

Using Our Code of Ethics To Guide Our Practice

Scenario

Massage Therapy Packages

You have had your massage business for about 5 years. When you started it you were full of hope that you could make a difference. You think that you havesaying that you didn't realize how much work it is to run a business.

You found an accountant who didn't charge a fortune for his services and things were going well. In fact recently you sold a number of massage therapy packages to clients which has really helped your cash flow.

The other day though you had the shock of your life when you learned that you owe the government \$ 10,000. Where did this come from that is why you hired an accountant. You have a family to support and you decided that there is no way that you can pay this money.

You decide to terminate your massage business and leave it behind you. You look for and find another way to pay the government back.

Now the phone is ringing from clients who had paid for massage packages and having only received one or two treatments..... so at least 10-12 treatments are still outstanding.

1. What are your thoughts about this scenario ?
2. What responsibility does the massage therapist have to his clients ?
3. What does the NHPCA Code of Ethics have to say on this issue ?
4. After answering 1,2,3 what are you going to do if you were in their place ?