



UPCOMING DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE HEARING

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On January 24, 2019 allegations of the Member's professional misconduct were referred to the Discipline Committee for hearing, on a date yet to be fixed. In brief summary, it is alleged that the Member engaged in conduct that violated sections 2.2, 2.9, 2.10 and 2.36 of O. Reg. 384/00 (Professional Misconduct), and Principles I, II, III and VIII of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice Handbook commented on in Interpretations 1.5, 1.6, 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.2.8, 3.7, 3.8, 3.10, 8.3, 8.4, and 8.4.1 by:

- a) failing to be aware of her values, attitudes and needs and how those impact on her professional relationships with clients; and failing to distinguish her needs and interests from those of the client;
- b) engaging in a professional relationship that constituted a conflict of interest, or that she ought reasonably to have known would put the client at risk; using her professional position of authority to improperly influence or exploit a client or former client, and, by engaging in conduct which could reasonably be perceived as reflecting negatively on the profession of social work;
- c) failing to assume full responsibility for demonstrating that the client had not been exploited, coerced or manipulated, intentionally or unintentionally where a personal relationship occurred between her and the client; by providing a service that she knew or ought reasonably to have known was not likely to benefit the client; and by failing to promptly notify the client and arrange for the referral of service in accordance with the client's needs and preferences when she anticipated the termination of service to the client.
- d) failing to seek consultation/supervision or develop an appropriate plan when she developed sexual feelings towards a client that could put the client at risk; by failing to clearly state that the client's behaviour of a sexual nature was inappropriate by virtue of the professional relationship and by failing to clearly terminate the relationship with the client.
- e) providing a service that she knew or ought reasonably to have known was not likely to benefit the Client.
- f) providing a professional service while she was in a conflict of interest.

- g) engaging in conduct or performing an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by members as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional.