



Discipline Decision

Ms. Jodie Winkler

A hearing of the Discipline Committee of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers (“SASW”) pursuant to Section 28 of The Social Workers Act was conducted virtually (via Zoom) on April 16, 2021 with respect to a complaint against Ms. Jodie Winkler.

Following an investigation by the Professional Conduct Committee, Ms. Winkler was charged with the following:

” 1. On or about January 8, 2019, the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers (“SASW”) received an application for Reinstatement of Registration from you which included the following:

a. You declared and certified that the information provided on your application was accurate and complete. Under “Current Employer Information” you indicated you had “No Job” and “No Employer”. This was false and incorrect.

b. As part of your application you were required to submit a current resume/curriculum vitae which outlined your education, employment and volunteer history. Within your provided resume/curriculum vitae it indicated your work experience with the Regina General Hospital/Pasqua Hospital was for the time period between May 2012 – December 2014. That information was not current or accurate and complete.

2. As of January 1, 2015, your membership with the SASW had lapsed as you did not complete the annual renewal by December 31, 2014. From January 2015 until January 2019 you did not register as a member of the SASW. In or about February 2019, the SASW became aware that from January 2015 until January 2019, you engaged in the practise of social work and used the title “social worker” despite not being a registered member of the SASW. “

Ms. Winkler admitted guilt to the charges and the hearing proceeded by Agreement of Facts.

Penalty

The Discipline Committee made the following order dated May 17, 2021:

“1. Pursuant to section 29(1) (e) of The Social Workers Act (the “Act”), Jodie Winkler shall be reprimanded.

2. Pursuant to s. 29(1) (b)) of the Act, Jodie Winkler shall be suspended from the SASW for a period of 30 days commencing 30 days from the date of this order. This will provide her employer with time to back fill or cover off duties.
3. Pursuant to section 29(2) (a) (i) of the Act, Jodie Winkler shall pay a fine of \$2,000. Such fine shall be paid on or before one year from the date of this order. If Jodie Winkler fails to make payment of the fine as ordered, her license shall be immediately suspended pursuant to section 29(2) (b) of the Act, until such payment is made.⁶
4. Pursuant to section 29(2) (a) (ii) of the Act, Jodie Winkler shall pay costs of the investigation and hearing in the total amount of \$5,000. Such costs shall be paid on or before one year from the date of this order. If Jodie Winkler fails to make payment of the costs as ordered, her license shall be immediately suspended pursuant to section 29(2) (b) of the Act, until such payment is made.
5. Pursuant to section 29(3) of the Act, the Discipline Committee shall send a copy of its decision and order to (the complainant/employer)
6. Pursuant to section 17(10) of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers General Bylaws, a digest of this decision shall be published on the SASW website.”