
**DISCIPLINARY AGREEMENT REGARDING THE LICENSE OF CAROLYN
BARCUS (LICENSE NO. 113033-2501) TO PRACTICE AS A PSYCHOLOGIST
IN THE STATE OF UTAH**

Case No. DOPL 2026-291

By signing below, **Carolyn Barcus** ("Respondent") and the Utah Division of Professional Licensing ("Division") knowingly and voluntarily agree as follows:

1. **Agreement Effective Date:** This agreement becomes effective on the day the Division Director or designee signs the attached order (the "effective date").
2. **Pre-Adjudication Settlement:** This agreement is a pre-adjudication settlement, as contemplated by Utah Code § 63G-4-102(4). If the agreement is not signed by Respondent and the Division, the Division will proceed with adjudication of Respondent's alleged unprofessional or unlawful conduct. By signing this agreement, Respondent waives the right to participate in adjudication proceedings and respond to these allegations before the Division.
3. **Admitted Facts:** Respondent admits the following facts are true:
 - a. Respondent was first licensed as a psychologist in the State of Utah on or about December 3, 1992.
 - b. Respondent provided therapy sessions to a client (Client 1). During the therapy sessions, Respondent helped Client 1 "recover" memories of being sexually abused as a child.
 - c. During therapy sessions with Respondent, Client 1 also recovered memories of three family members being sexually abused by the same person. Those three family members became clients of Respondent. Despite previously denying that any abuse had taken place, Respondent helped all three clients "recover" memories of abuse.
 - d. Based on the four clients' accounts, the alleged abuser was arrested and charged with 23 felonies involving serious allegations of sexual abuse. The charges were dismissed when the defendant died while charges were still pending.
 - e. In subsequent reviews of Respondent's methods, experts in the field have determined that Respondent did not follow established scientific and professional standards, causing considerable risk of cross-contamination and false memories.

- f. Respondent's multiple relationships with these clients further increased the risk of cross-contamination and recovering false memories.
 - g. Respondent also did not obtain informed consent regarding the techniques she would be using with these clients.
- 4. **Finding of Unprofessional Conduct:** Respondent's conduct described above is unprofessional conduct, as defined by Utah Code § 58-1-501(2)(a)(i) and (ii); and Utah Admin. Code R156-61-502(1) and (7).
- 5. **Division's Authority to Act:** Based on its finding of unprofessional conduct, the Division is authorized to "revoke, suspend, restrict, place on probation, or otherwise act upon" Respondent's license under Utah Code § 58-1-401(2).
- 6. **License is Surrendered:** Respondent surrenders Respondent's license to practice as a psychologist in the State of Utah, and all residual rights related to that license, forfeiting any right to practice as psychologist in the State of Utah. Respondent will not receive any refund of license or renewal fees previously paid to the Division.
- 7. **Reapplying for Licensure:** Respondent may not reapply for licensure as any type of mental health professional in the State of Utah until five years have elapsed from the effective date of this agreement.
- 8. **No Guarantee of Relicensure:** The Division does not guarantee that any future application by Respondent for licensure will be granted.
- 9. **Disciplinary Action:** This agreement is a disciplinary action against Respondent's license under Utah Admin. Code R156-1-102(8) and Utah Code § 58-1-401(2). This disciplinary action may adversely affect any license or application for licensure Respondent may have in another state.
- 10. **Agreement is a Public Document:** This agreement is a public document and will be published on the Division's website. It may also be reported to disciplinary databases, such as the National Practitioner Data Bank.
- 11. **Sanction for Violation:** If Respondent violates any of the above terms, the Division may take action against Respondent, as provided by law.
- 12. **No Outside Agreement:** There are no written or verbal agreements outside of the text of this document and the attached order that modify, interpret, construe, or affect this agreement. No person is authorized to make any promise, implication, or guarantee on behalf of the Division outside of this agreement.
- 13. **Void if no Final Order:** The Division Director or designee is not required to accept this agreement or sign the attached order. If the Division Director or designee does not sign the attached order, this agreement and the representations in it will be null and void.

14. **Waiver of Claims Against Division Director:** If the Division Director or designee does not sign the attached order, the Division may initiate adjudication of Respondent's alleged unprofessional or unlawful conduct. In an adjudicative proceeding, the Division Director or designee may be the presiding officer and final decision-maker. Respondent and the Division waive any claim that the Division Director or designee was biased or prejudiced by having reviewed this agreement. This waiver survives nullification of the agreement.
15. **Waiver of Administrative and Judicial Review:** Respondent waives all rights to administrative and judicial review of this agreement and order that they might otherwise be entitled to under Utah Code §§ 63G-4-301 through -405 and Utah Admin. Code R151-4-901 through -907.
16. **Opportunity to Review:** Respondent has read and understands all the above and has no questions about any term or provision.

// (signatures on next page) //

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RESPONDENT

BY: Brian Pedersen
BRIAN PEDERSEN
Bureau Manager

BY: Carolyn G Barcus
Carolyn G Barcus (Jul 18, 2026 10:59:23 MDT)
CAROLYN BARCUS

DATE: 07/20/2026

DATE: 07/18/2026

ORDER

The above agreement between the Division of Professional Licensing ("Division") and **Carolyn Barcus** is approved by the Division and constitutes my findings of fact and conclusions of law. This order is a disciplinary action under Utah Admin. Code R156-1-102(8) and Utah Code § 58-1-401(2). The terms and conditions of the agreement are incorporated and constitute my final order.

DATED 7/20/2026

DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING



MARK B. STEINAGEL

Director

OR

JANA JOHANSEN

Director's Designee/Assistant Director

Bureau Manager ~ Brian Pedersen
Investigator ~ Matt Larson
Assistant Attorney General ~ Steve Oler