

## EXTRACT OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

Mr. B. Salte summarized the charge to which Dr. Covenden had entered a guilty plea and presented the joint recommendation on penalty.

Mr. R. Elson advised Council that Dr. Covenden was absent as he was attending a course in Regina to assist in preparation to write the LMCC Exam. Dr. Covenden expressed his regrets for not being present. Mr. Elson advised that Dr. Covenden has made significant changes to his existing practice in light of these charges. Mr. Elson advised Council that Dr. Covenden had determined that the next Boundaries Course in Ontario is full and will be registering for the next available course.

Following Dr. Covenden's admission of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional or discreditable conduct pursuant to section 49 of **The Medical Profession Act, 1981**, the Council makes the following orders under section 54 of that Act:

- 1) Pursuant to section 54(1)(e) of **The Medical Profession Act, 1981**, Dr. Covenden is hereby reprimanded;
- 2) Dr. Covenden is hereby required to enter into an undertaking, in a form acceptable to the Registrar, that he will:
  - a) enter into the Course "Understanding Boundary Issues and Managing the Risks Inherent in the Doctor-Patient Relationship" or such other boundaries education program as may be approved by the Registrar, and complete that program, which undertaking shall contain a consent to a release of information from that program to the College and will require Dr. Covenden to enter into that program at the first available opportunity;
  - b) not conduct any chest, breast, pelvic or rectal examination of a female patient except in the presence of a third party who is at least 21-years-old and who is acceptable to the Registrar.
- 3) Pursuant to section 54(1)(g) of **The Medical Profession Act, 1981**, Dr. Covenden is directed to pay the costs of an incidental to the investigation and hearing in the amount of \$4,599.39 such costs to be payable not later than October 17, 2011.
- 4) Pursuant to section 54(2) of **The Medical Profession Act, 1981**, the Council directs that Dr. Covenden's licence be suspended in the event of his failure of to pay the costs as set out in this resolution.
- 5) Council reserves the right to extend the time for payment of the costs or to reduce or forgive the payment of the costs, as well as the right to relieve Dr. Covenden from

the undertaking that he not conduct any chest, breast, pelvic or rectal examination of a female patient except in the presence of a third party who is at least 21-years-old and who is acceptable to the Registrar.