Type: Undertakings

Registrant: Dr. Karla Saruk (1894)
Date: April 5, 2023
Status: Completed

Nature of Action: The Registrant voluntarily agreed to undertakings under section 36(1)(d) of the Health Professions Act placing conditions on her practice. The Registrant agreed to the supervision of her practice, with a particular focus on the following:

1. A review of all referrals before being accepted to ensure they are within the Registrant's capacity to complete in a timely manner;
2. Managing unexpected events that may delay the timeline for completing assessments and having necessary supports in place;
3. Ongoing monitoring of her timelines for completing assessments;
4. Keeping referral sources apprised of unexpected delays and the current status of assessments.

Reasons: The College received a complaint from the coordinator of a program that had contracted with the Registrant to complete several psychoeducational assessment reports. The Complainant alleged that the Registrant was delayed in completing some of the reports within the agreed upon timeframe which was preventing families from accessing funding, services, and resources. The Registrant acknowledged that she was behind in completing these reports and took full responsibility for the delays. She described the steps she was taking to prioritize the completion of these reports and committed to completing them within the coming weeks. The Registrant fulfilled this commitment and agreed to a period of supervised practice to address the issues that led to the delays and to ensure that she was keeping up to date with her assessments over a period of time. There were no concerns raised with regard to the content of her psychoeducational assessments. The Inquiry Committee was satisfied that a period of supervised practice was appropriate to address the issues arising in this investigation.