

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
ALLISON B. FRENCH
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 Allison B. French, hereinafter, "FRENCH", 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 thereunder.

FRENCH 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.

FRENCH 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, 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. On September 12, 2013 FRENCH applied for a license as a professional counselor.
2. FRENCH'S Internship Evaluation Form raised issues that the Counselor Professional Standards Committee wants to ensure are properly supervised after licensure as a professional counselor.
3. FRENCH admits the statement in paragraph 2 referenced above.

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

1. **FRENCH** shall be licensed as a professional counselor with the following requirements for the first two years of licensure or until the supervising professional counselor certifies that all issues have been satisfactorily addressed and detailed in a report.
2. **FRENCH** shall work under the supervision of a **BOARD** approved professional clinical counselor with supervision designation. Approval of the supervisor shall be made by the deputy director Bill Hegarty. That supervisor and **FRENCH** shall provide quarterly reports of **FRENCH'S** progress on the following issues:
 - Maintain appropriate boundaries and confidentiality with clients.
 - Develop an active approach to clients by guiding them through the appropriate protocol.
 - Improve her skill set in each counseling technique used in the agency in which she works.
 - Establish a personal improvement plan that addresses these issues and others as they arise, include or find training to address weaknesses.These supervised hours may be accepted toward her professional clinical counseling license assuming she progresses as expected and is recommended without reservation by her supervisor.
3. **FRENCH** shall receive personal counseling from a **BOARD** pre-approved mental health practitioner for a period of two (2) years. All costs associated with this counseling are at **FRENCH'S** expense. **FRENCH** shall submit the name, contact information, and professional resume or vitae to the **BOARD'S** Deputy Director within the first week of starting a new position as a LPC, to obtain pre-approval. Once approved, the practitioner shall provide the **BOARD** with quarterly reports detailing issues discussed in counseling, professional ethics, boundaries and responsibilities, and other issues the practitioner deems appropriate. At the end of the two year mandated counseling period, the practitioner shall provide the **BOARD** with a report encompassing the overall counseling period. It is **FRENCH'S** responsibility to ensure the Board obtains the reports in a timely manner.

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

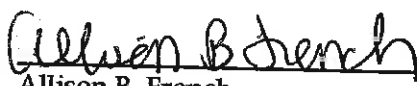
By her signature on this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, **FRENCH** acknowledges that in the event the **BOARD**, in its discretion, does not approve this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, this settlement offer is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action or appeal by either party. **FRENCH** 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.

FRENCH 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 FRENCH'S social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its next meeting following the approval of this agreement.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the receipt date of the signed copy at the Board's office if confirmed by the Executive Director's signature below:


Allison B. French

3/6/14
Date


James R. Rough
Executive Director, Counselor, Social Worker,
Marriage and Family Therapist Board

3/11/2014
Date