

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
GENEVIEVE LAPOLLA
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between GENEVIEVE LAPOLLA, hereinafter, "LAPOLLA," 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.

LAPOLLA 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.

LAPOLLA 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, based on the Board's investigation, 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. LAPOLLA is a professional counselor (E.0001493) 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. LAPOLLA received her professional counselor license on January 19, 1991.
2. LAPOLLA renewed her professional clinical counselor license through January 19, 2010. In May 2008, LAPOLLA was audited for compliance with continuing education requirements. LAPOLLA submitted 31 hours of continuing education all of which were taken by distance learning. OAC 4757-9-04(E) states that an individual may earn up to 15 hours of continuing professional education per renewal in distance learning credit. LAPOLLA'S failure to comply with the audit requirement constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01.



(C)(21)(b).

3. LAPOLLA admits the allegation referenced in paragraph 2 above.

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

LAPOLLA'S license to practice counseling will be indefinitely suspended beginning November 20, 2008. Once LAPOLLA submits to the Board's Deputy Director proof of attending 15 Board approved counseling continuing education hours in non-distance learning, the Board will lift the licensure suspension. The 15 hours referenced above may not be used toward any future renewal. The costs of these hours are the responsibility of LAPOLLA.

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, LAPOLLA 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. LAPOLLA 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.

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

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

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

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

Genevieve B. Lapolla
Genevieve B. Lapolla, PCC

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

Date: 11-19-08

11/21/08
Date

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

11-21-08
Date