



Upcoming Discipline Committee Hearing

I. Gary Direnfeld, RSW #803466

On September 1, 2016, 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, 2.5, 2.6, 2.28, 2.29 and 2.36 of O. Reg. 384/00 (Professional Misconduct) and Principles I and II 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, 2.2.3 and 2.2.8 of the College's Standards of Practice by:

1. With respect to client [XX], failing to be aware of his values, attitudes, and needs and how these impact on his professional relationship with clients;
2. With respect to client [XX], failing to distinguish his needs from those of his client to ensure that, within professional relationships, clients' needs and interests remain paramount;
3. Using information obtained in the course of a professional relationship and/or using his professional position of authority to coerce, improperly influence, harass, abuse, or exploit a client/former client;
4. 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, and/or by failing to avoid conduct in the practice of social work that could reasonably be perceived as reflecting negatively on the profession of social work;
5. Abusing a client verbally, psychologically, or emotionally;
6. Contravening the Act, regulations, or bylaws; and
7. Contravening a federal, provincial or territorial law or a municipal by-law in circumstances in which the purpose of the law is to protect public health.