificate of registration will be suspended for six months (dates of suspension not known at time of publication.)
- Terms, conditions and limitations on member's certificate include:
 - attend for assessment with a psychiatrist approved by the College;
 - psychiatrist will report to the College and member will follow all recommendation of the psychiatrist;
 - immediately retain a practice mentor approved by the College;
 - mentor shall report to the College and member will cooperate with mentor and implement his/her recommendations in a timely manner;
 - practice will be monitored by College for 36 months;
 - member will successfully complete a one-on-one course in recordkeeping approved by the College within six months.

3. Costs

- No costs were requested and none were ordered.

4. Panel's Reasoning

- Penalty reached as a result of a joint submission on penalty reached following a pre-hearing conference.
- Penalty appropriately serious given three discipline findings in a relatively short period of time.
- Penalty adequately protected the public and was fair to the member.
- Penalty considered deterrence and rehabilitation.
- Panel considered member's financial and personal difficulties as mitigating circumstances.



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