

In the matter of: Lyle Longclaws, #0999

**Complaint Number: 17-08** 

And

In the matter of: The Social Work Profession Act, C.C.S.M. c. S169

Hearing date(s): June 11, 2019; March 17, 2020

**Complaint:** On May 30, 2017, the Manitoba College of Social Workers (MCSW) received a complaint against Registered Social Worker (RSW) Lyle Longclaws in accordance with Part 7 of *the Social Work Profession Act (SWPA)*. The Member pled guilty to Charges via an Agreed Statement of Facts acknowledging that the RSW:

- 1. Failed to disclose a conflict of interest.
  - Standards of Practice- Standard 3-Integrity of Practice, 3.1
- 2. Failed to evaluate a dual relationship and ensure that the clients needs were being met.
  - Code of Ethics, Guidelines 2-Ethical Responsibilities in Professional Relationships, 2.1.1, 2.3.3, 2.4.1
  - Code of Ethics, Guidelines 3-Ethical Responsibilities to Colleagues, 3.4.2
  - Code of Ethics, Value 4, Integrity in Professional Practice
- 3. Failed to maintain professional supervision and consultation.
  - Standard 7-Private Practice, 7.2

## **Findings of Inquiry Panel**:

On March 2, 2020, following a Joint Submission that the RSW had breached the MCSW's Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics, the Inquiry Panel accepted a Joint Submission on Penalty.

Following a determination that the RSW was guilty of professional misconduct, the Inquiry Panel made the following Orders:

Conditions were placed on the RSW's entitlement to practice as a social worker including:

- 1. The RSW be reprimanded.
- 2. The RSW complete College approved remedial training.
- 3. The RSW's practice be subject to supervision for a minimum of one year.

As per Section 53(1) of the SWPA, the Panel ordered that the RSW pay to the College the sum of \$10,000 to recover a portion of the costs of the investigation and proceedings related to the complaint.

