

Terms of the consent agreement
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**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
EVELYN E. WHITE
AND THE
OHIO STATE COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between EVELYN E. WHITE, hereinafter, "**WHITE**", and the OHIO STATE COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD, hereinafter "**BOARD**", the state agency charged with enforcing Chapter 4757 of the Ohio Revised Code and all rules promulgated thereunder.

WHITE 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.

WHITE 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 **WHITE** fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **WHITE** knowingly waives her rights under ORC Chapter 119.

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. **WHITE** is a professional clinical counselor (E-158) 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.
2. In the summer of 1998 **WHITE** began treating client #1. A few months after treatment began **WHITE** entered into a multiple relationship by becoming friends with client #1. This act constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code section 4757-5-01(C)(1).

3. In February of 1999 **WHITE** terminated individual counseling sessions with client #1. Although the therapeutic relationship had officially terminated, **WHITE** continued to treat the client as well as involve the client in family counseling sessions. This act constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code section 4757-5-01(C)(1).
4. **WHITE** entered into a multiple relationship by treating family #1 in family counseling sessions and treating members of family #1 individually while socializing and vacationing with client #1, a member of family #1. This act constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code section 4757-5-01(C)(1).
5. **WHITE** entered into a multiple relationship by including client #1 in sessions of a men's group of which **WHITE** is the facilitator. Group sessions took place at several locations including client #1's vacation cabin. This act constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code section 4757-5-01(C)(1).
6. **WHITE ADMITS** the allegations referenced in paragraphs 2 through 5 referenced above.

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

1. **WHITE'S** license to practice counseling is suspended for one month. Said suspension will take place the month of January 2001.
2. Following the suspension, **WHITE** must be supervised for a period of two years. **WHITE'S** supervisor must be pre-approved by the **BOARD** with supervision focusing on professional boundaries and ethics. Supervision will take place two hours for every eighty hours worked. The supervisor will submit status reports on the first day of every other month. At the completion of supervision, **WHITE'S** supervisor must submit a report advising the **BOARD** of **WHITE'S** ability to practice.
3. **WHITE** must pass a graduate level ethics course, taken for credit. The course must be pre-approved by the **BOARD**. Proof of completion must be received by the **BOARD** no later than December 31, 2001.

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**, **WHITE** 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. **WHITE** 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. If, following notice and an evidentiary hearing, not an Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 hearing, **WHITE** is found by the **BOARD** to have violated any terms of this Consent Agreement, the **BOARD** may impose any penalty up to and including **REVOCATION** of **WHITE'S** professional clinical counselor license based solely upon a violation of this Consent Agreement. **WHITE** may not appeal this action.

