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Dr. Johann Maritz found guilty of unprofessional conduct

A Hearing Tribunal has found Dr. Johann Maritz of Blairmore, Alberta guilty of four charges of unprofessional conduct.

The four findings against Dr. Maritz were:

1. He engaged in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a patient in or about January 2000.
2. He engaged in a second inappropriate sexual relationship with another patient between March 2003 and April 2015, which breached his Continuing Care Contract with the CPSA (put in place as a result of the first boundary violation).
3. He failed to disclose his sexual relationship with the second patient to the CPSA or his therapist.
4. He assessed and prescribed medication to a patient in June 2016, which went against his practice restrictions he had previously agreed to.

The first three findings were admitted by Dr. Maritz; the fourth finding was proven at hearing. The Complaints Director argued before the Hearing Tribunal that it should order the revocation of Dr. Maritz's practice permit. The Hearing Tribunal rejected the argument that Dr. Maritz' practice permit should be revoked and ordered the following sanctions:

1. Dr. Maritz will be suspended for eighteen (18) months;
2. Dr. Maritz will receive credit for the time he served for temporary suspensions imposed by the CPSA, and for the period Dr. Maritz voluntarily withdrew from practice. As a result, Dr. Maritz has already served the 18-month suspension;
3. All current restrictions on Dr. Maritz's practice license, including a restriction to seeing only male patients, will remain in effect for three years from the date of this decision;
4. Dr. Maritz shall employ a mature practicing physician (approved by the CPSA's Complaints Director) who will report to the CPSA Dr. Maritz's adherence to his practice restrictions, for a period of three years from the date of this decision;
5. Dr. Maritz shall post a notice to his patients at his medical practice, outlining the restrictions on his permit;
6. Dr. Maritz shall be responsible for 100% of the costs of the investigation and hearing (totalling \$104,038.95).

The Complaints Director of the College has given notice of appeal of the sanction decision to Council. The Complaints Director will argue that the Hearing Tribunal erred in not ordering the revocation of Dr. Maritz' registration with the College. A date for the appeal hearing before Council will be determined.

Resources:

[CPSA Hearing Tribunal Decision](#)

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