

Discipline and review committees Case Summaries, 2005

The discipline and review committees held 6 hearings in 2005.

Case #1

The discipline committee met to consider a complaint referred to it by the complaints committee in 2004 regarding a staff nurse from an addiction treatment centre. The complaint alleged sexual abuse of a client. The member chose not to attend the hearing. The member was prohibited from practising nursing and is not eligible at any time to apply for registration or reinstatement with NANB. The member was ordered to pay costs of \$2000.

Case #2

The discipline committee met to consider a complaint referred to it by the complaints committee in 2004 concerning a nurse from a rehabilitation centre for boundary violations of the therapeutic nurse-client relationship. The member was reprimanded and ordered to pay costs of \$1000.

Case #3

The review committee met to consider a complaint referred to it by the complaints committee in 2004 concerning a nurse from the nursing home sector who was reported for substance abuse. The member was ordered to pay costs of \$1000 and conditions were imposed on her registration which included attending an addiction services treatment program.

Case #4

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 The submission was accepted by the committee and the member's registration was revoked.

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 substance abuse. The nurse provided the committee with a written submission in which she admitted that she was suffering from a condition which affected her ability to practise nursing. The member's registration was suspended and reinstatement will not be considered until evidence shows that the member is fit, capable and safe to practise nursing.

Case #6

The discipline committee held a hearing concerning a staff nurse from the hospital sector who demonstrated ongoing lack of knowledge, skill and judgement. The nurse provided the committee with a written submission

including an admission to the allegations and indicating that she was suffering from a condition which affected her ability to practise nursing and for which she continues to receive treatment. The suspension on the member's registration was lifted and the member was granted a non-practising registration for the purpose of undertaking the nursing refresher program. The member was ordered to pay costs of \$1000.

One case referred to the review committee by the complaints committee in 2005 was carried forward to 2006.

Another case referred to the discipline committee by the complaints committee in 2004 and in which the committee granted a non-practising membership for the purpose of undertaking the nursing refresher course, was carried forward to 2006.

The Court of Queens Bench in New Brunswick heard an appeal of a 2003 discipline committee decision. The appeal was dismissed and the decision was upheld.