

WATSON, WHILE EMPLOYED WITH GREATER CINCINNATI BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, CINCINNATI, OH, BETWEEN MAY 2006 AND JUNE 2007, FAILED TO MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE BOUNDARIES BY ENTERING INTO A DUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH A CLIENT. THE CONTACT CONTINUED AFTER TERMINATION UNTIL APPROXIMATELY FEBRUARY 2009. THIS INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF ORC SECTION 4757.36(A)(1) AND OAC SECTION 4757-5-03 (A)(1) THROUGH (5). Terms of the consent agreement complete as of 6/27/2012

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DA L. WATSON and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
BRENDA L. WATSON
AND THE**

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

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between BRENDA L. WATSON, hereinafter, "WATSON," and the STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER AND 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.

WATSON 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.

WATSON 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. Should WATSON fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, WATSON knowingly waives her rights under ORC Chapter 119 with respect to the claims in this 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 stipulation, admission and understanding:

1. WATSON is a licensed professional counselor (C.0500780) licensed 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. WATSON received her professional counselor license on September 19, 2008.
2. WATSON, while employed with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health, Cincinnati, OH, between May 2006 and June 2007, failed to maintain appropriate boundaries by entering into a dual relationship with a client. The contact continued after termination until approximately February 2009. This inappropriate conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-03 (A) (1) through (5).
3. WATSON ADMITS the allegation referenced in paragraph 2 above.

Consent Agreement between BRENDA L. WATSON and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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

1. WATSON'S license to practice counseling is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. WATSON must complete twenty (20) volunteer hours of community service. WATSON may work with an organization of her choosing but this must be pre-approved in writing in advance by the Board. WATSON shall submit the name and address of the organization along with a point of contact name and telephone number. After completion of the hours, the contact person of the organization must submit a letter detailing what kind of work was done by the licensee and the number of hours the licensee completed. Licensee must complete the community service by January 22, 2011.
3. At her current place of employment, WATSON must be monitored in all aspects of her practice of counseling and receive face-to-face supervision one hour every two weeks for a two (2) year period. WATSON'S supervisor must be pre-approved by the BOARD and should not have a prior relationship with WATSON. If a previous relationship exists, WATSON must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the request for monitor approval. All cost associated with monitoring will be at WATSON'S expense. The request for monitor approval must be made in writing, include a copy of the supervisor's vita and be submitted no later than two weeks after the signing of this consent agreement. Monitoring should focus on, but not be limited to, ethical decision making, multiple relationships and standards of care. Monitoring should be considered training in nature and should not be limited to simply approving and denying case plans. WATSON'S monitor must submit quarterly reports to the BOARD for the entire two year period detailing topics discussed during monitoring sessions, areas of concern, areas of improvement and make a recommendation with regards to WATSON'S suitability to practice. However, if WATSON'S monitor is concerned with WATSON'S practice at any time during the probationary period the BOARD should be notified immediately. It is WATSON'S responsibility to ensure that the BOARD receives all monitor reports.

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, WATSON 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. WATSON agrees that should the BOARD reject this CONSENT AGREEMENT and if this case proceeds to hearing, she will assert no claim that the BOARD was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this CONSENT AGREEMENT or of any information relating thereto. Should the licensee fail to comply with any provisions of this consent

