

**CONSENT AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**JOANNE L. SHANNON**  
**AND THE**  
**STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND**  
**FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

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This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between JOANNE L. SHANNON, hereinafter, "SHANNON," and the STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD, hereinafter "BOARD," the state agency charged with enforcing Chapter 4757 of the Ohio Revised Code and all rules promulgated therein.

SHANNON hereby acknowledges that she has read and understands this CONSENT AGREEMENT and has voluntarily entered into it without threat or promise by the BOARD or any of its members, employees or agents.

SHANNON is fully aware of her rights, including her right to be advised by counsel and her right to a hearing pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code on the issues which are the subject of this CONSENT AGREEMENT.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT contains the entire agreement between the parties, based on the Board's investigation, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this CONSENT AGREEMENT. This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

1. SHANNON is a professional counselor (C.0000774) licensed to practice counseling in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. SHANNON received her professional counselor license on August 8, 1990.
2. SHANNON renewed her professional counselor license through August 8, 2014. In May 2012, SHANNON was audited for compliance with continuing education requirements. SHANNON provided the BOARD proof of 26 hours of the 30 hours needed to have renewed her PC license. On April 17, 2013, SHANNON spoke to a Board representative and stated that she would like to surrender her license as opposed to completing the audit requirements. SHANNON'S failure to comply with the audit requirement constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(C) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01 (C)(20)(b).
3. SHANNON admits the allegation referenced in paragraph 2 above.

Wherefore, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual promises hereinafter set forth, and in lieu of any other formal disciplinary proceedings, **SHANNON** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

The **BOARD** will allow **SHANNON** to surrender her professional counselor license in lieu of other potential disciplinary action. This surrender is permanent and precludes **SHANNON** from applying for a social work, counselor, or marriage and family therapist license in the State of Ohio in the future.

It is hereby agreed by and between both parties that this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** hereby settles all issues concerning this matter.

By her signature on this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, **SHANNON** acknowledges that in the event the **BOARD**, in its discretion, does not approve this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, this settlement offer is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action or appeal by either party. **SHANNON** agrees that should the **BOARD** reject this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** and if this case proceeds to hearing, he will assert no claim that the **BOARD** was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** or of any information relating thereto.

**SHANNON** hereby releases the members of the **BOARD**, its officers and employees, jointly and severally, from any and all liability arising from the matter within.

This **CONSENT AGREEMENT** shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. Pursuant to 42 USC Section 132a-73(b), 5 USC Section 552a, 45 CFR part 61, and Ohio Revised Code 3123.41 et seq., the **BOARD** may be required to provide **SHANNON'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies. The **BOARD** shall incorporate this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** into a formal journal entry at its May 2013, meeting.

This **CONSENT AGREEMENT** shall take effect upon the date of the Board Chair's signature below:

Joanne L. Shannon  
Joanne L. Shannon, LPC

Mary J. Venrick LSW, LPC  
Mary J. Venrick, LSW, LPC  
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

4-24-13  
Date

5-16-13  
Date