

BEFORE THE  
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:	)	
	)	NOTICE OF CHARGES
Tracy Thompson Latz, M.D.,	)	AND ALLEGATIONS;
	)	NOTICE OF HEARING
Respondent.	)	

The North Carolina Medical Board (hereafter Board) has preferred and does hereby prefer the following charges and allegations:

1. The Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

2. Tracy Thompson Latz, M.D., (hereafter Dr. Latz) is a physician first licensed by the Board on September 21, 1991, license number 34660.

3. During the times relevant herein, Dr. Latz practiced psychiatry in the Mooresville, North Carolina area.

FIRST CHARGE

4. Paragraphs one through three are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

5. Dr. Latz treated Patient A from 1999 through 2002 for Major Depression, Borderline Personality Disorder,

Schizoaffective Disorder and Dissociative Identity Disorder (multiple personalities).

6. During the physician-patient relationship, Dr. Latz invited Patient A to her home, attended social events with Patient A, and exchanged numerous personal emails, letters and cards with Patient A.

7. Dr. Latz and Patient A would frequently engage in physical contact including, but not limited to, hugging and hand-holding.

8. In January 2000, during a treatment session, Dr. Latz allowed one of Patient A's alleged alter egos, an infant, to touch her breasts and attempt to breast-feed.

9. In October 2000, Dr. Latz and Patient A signed a document declaring that Patient A was Dr. Latz' fourth child. Patient A legally changed her middle name to Dr. Latz' maiden name.

10. The above-described conduct of Dr. Latz violates proper patient-physician boundaries and constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. 90-14(a)(6), and grounds exist under that section of the General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition or limit Dr. Latz' license to practice medicine or surgery issued to her by the Board or to deny any application she might make in the future for a license to practice medicine.

Notice to Dr. Latz

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 90-14.2, it is hereby ordered that a hearing on the foregoing notice of Charges and Allegations will be held before the Board on February 16, 2005 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the Board may hear it, at the offices of the Board, 1203 Front Street, Raleigh, North Carolina to continue until completed.

The identity of Patient A is being withheld from public disclosure pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 90-8. However, this information will be provided to you upon your request.

The hearing will be held pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 150B-40, 41, and 42 and N.C. Gen. Stat. 90-14.2, 14.4, and 14.6. You may appear personally and through counsel, may cross-examine witnesses and present evidence in your own behalf.

You may, if you desire, file written answers to charges and complaints preferred against you within 30 days after the service of this notice.

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 150B-40 (c)(5), it is further ordered that the parties shall arrange a pre-hearing conference at which they shall enter into a stipulation on pre-hearing conference. The pre-hearing stipulation shall be submitted to the undersigned no later than seven days prior to the hearing date.

The right to be present during the hearing of this case, including any such right conferred or implied by N.C. Gen. Stat. 150B-40(d), shall be deemed waived by a party or his counsel by voluntary absence from the Board's office at a time when it is known that proceedings, including deliberations, are being conducted, or are about to be conducted. In such event the proceedings, including additional proceedings after the Board has retired to deliberate, may go forward without waiting for the arrival or return of counsel or a party.

This the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2004.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD



By:

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Stephen M. Herring, M.D., D.D.S.  
President

BEFORE THE  
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re: )  
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Tracy Thompson Latz, M.D., ) AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE  
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Respondent. )

Mary B. Wells first being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. That a copy of the Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing in the above-captioned contested case was deposited in the post office for mailing to Respondent by certified mail.

2. That it was in fact received as evidenced by the attached copy of the Delivery Notice/Reminder/Receipt (PS Form 3811).

Mary B. Wells  
Mary B. Wells

Sworn to and subscribed before me,  
this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004.

Shirley A. Edwards  
Notary Public

(Seal)

My Commission expires: 10-28-04

**SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

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1. Article Addressed to: *Legal-rob-nor*  
*mooreville*

TRACY THOMPSON LATZ MD  
LAKE NORMAN PSYCHIATRY &  
COUNSELING  
PO BOX 900  
MOORESVILLE NC 28115

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

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*6-28-04*

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BEFORE THE  
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

IN RE:

TRACY THOMPSON LATZ, M.D.

Respondent.

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF CHARGES  
AND ALLEGATIONS; NOTICE OF  
HEARING**

NOW COMES RESPONDENT, **TRACY THOMPSON LATZ, M.D.**, pursuant to the Notice of Charges and Allegation, and G.S. §90-14.2, and responds to the Notice of Charges and Allegations served upon her on June 28, 2004:

1. Respondent admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of the Notice of Charges and Allegations.
2. Respondent admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of the Notice of Charges and Allegations.
3. Respondent admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of the Notice of Charges and Allegations.

***Response to First Charge***

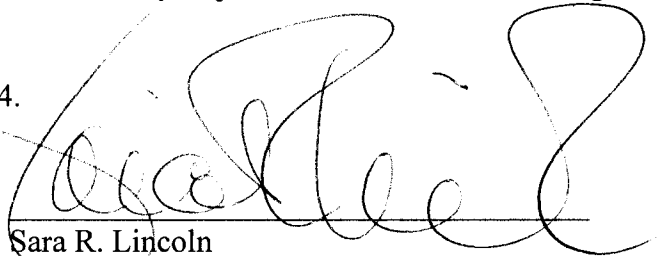
4. Respondent restates her admissions and denials contained in Paragraphs 1 through 3 as if fully restated herein.
5. Respondent admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of the Notice of Charges and Allegations that she provided treatment to Patient A from April 29, 1999 through March 12, 2001.
6. Respondent denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of the Notice of Charges and Allegations.
7. Respondent denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of the Notice of Charges and Allegations.
8. Respondent denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 8 of the Notice of Charges and Allegations. Respondent not only did not “allow” such conduct to occur, she was so concerned about this assault on her person by Patient A that she had a supervisor sit in on the following sessions with Patient A in part to ensure Respondent’s safety and to prevent a similar assault from occurring.

