

SUSPENSION
Karen Murphy
Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
CLPNNS Reg. No. 7001



On November 3, 2006, the Discipline Committee of the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia (the College) accepted a Settlement Agreement agreed upon by the College and Karen Murphy, and recommended by the Complaints Committee of the College. The Complaints Committee had previously ordered the interim suspension of Ms. Murphy's license to practice practical nursing pending further resolution of the matter by a Discipline Committee.

The Settlement Agreement was advanced pursuant to Section 25 of the Licensed Practical Nurses Regulations. In the Settlement Agreement, Ms. Murphy admitted to the following allegation set out in the Notice of Hearing:

It is alleged that Karen Murphy is guilty of professional misconduct or incapacity in that she dealt inappropriately with a resident's personal cheque in October, 2004.

The Settlement Agreement notes that Ms. Murphy's health had deteriorated considerably since the incident of October, 2004. Evidence was provided to establish that Ms. Murphy is medically unable to engage in the practice of nursing at present.

Ms. Murphy admitted the allegation and agreed that she was incapacitated within the meaning of the Licensed Practical Nurses Act.

The Settlement Agreement provides that Ms. Murphy is reprimanded with respect to the admitted allegation. The Discipline Committee also ordered that Ms. Murphy's license shall continue to be suspended until such time as the College was satisfied by medical evidence that Ms. Murphy was able to return to practice. The Discipline Committee further provided that Ms. Murphy could not re-apply for a license prior to September 30, 2008.