

COLLEGE OF REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FROM THE INQUIRY COMMITTEE**

June 12, 2008

MEMBERS: Richard Meyer, Chair
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Investigation By Inquiry Committee

1. If a complaint is delivered to the Inquiry Committee by the Registrar under section 32(2), the Inquiry Committee must investigate the matter raised by the complainant.
2. If a registrant fails to authorize a criminal record check under the *Criminal Records Review Act* or an adjudicator under the Act has determined that the registrant presents a risk of physical abuse or sexual abuse to children and that determination has not been overturned by an appeal panel under that Act, the Inquiry Committee must take the failure or the determination into account, investigate the matter and decide whether to set limits or conditions on the practice of the registrant or whether to suspend or cancel the registration of the registrant.
3. An applicant or a registrant against whom action has been taken under subsection (2) or section 20 (3) may appeal the decision to the Supreme Court and, for those purposes, the provisions of section 40 respecting an appeal from a decision of the Discipline Committee apply for an appeal under this section.
4. The Inquiry Committee may, on its own motion, investigate a registrant regarding any of the following matters:
 - (a) A contravention of this Act, the regulations or the bylaws;
 - (b) A failure to comply with a limit or condition imposed under this Act, the regulations or the bylaws;
 - (c) Professional misconduct;
 - (d) Competence to practice the designated health profession;
 - (e) A physical or mental ailment, an emotional disturbance or an addiction to alcohol;

5. The Inquiry Committee must request the registrant, who is the subject of an investigation under this section, to provide it with any information regarding the matter that the registrant believes should be considered by the Inquiry Committee.
6. After considering any information provided by the registrant, the Inquiry Committee may:
 - (a) Take no further action if the Inquiry Committee is of the view that the matter is trivial, frivolous, vexatious, or made in bad faith or that the conduct or competence to which the matter relates is satisfactory.
 - (b) In the case of an investigation respecting a complaint, take any action it considers appropriate to resolve the matter between the complainant and the registrant
 - (c) Act under section 36 (reprimand or remedial action by consent) or
 - (d) Direct the Registrar to issue a citation under section 37 (citation for hearing by Discipline Committee)

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS TO CRPNBC
MARCH 1, 2007 - FEBRUARY 29, 2008

1. Complaint from employer regarding safety to practice
 - **Registration temporarily suspended pending investigation. Investigation in progress**
2. Complaint from employer regarding safety to practice.
 - **Registration temporarily suspended pending investigation. Investigation in progress**
3. Complaint from colleagues regarding management and professional skills.
 - **Investigated and dismissed. No action taken.**
4. Complaint from employer regarding professional boundaries.
 - **Investigation in progress**

5. Complaint from client regarding professional practices.
 - **Investigated and dismissed**
6. Complaint from employer regarding verbal and physical abuse of client.
 - **Resigned from the profession**
7. Complaint from employer regarding use of unnecessary force.
 - **Signed an undertaking**
8. Complaint from employer regarding unprofessional conduct.
 - **Investigation in progress**
9. Complaint from employer regarding safety to practice.
 - **Investigation in progress**
10. Complaint from employer regarding safety to practice.
 - **Investigation in progress**
11. Complaint from employer regarding abuse of colleague.
 - **Investigation in progress**
12. Complaint from employer regarding professional practice.
 - **Investigation in progress**
13. Complaint from colleague regarding safety to practice.
 - **Investigation in progress**
14. Complaint from colleague regarding abuse of position.
 - **Investigation in progress**

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS TO THE CRPNBC
MARCH, 1997 - FEBRUARY 29, 2008

DATE	NUMBER
March 1997 - February 1998	11
March 1998 - February 1999	15
March 1999 - February 2000	13
March 2000 - February 2001	14
March 2001 - February 2002	8
March 2002 - February 2003	4
March 2003 - February 2004	9
March 2004 - February 2005	9
March 2005 - February 2006	6
March 2006 - February 2007	10
TOTAL FOR A TEN YEAR PERIOD	113