

INQUIRY COMMITTEE RECORD OF DECISION

FILE NAME: DH1076

FACTS

An individual who had been a registrant of the College failed to renew registration before March 1, 2010 and did not apply for reinstatement to the register within sixty days following expiration of registration; the registrant was therefore removed from the College register. In June 2010, CDHBC staff learned that the former registrant had continued to provide dental hygiene services to clients between March 1, 2010 and June 2010 while not a registrant of the College.

Having practiced dental hygiene while not a registrant of the College, the individual had been in contravention of section 3 and 5(a) of the *Dental Hygienists Regulation* and section 47(1) of the CDHBC bylaws and was therefore investigated by the Inquiry Committee, on its own motion, in accordance with section 33(4)(a) of the *Health Professions Act*.

In response to the investigation, the registrant informed the Inquiry Committee that the previous CDHBC registration renewal reminder notice had been sent to the previous out of province address and had not reached the registrant. The registrant thought that s/he had sent a change of address notification to all professional bodies, however the College had not received notice of a new address, and therefore unintentionally failed to renew registration before March 1, 2010.

COMMITTEE DECISION

The Committee determined that CDHBC bylaws sections 47(1) (Registration Renewal) had been violated and, having practiced dental hygiene while not a registrant of the College, the individual had been in contravention of sections 3 and 5(a) of the *Dental Hygienists Regulation*.

As set out in section 36(1)(a) and 36(1)(d) of the *Health Professions Act*, the registrant was requested to undertake not to repeat the actions of practicing dental hygiene while not a registrant of the College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia, to review the CDHBC Registrant's Handbook, to complete the Regulation Assessment and to ensure the College is informed of current contact information. The registrant complied with the Committee's request and the Committee resolved to close the case.

RELEVANT PROVISION OF ACT, REGULATION, OR BYLAWS: Dental Hygienists Regulation 3, 5(a); CDHBC bylaw s. 47; Act 33(4)(a); 33(5); 36(1)(a); 36(1)(d)

STATUS: Closed

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: *Health Professions Act* s 33; 36