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### **MEDIA RELEASE – January 7, 2014**

## **Dr. HARDIN, Earl David**

Vancouver, BC

*When reporting this release, please provide the name and location of the physician in full in order to avoid confusion with any other physician who may have a similar name or initials.*

**VANCOUVER, BC:** Dr. Earl David Hardin, a psychiatrist, has admitted to engaging in unprofessional conduct by using touch (such as hand-holding, hugging and farewell kisses) as a therapeutic approach during counselling sessions with a patient between 1969 and 2009. Further, Dr. Hardin failed to adequately maintain records of counselling sessions with the patient in accordance with the requirements of section 3-5 of the College Bylaws.

Following the issuance of a disciplinary citation, Dr. Hardin consented to the following disposition by the College:

- (a) transfer from the Full class of registration to the Conditional – Disciplined class of registration;
- (b) a formal reprimand;
- (c) a three month suspension from practice effective January 1, 2014, with two months stayed if conditions are met;
- (d) completion of a multidisciplinary assessment program;
- (e) participation in continuing medical education in ethics and professionalism;
- (f) attendance for an interview at the College to discuss the conduct admitted, his current understanding of and insight into ethical and professional issues, the assessment(s)/counselling conducted, and to allow the College to further assess and determine the limits and conditions of Dr. Hardin's registration;
- (g) costs in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000);

(h) compliance with any monitoring of his practice established and acceptable to the College.

Dr. Hardin's future professional conduct must be beyond reproach in every aspect.

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