

WHILE EMPLOYED IN PRIVATE PRACTICE, IN HUBER HEIGHTS, OHIO, MR. KARNEHM DID NOT FOLLOW BEST PRACTICE STANDARDS, BETWEEN JANUARY 2001 AND SEPTEMBER 2004, BY FAILING TO TRANSFER A CLIENT WHO BECAME SEXUALLY ATTRACTED TO HIM OVER SEVERAL YEARS. CLIENT RECORDS INDICATE THE ATTRACTION WAS NOTED AS EARLY AS 2001. THIS ACTION CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF ORC 4757.36 (A)(1) AND OAC 4757-5-02 (A)(2) MR. KARNEHM COMPLETED THE TERMS OF HIS CONSENT AGREEMENT 12/03/2009.

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
STEVE KARNEHM
AND THE**

**STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between **STEVE KARNEHM**, hereinafter, "**KARNEHM**" 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.

KARNEHM hereby acknowledges that he 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.

KARNEHM is fully aware of his rights, including his right to be advised by counsel and his 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, 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 and, understandings:

1. **KARNEHM** is a professional counselor (C-0002230) licensed to practice counseling in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of counseling as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. **KARNEHM** received his counselor license on October 17, 1987.
2. While employed in private practice, in Huber Heights, Ohio, **KARNEHM** did not follow best professional practice standards, between January 2001 and September 2004, by failing to transfer a client who became sexually attracted to him over several years. Client records indicate the attraction was noted as early as 2001. This action constitutes a violation of O.R.C. 4757.36 (A)(1) and O.A.C. 4757-5-02 (A) (2).
3. **KARNEHM** admits the allegations referenced in paragraph 2.

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

1. **KARNEHM** must work under supervision for one (1) year with a minimum of one hour of face-to-face supervision per week or two hours of face-to-face supervision, two times per month, beginning on the date that the supervisor is approved. The supervisor must be pre-approved by the Board Deputy Director or his designee. The supervisor must submit quarterly reports regarding the supervision. Supervision should focus on, but not be limited to, areas of concern, areas for improvement, record keeping practices, and ethical decision making. Quarters consist of the following dates: Jan.-Mar, Apr.-Jun., Jul.-Sept., and Oct.-Dec. In order to meet the requirements of this agreement the reports must be received for each quarter. If **KARNEHM'S** supervisor is concerned with **KARNEHM'S** practice at any time the Board should be notified immediately. **KARNEHM** is responsible for the submission of the reports to the Board. All cost associated with the supervision is the responsibility of **KARNEHM**. Once **KARNEHM** successfully completes this supervision, **KARNEHM** must ensure verification of completion is sent to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office.

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

By his signature on this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, **KARNEHM** 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. **KARNEHM** 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.

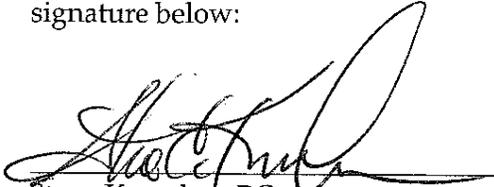
KARNEHM hereby releases the members of the **BOARD**, its officers and employees, jointly and severally, from any and all liability arising from the matter within.

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 **KARNEHM'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

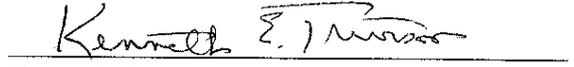
Consent Agreement between Steve Karnehm and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its November, 2008, meeting.

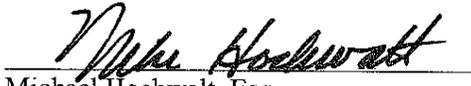
This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the Board Chair's signature below:


Steve Karnehm, PC

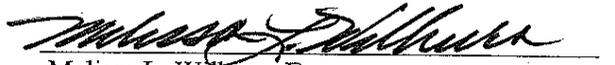
10/8/08
Date


Kenneth E. Trivison, PCC, IMFT
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

11/20/08
Date


Michael Hochwalt, Esq.
Steve Karnehm's Attorney

10-9-08
Date


Melissa L. Wilburn, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

11-21-08
Date