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BEFORE THE PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation

against

ROBERT W. ZASLOW, Phd.  
90 North Broadway, Los Gatos  
License No. PL 1171

NO. D-1330

ACCUSATION

Respondent.

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WALLACE W. THOMPSON charges and alleges:

1. That he is the Executive Secretary of the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of California and that he makes these charges and allegations in his official capacity and not otherwise.
2. That on or about May 22, 1959, the Board of Medical Examiners for the State of California issued to Robert W. Zaslow, Phd., (hereinafter referred to as respondent) License No. PL 1171 authorizing him to practice psychology in the State of California; that said license was and is at all times mentioned herein in full force and effect.
3. That the records of the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of California show that the only psychological assistant ever registered by respondent with the Board of Medical Examiners was in July of 1971.

FOR A FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

4. That on or about April 27 and 28, 1970, respondent was grossly negligent in subjecting his patient, Paula N. Abrahms, to “rage reduction therapy”; that as a direct and proximate result of said gross negligence, said patient suffered severe physical injury; that instances of said gross negligence include but are not limited to the following:
  - (a) That the “rage reduction therapy” as performed on said patient was reckless and dangerous in that:
    - (1) Respondent permitted the therapy to continue for approximately 10 to 12 consecutive hours.
    - (2) Respondent had 10 to 12 of his assistants restrain and hold down said patient on her back for the duration of the therapy.
    - (3) Respondent had his assistants tickle, pinch, poke, and jab said patient’s body for the duration of the therapy.
    - (4) Respondent during the therapy had his his assistants restrain said patient’s jaw causing her to scream and choke; respondent had his assistants stick their fingers in said patient’s mouth and press down her tongue thereby causing her to choke; respondent had his assistants pour water down said patient’s throat while she was screaming causing her to choke.
  - (b) That respondent refused to terminate the “rage reduction therapy” when asked by said patient to stop the therapy.
  - (c) That respondent failed to adequately disclose and describe to said patient the risk and consequences involved in “rage reduction therapy” thereby inducing the patient’s unintelligent and uninformed consent and authorization for said therapy.
  - (d) That respondent failed to provide in attendance a medical doctor during the administration of the “rage reduction therapy.”
  - (e) That respondent failed to refer said patient to a medical doctor upon completion of the “rage reduction therapy.”
  - (f) That respondent failed to provide in attendance psychologist (s) and/or psychological assistant (s) duly licensed by the Board of Medical Examiners to assist in the administration of the “rage reduction therapy.”
  - (g) That respondent failed to adequately supervise those individuals in attendance who assisted in administering the “rage reduction therapy” to said patient.

That the aforementioned conduct jointly and severally constitutes gross negligence and is ground for disciplinary action pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 2960(i).

FOR A SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

5. That on or about April 27, 1970 and April 28, 1970, respondent subjected his patient Paula N. Abrahms to “rage reduction therapy” that as a direct and proximate result of said therapy said patient suffered severe physical injury; that in subjecting said patient to “rage reduction therapy” respondent acted outside his field of competence by prescribing

a type of therapy that would result in physical injury; that respondent did not possess the necessary skill and knowledge to administer said type of therapy and did not possess the necessary skill and knowledge to ascertain the extent of physical injury incurred in such therapy. That the aforementioned conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct in violation of Rule 1397.3 of Title 16 of the California Administrative Code and is grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 2960 (h) and (j).

FOR A THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

6. That on or about April 27, 1970 and April 28, 1970, respondent in subjecting his patient Paula N. Abrams to "rage reduction therapy," wilfully violated provisions of Chapter 6.6 of the Business and Professions Code and the regulations duly adopted thereunder including but not limited to the following:
  - (a) That respondent never notified the Psychology Examining Committee of the assistants employed by him in administering the "rage reduction therapy" on said patient as required by Rule 1380.6 of Title 16 of the California Administrative Code.
  - (b) That respondent in treating said patient employed or supervised more than three assistants without authorization from the Psychology Examining Committee of the Board of Medical Examiners in violation of Business and Professions Code section 2913(d).
  - (c) That the assistants in attendance during the treatment of said patient were not at all times under the supervision of respondent in violation of Business and Professions Code section 2913 (c).

That the aforementioned conduct jointly and severally constitutes grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2960(j).

WHEREFORE, the Psychology Examining Committee of the Board of Medical Examiners prays that it may take such action as it deems appropriate.

DATED: September 24, 1971

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WALLACE W. THOMPSON, Executive Secretary  
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30 of the State of California show that the only psychological assis-  
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4. That on or about April 27 and 28, 1970, respondent was grossly negligent in subjecting his patient, Paula N. Abrahms, to "rage reduction therapy"; that as a direct and proximate result of said gross negligence, said patient suffered severe physical injury; that instances of said gross negligence include but are not limited to the following:

(a) That the "rage reduction therapy" as performed on said patient was reckless and dangerous in that:

- (1) Respondent permitted the therapy to continue for approximately 10 to 12 consecutive hours.
- (2) Respondent had 10 to 12 of his assistants restrain and hold down said patient on her back for the duration of the therapy.
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(b) That respondent refused to terminate the "rage reduction therapy" when asked by said patient to stop the therapy.

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10 (g) That respondent failed to adequately supervise  
11 those individuals in attendance who assisted in administering  
12 the "rage reduction therapy" to said patient.

13 That the aforementioned conduct jointly and severally  
14 constitutes gross negligence and is grounds for disciplinary  
15 action pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2960(i).

16 FOR A SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

17 5. That on or about April 27, 1970 and April 28, 1970,  
18 respondent subjected his patient Paula M. Abraham to "rage  
19 reduction therapy"; that as a direct and proximate result of  
20 said therapy said patient suffered severe physical injury; that  
21 in subjecting said patient to "rage reduction therapy" respondent  
22 acted outside his field of competence by prescribing a type of  
23 therapy that would result in physical injury; that respondent  
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25 said type of therapy and did not possess the necessary skill and  
26 knowledge to ascertain the extent of physical injury incurred in  
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28 unprofessional conduct in violation of Rule 1397.3 of Title 16  
29 of the California Administrative Code and is grounds for discip-  
30 linary action pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections  
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6. That on or about April 27, 1970 and April 28, 1970, respondent in subjecting his patient Paula H. Abraham to "rage reduction therapy," wilfully violated provisions of Chapter 6.6 of the Business and Professions Code and the regulations duly adopted thereunder including but not limited to the following:

(a) That respondent never notified the Psychology Examining Committee of the assistants employed by him in administering the "rage reduction therapy" on said patient as required by Rule 1380.6 of Title 16 of the California Administrative Code.

(b) That respondent in treating said patient employed or supervised more than three assistants without authorization from the Psychology Examining Committee of the Board of Medical Examiners in violation of Business and Professions Code section 2913(d).

(c) That the assistants in attendance during the treatment of said patient were not at all times under the supervision of respondent in violation of Business and Professions Code section 2913(c).

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