

**Notice of Lifting of Licence Suspension
and Notice of Reprimand and Conditions
Dr. Carlo Carandang, Halifax, NS**

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia gives notice that the interim suspension of Dr. Carlo Carandang's licence to practice medicine, issued December 11, 2011, is lifted effective October 4, 2012.

The Investigation Committee has concluded its investigation into the matter, and in addition to the interim suspension and with Dr. Carandang's consent, issues a reprimand and conditions, pursuant to Section 53(12) of the *Medical Act*.

Dr. Carandang is a psychiatrist, whose practice involves the provision of psychiatric care to minors and others.

The College investigated allegations that Dr. Carandang solicited and paid for sexual services from various women, one of whom was under the age of 18, but Dr. Carandang believed to be in her early twenties. The College found no evidence that Dr. Carandang had ever provided medical care to any of these women.

Dr. Carandang admitted the allegations. With the consent of Dr. Carandang, the Investigation Committee reprimands him for:

- a) His solicitation of sexual services from [name], when his practice focus involves the same age of client as [name];
- b) The interference with his practice caused by his relationship with [name] including being late for his clinic and texting her while seeing patients;
- c) His misrepresentation of information to the Investigation Committee with respect to the number of sex trade workers whose services he had engaged, and with respect to the extent of his relationship with [name];
- d) His failure to be forthcoming with his sponsor respecting his relationship with [name] and other sex trade workers; and
- e) His failure to show insight into the effect of his conduct, noting that it was a personal error but not a professional one.

In agreeing with the consensual reprimand, Dr. Carandang also agreed to a number of conditions to be placed on his practice, the key provisions of which are as follows:

- a) His treating psychiatrist and psychologist must receive a copy of the decision of the Investigation Committee, and must provide reports to the College on a semi-annual basis advising of his progress and also advising of any relapses;
- b) He must provide a copy of his relapse prevention plan to the College and follow such plan;
- c) He must continue in long-term psychotherapy for such period of time and in such manner as recommended by his treating psychiatrist and psychologist;
- d) He must follow any pharmacotherapy recommendations from his family physician or psychiatrist and ensure regular visits to his family physician. He must ensure his family physician provides semi-annual reports to the College advising of his progress and also advising of any relapses, be they physical, psychological or social that could compromise clinical performance;
- e) He must continue regular attendance at SAA, and have a SAA sponsor;
- f) He must practice in a group setting that includes at least one psychiatrist, and not in a solo setting; and
- g) He must continue his association with Dr. Carolyn Thomson through Doctors Nova Scotia, Physician Support Program, for such period of time as recommended by Dr. Thomson.

As Dr. Carandang is the holder of a Defined Licence issued by the College, he will also continue to require a sponsor and mentor who must comply with the College's requirements as set out in the Regulations pursuant to the *Medical Act*.

Dr. Carandang consented to this reprimand and conditions on October 19, 2012.