

INQUIRY COMMITTEE RECORD OF DECISION

FILE NAME: DH1187

FACTS

On April 26, 2011 a former registrant, Tasleem Walji, contacted the College to confirm if she had renewed her registration and was advised that she had not renewed her registration and to cease practicing immediately. On April 27, 2011, the former registrant's husband contacted the College to request information about the reinstatement process and acknowledged that his wife was practicing that day. CDHBC staff advised the husband that she must immediately cease practicing dental hygiene without registration.

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 inadvertently failed to renew her registration as a result of a move and confirmed that she had practiced eight days without current registration.

COMMITTEE DECISION

The Inquiry Committee's investigation determined, under section 33(6)(c) of the *Act*, that this would be an appropriate case to seek a consent order under s. 36 of the *Act* with terms to protect public safety and underscore the seriousness of unauthorized practice and because the registrant continued to practice after she was advised that she could not do so and knowingly provided inaccurate information to the College.

The Inquiry Committee requested and obtained a consent order from the registrant under s. 36(1)(a), (b), (c), and (d) of the *Health Professions Act* requiring her to undertake not to repeat the conduct of engaging in unauthorized practice without registration and to knowingly provide incorrect information to the College, to consent to a reprimand for engaging in unauthorized practice, her consent to pay \$1,000 costs, and to consent to a two week suspension of her clinical practice.

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