

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
CAROL J. SCOTT
AND THE
OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between **CAROL J. SCOTT** (hereinafter "**SCOTT**") and the **OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD** (hereinafter "**BOARD**"), the state agency charged with enforcing Chapter 4757 of the Ohio Revised Code, and all rules promulgated hereunder.

SCOTT 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.

SCOTT 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.

The CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions, and understandings:

1. **SCOTT** is a professional clinical counselor ("LPCC") 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 4757.
2. On or about August 17, 1996, **SCOTT** resigned her position as a therapist for Clermont Counseling Center, based on her admission of engaging in a social, financial, and physically intimate relationship with a client.

Wherefore, in consideration of the foregoing agreement, and in lieu of any formal disciplinary proceedings, **SCOTT** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

- A. **SCOTT's** license to practice as a counselor will be suspended for ninety (90) days with sixty (60) days stayed if **SCOTT** completes all the provisions of this agreement.
- B. **SCOTT** will attend, at her own expense, two workshops which must be preapproved by the **BOARD**. One workshop will focus on boundary issues between the counselor and the client and the second workshop will focus on dual relationships/ethics. Both

workshops must be completed by September 30, 1997, and **SCOTT** agrees to provide proof of attendance at these workshops to the **BOARD**.

- C. **SCOTT** will be evaluated at her own expense at the Program for Professionals ("PFP"), Center for Marital and Sexual Health, Inc., 3 Commerce Park Square, Suite 350, Beachwood, Ohio 44122-5402, (216) 831-2900. **SCOTT** will contact Candace Risen at PFP to schedule this evaluation. Once this evaluation is completed, PFP will present a written report which will be presented to **SCOTT** and the **BOARD**. It should be noted that the report that is prepared by PFP will be considered a public record as that term is used in Ohio Revised Code 149, *et seq.*
- D. The **BOARD** reserves the right to amend this CONSENT AGREEMENT to include any specific provisions or limitations recommended by the PFP.

By her signature, **SCOTT** agrees 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. **SCOTT** agrees that should the **BOARD** reject this CONSENT AGREEMENT and if the case proceeds to a hearing, she will assert no claim that the **BOARD** was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this CONSENT AGREEMENT or any information relating thereto.

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

This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal at its January 1997 meeting.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the last signature below.

THE STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR
AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD

Carol J. Scott
CAROL J. SCOTT

Glenn Abraham
GLENN ABRAHAM, Chair
Counselor and Social Worker Board

January 7, 1997
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