

Discipline and review committees Case Summaries, 2004

The discipline and review Committees held eight hearings in 2004:

Case #1 and #2

The review committee met to consider two complaints referred to it by the complaints committee concerning a nurse from the nursing home sector who was reported for substance abuse and theft of narcotics from two different nursing homes. The member chose not to attend the hearing, but made a submission admitting to the allegations and indicating that she was not well enough to practise nursing. The member's registration was revoked and the committee imposed a minimum three year waiting period on eligibility to apply for reinstatement.

Case #3

The review committee met to consider a complaint referred to it by the complaints committee in 2001 concerning a nurse from the hospital sector for incompetence. The nurse provided the committee with a written submission including an admission to the allegations, extensive evidence that she was suffering from a condition rendering her incapable of practising nursing and a request that her registration be revoked. The submission was accepted by the committee and the member's registration was revoked.

Case #4

The discipline committee met to consider a complaint referred to it by the complaints committee concerning a nurse from a psychiatric setting who was reported for breach of confidentiality and unethical conduct. The member's registration was revoked for two years and the nurse was ordered to pay to the Association one-half of all the costs the Association and the committee incurred respecting this complaint.

Case #5

The review committee met to consider a complaint referred to it by the complaints committee concerning a nurse from the hospital sector who was reported for theft of narcotics and substance abuse. The nurse received a criminal conviction for the same matter. The nurse provided the committee with a written submission in which he admitted to the allegations, and requested that his registration be revoked. The submission was accepted by the committee and the member's registration was revoked.

Case #6

The review committee met to consider a complaint referred to it by the complaints committee in 2001 concerning a nurse from the hospital sector who was alleged to be unfit and unsafe to practice nursing. The nurse provided the committee with a written submission in which she admitted to the allegations, and requested that her registration be revoked. The submission was accepted by the committee and the member's registration was revoked.

Case #7

The review committee held a hearing concerning a staff nurse from the hospital sector who was alleged to be unfit and unsafe to practice. This was a continuation of a hearing adjourned in 2003. At the request of the member, the 2003 hearing had been adjourned until such time as the member had submitted sufficient evidence indicating she was fit to return to work. The suspension was lifted and the nurse was granted a conditional registration.

Case #8

The discipline committee met to consider a complaint referred to it by the complaints committee regarding a staff nurse from an addiction treatment centre. The complaint alleged sexual abuse of a client on the unit where the nurse worked. The complaint was dismissed due to a lack of evidence.

Four other cases referred to the discipline and review committees by the complaints committee in 2004 were carried over to 2005. In one of these cases, the discipline committee granted a request from the member for a non-practising membership for the purpose of undertaking the New Brunswick Modularized Refresher Program. The member will appear before the discipline committee once the Refresher Program has been completed.