9. Respondent admits that in an attempt to facilitate further interaction with Patient A, and in an effort to obtain the trust of Patient A in the therapeutic setting, she did sign a document, indicating that for purposes of treatment of Patient A she would treat one of Patient A's alters as if she were her own child. Respondent further states that the signing of this document was intended for the benefit of Patient A, and it did benefit Patient A to the extent that Patient A did become re-integrated during the course of her treatment with Respondent. It is further stated that at no time did Respondent request, authorize, or accept Patient A's change in her name, and had Patient A told Respondent of her intentions to change her name in the manner so alleged herein, she would have instructed Patient A of the impropriety of changing her name under the circumstances and would have counseled her against making the change.

10. Respondent denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 10 of the Notice of Charges and Allegations.

WHEREFORE, Respondent, TRACY THOMPSON LATZ, M.D., having fully answered the Notice of Charges and Allegations against her, hereby requests that the Notice of Charges and Allegations be dismissed.

This the 23rd day of September, 2004.



Sara R. Lincoln  
State Bar No. 22744  
One Wachovia Center, Suite 3500  
301 South College Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202-6037  
Telephone: (704) 331-4988  
**Attorney for Respondent**  
**Tracy Thompson Latz, M.D.**



**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing **RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF CHARGES AND ALLEGATIONS; NOTICE OF HEARING** was served on the North Carolina Medical Board by causing a copy of the same to be deposited in the United States mail, in an envelope addressed as follows:

Mary Boyce Wells  
Board Attorney  
North Carolina Medical Board  
Post Office Box 20007  
Raleigh, NC 27609-7533

This 23rd day of September, 2004.



Sara R. Lincoln

BEFORE THE  
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

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In re: )  
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 Tracy Thomspen Latz, M.D., ) CONSENT ORDER  
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 Respondent. )

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board (hereafter "Board") regarding Tracy Thomspen Latz, M.D., (hereafter "Dr. Latz"), holder of license number 34660. Dr. Latz admits and the Board finds and concludes the following:

Whereas the Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto, and

Whereas during the time relevant herein, Dr. Latz was a psychiatrist in the Mooresville, North Carolina area, and

Whereas Dr. Latz treated Patient A from 1999 through 2002 for Major Depression, Borderline Personality Disorder, Schizoaffective Disorder and Dissociative Identity Disorder (multiple personalities), and

Whereas during the physician-patient relationship, patient A spent time at Dr. Latz' home, Dr. Latz attended

social events with Patient A and exchanged emails, letters  
and cards with Patient A, and

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Whereas Dr. Latz permitted some hugging and hand holding as part of the therapeutic regimen, and

Whereas in October 2000, Dr. Latz, in an effort to strengthen the therapeutic alliance and to entice a child alter to participate in the therapeutic regimen, signed a document declaring that Patient A was Dr. Latz' fourth child, which was also signed by Patient A. Thereafter, without Dr. Latz' knowledge or approval, Patient A legally changed her middle name to Dr. Latz' maiden name, and

Whereas the above-described conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. 90-14(a)(6), and grounds exist under those sections of the General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition, or limit Dr. Latz' license to practice medicine and surgery issued by the Board or to deny any application she might make in the future for a license to practice medicine, and

Whereas Dr. Latz desires to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings, and

Whereas the Board has determined that it is in the public interest to resolve this matter as set forth below:

Now therefore, with the consent of Dr. Latz, it is

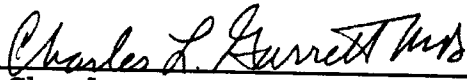
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ORDERED that:

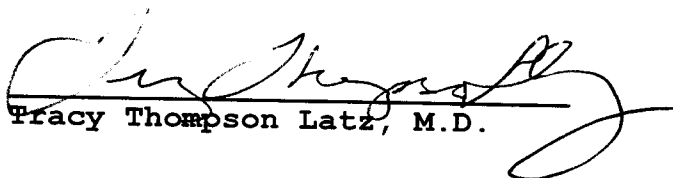
1. Dr. Latz is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. This Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon its execution by both Dr. Latz and the Board.
3. Dr. Latz hereby waives any requirement under any law or rule that this Consent Order be served on her.
4. Upon execution by Dr. Latz and the Board, this Consent Order shall become a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and shall be subject to public inspection and dissemination pursuant to the provisions thereof. Additionally, it will be reported to persons, entities, agencies, and clearinghouses, as required and permitted by law, including but not limited to the National Practitioners Data Bank and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board, this the  
January, 2005.  
24th day of ~~November 2004~~

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

  
By: Charles L. Garrett, M.D.  
President

Consented to this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2005 JAN 14 AM 10:34

  
Tracy Thompson Latz, M.D.

State of North Carolina

Issell County

I, Mildred M. Amon, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Tracy Thompsom Latz, M.D., personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal

This the 7 day of January, 2005.

Mildred M. Amon  
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: July 15, 2009