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FORMAL COMPLAINT:

Dear Registrar:

Terry Polevoy MD, a medical doctor under your jurisdiction, is an embarrassment to the medical profession. He is now, and has been for

time, engaging in a series of activities which could only be described

"Professional Misconduct." I believe the seriousness of his misconduct merits an investigation for the purpose of disciplinary action not excluding

revocation of licensure.. Please begin such an investigation immediately.

It may be that Polevoy, in his current mental state, is a danger to the Canadian community. As such, it might be prudent to suspend his license pending outcome of the investigation.

Polevoy, it appears, is obsessed with a public attack on "Alternative Medicine" proponents. His attack method is virulent, far outside normal discussion method, focuses on personal attack, defamation, character assassination, and malicious falsehood. Polevoy never uses scientific argument, nor does he back up his virulent attacks with facts. He uses Instead, as his "proof," as it were, of his credibility, his MD license

and ONLY his MD license.

I believe Polevoy, with his virulent, obsessive attacks on proponents of alternative medicine, may be in violation of several subsections of

51(1)(c) of the Health Professions Procedural Code, as follows:

Subsection 4) - Practicing the profession while the member's ability is

Subsection 5) - Having a conflict of interest...

Subsection 13) - Making a misrepresentation respecting a remedy, treatment or device...

Subsection 14) - Making a claim respecting the utility of a remedy, treatment, device or procedure other than a claim which can be supported reasonable professional opinion ...

Subsection 16) - Falsifying a record relating to the member's practice ...

Subsection 18) - Signing or issuing, in the member's professional capacity, a document that the member knows, or ought to know, is false or misleading...

Subsection 33) - An act or omission relevant to the practice of medicine that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded

by members as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional...

Subsection 34) - Conduct unbecoming a physician...

THE FACTS...

Polevoy, police reports show, STALKED Canadian Radio Personality Christine
McPhee, until, terrified, she called in police. He followed her around, affecting disguises, for months - then further terrified her by e-mailing her the details of his stalking actions. Police agencies felt it necessary to assign armed uniformed officers to protect McPhee from Polevoy. peports show that McPhee was not the only female Polevoy stalked.

Polevoy operates a "hate" website targeting "Alternative Health" practitioners, and competent Canadian authority. On this website, Polevoy characterizes all of his targets as "cheats, frauds, swindlers, whose sole motivation is profit at any cost." His virulent attacks, both by e-mail, and on his website (www.healthwatcher.net bring into question his overall mental state.

Alternative Medicine is a significant social and political issue in Canada.

Competent authority ie; Universities, medical and health associations, government agencies, elected and appointed officials, and the Canadian Medical Association have legitimized the "Alternative" model. Polevoy accuses them all of the same "fraud, swindling, etc..."

Polevoy's most recent campaign is a venomous attack, in partnership with a Patricia Marchuk MD, against Radio Personality Christine McPhee - again. Polevoy has, in the current attack on McPhee, barraged Canadian Radio executives, the Canadian Radio-Television Telecommunications Commissions (CRTC), the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council(CBSC), and the radio stations, with bombacity, lies, and misrepresentations - all the while, holding up his MD license as evidence of his "expertise." They offered no proof - except their MD licenses, claiming that that license qualified them as "experts."

Not only were Polevoy and Marchuk's claims about McPhee's show FALSE, but their claim that they were "Experts" solely based on that licensure were also FALSE. Canadian law makes no provision, nor intended any situation, placing an MD license as some God-like authority of health or medical issues. Canadian law, in fact, forces MDs to take further training and qualify in a field before claiming expertise in that field.

Meither Polevoy, nor Marchuk, have engaged in, or completed, any special training in the areas they publicly claim expertise. Polevoy and Marchuk
MISREPRESENTED their qualifications to Canadian Radio Executives - to

further their plot.

The problem is that Canadian radio executives believed Polevoy and Marchuk's lies. Because of that perceived "danger" they did, in fact, take McPhee's shows off the air.

