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I am a Certified Social Worker, formerly licensed by the New York State~ until I retired to Arizona in 1993. I graduated from the Columbia University School of Social Work In 1952. I had years of experience in several settings prior to my work with Dr. Corsello from: approximately 1982 - 1993.

At Dr. Corsello's clinic in Huntington, N.Y., I was Director of Intake. This job involved doing social intakes on patients coming to the center for various symptoms. The intake was a factual account of the patient's symptoms with a background history of patient's early years, family members, health history, work, marital status and current life style and relationships. The patient was then set up with physical examination with a doctor or physician's assistant, all of whom were supervised by Dr. Corsello. A staff meeting followed, attended by all staff members who had seen the patient. These meetings were headed by Dr. Corsello. Dr. Corsello then saw the patient and prescribed a treatment program. Meanwhile, all previous medical records from patient's prior treatments were sent for after patient signed a release of information.

Dr. Corsello was extremely thorough. She wanted to treat the patient as a "whole", rather than symptomatically.

I have read the charges against Dr. Corsello and her answers. I think the charges reflect the thoroughness of her approach and her eagerness to find an answer to the patient's problems. I think the number of tests done also reflect her wide knowledge of factors many medical people discount. Of course, there were patients very frustrated by their symptoms and the lack of help and answers previously received. To me, these examples in the charges reflect this type of patient. Should there have been many of the numerous other patient histories considered, the outcome might have been different.

Having been a psychotherapist for many years, I am not surprised by the patient who seeks someone to blame for his pain and lack of relief.

Since I have been in Arizona for the past ten years, I do not know much about Dr. Corsello's activities in the last three years.

I can only say I know numerous people who feel positively about Dr. Corsello and who should be able to document their progress and symptom relief through her program.

I consider myself to be a conservative person, yet I have deep respect for Dr. Corsello's knowledge of innovative techniques. I never knew her to shut out information from patients' conventional doctors.

I was shocked and offended by her losing her license to practice. I wholeheartedly hope she regains her license.

Sincerely,

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