

INQUIRY COMMITTEE RECORD OF DECISION

FILE NAME: DH1186

FACTS

An individual who had been a registrant of the College failed to renew registration before March 1, 2011.

College staff learned that the individual had provided dental hygiene services to the public after March 1, 2011 while not a registrant of the College. College staff instructed the individual to cease practicing immediately. The former registrant subsequently applied for reinstatement to the register, which was granted by the Board effective April 11, 2011.

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 individual informed the Committee that s/he had renewed membership with a national dental hygiene association and thought that renewal process also applied to the CDHBC. The individual also stated that s/he knows it is illegal to practice dental hygiene in B.C. without being registered with the CDHBC, but was not aware of the exact renewal date. The individual also advised the Committee that during the registration renewal period, s/he was in the process of changing addresses and having difficulty receiving mail; some letters were being lost.

COMMITTEE DECISION

The Committee determined that CDHBC bylaws section 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 section 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, and to complete the Regulation Assessment. The registrant complied with the request to sign an Undertaking and the Committee resolved to close the case.

RELEVANT PROVISION OF ACT, REGULATION, OR BYLAWS: Dental Hygienists Regulation s. 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