Considering that Polevoy's actions were, and have been, public for some time, why haven't you acted before to stop this MD's unprofessional conduct?

Please act now... I believe the situation to be urgent.

Tim Bolen

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Additional information on complaint ROC45040 - an article circulating throughout the internet.

Polevoy's actions have significantly angered a significant portion of the Canadian electorate as well as the world health movement.

Tim Bolen

COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE RADIO SHOW SHUT DOWN BY QUACKWATCH August 2000 by Helke Ferrie

Christine McPhee is (was) the host and producer of a radio talk show called "The Touch of Health". A brief overview of the recent shows reads like a Who is Who of complementary medicine's hall of fame:

On it she interviewed Dr. Robert Atkins the cardiovascular diet guru, Dr. Carolyn De Marco, the executives of the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine, Harvey Diamond (the bestselling author of Fit for Life), internationally known expert on herbal medicine Dr. Michael Murray, the vitamin expert Earl Mindell, Professor Majid Ali who is the president of the US based complementary medicine university, Toronto's Dr. Zoltan Rona, orthomolecular medicine expert Dr. Abraham Hoffer, and many others. The typical topics discussed focused on fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, the pros and cons of hormone replacement therapy, ADHD and the problems with Ritalin, depression, alternative cancer treatments, immune support etc. In short, all those issues that currently occupy the minds of virtually every Canadian. National polls consistently show that more than half of the Canadian population prefers or exclusively uses complementary medical therapies.

Christine's show used to be aired Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m. in the WIC/Corus and CHUM radio networks. On Friday, July 14, 2000, Christine received a letter from Mr. Joe Zenobio of WIC/Corus/Talk informing her that the show is to be cancelled as of August 18th this year. She also received a call on July 19th from Mr. Bob Lain of CHUM informing her that some of his affiliate stations are going to stop airing the show due to complaints made about her show with 2 days notice. When she proceeded with the shows already planned for July, she was informed that her last network show July 22 was repeat broadcast.

The complaints came from Dr. T. Polevoy and Dr. P. Marchuk. Both are Canadian representatives of Quackwatch, a US based, industry-funded organization which is dedicated to fighting complementary medicine

everywhere. They harass everybody and every organization associated in any way whatsoever with complementary medicine - as defined by Quackwatch. For example, they attempted (unsuccessfully) to scuttle the Complementary Medicine 2000 international medical conference held at the University of Toronto in May. Currently, Quackwatch is being sued by many doctors and health organizations in the US. In Canada, their website www.healthwatchers.net was run by the very same Dr. T.Polevoy who complained about Christine's radio show. Dr. Polevoy's site was shut down by the internet server at 3:30 p.m. on July 4th this year because it had become legally untenable for the server: too many law suits had been generated for its hate information and distortions of fact about people and medical issues. (Dr. Polevoy has since found another server).

Neither WIC/Corus nor the CHUM networks gave Christine the opportunity to respond and verify the accuracy of these complaints. At the very least, they completely ignored both her and her listeners' Charter rights (Section 2 b). The Broadcasting Act and the Code for felevision and Radio Programming require equal time for all sides of public issues, as spelled out in the Canadian Broadcasting Standard Council Guidelines, Section 6. Christine's broadcasting time amounts to merely 2 hours - compared to the 11 hours devoted to establishment/allopathic medicine. Also, this show was one of the few venues available to the advertisers of the health food industry - businesses entitled to fair market practices. Shutting down this 2 hours radio show devoted to complementary medicine at this time is an astonishing step backward in the light of national polls and the federal government's efforts to make complementary medicine available to the public. Minister of Health, Allen Rock has even suggested that much of complementary medicine should be covered by the national health insurance plan. Currently, at least 18 medical schools in this country teach complementary medical practices such as acupuncture. It would seem actually more appropriate to allocate more time to the open discussion and dissemination of information on complementary medicine, rather than shut down this show - the only one of its kind. In the interest of the public and your Charter rights to free and open debate you may wish to copy this sheet and use the reverse to register your protest with the following:

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