

IN JANUARY THROUGH MARCH, 2009, MR. GEIGER PROVIDED MARITAL COUNSELING IN HIS HOME FOR A FAMILY MEMBER AND HER HUSBAND. IN MARCH 2009, MR. GEIGER VIOLATED CONFIDENTIALITY BY WRITING A LETTER TO CHILDREN'S PROTECTIVE SERVICES WITHOUT A SIGNED RELEASE FROM THE CLIENT. THESE ACTIONS CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF ORC 4757.36 (C) (1) AND OAC 4757-5-03 (A) (4) AND 4757-5-02(D). MR. GEIGER COMPLETED THE TERMS OF HIS CONSENT AGREEMENT ON 03/26/2012

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
WILLIAM GEIGER
AND THE
OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between **WILLIAM GEIGER**, hereinafter, "**GEIGER**" 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.

GEIGER hereby acknowledges that he 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. **GEIGER** is fully aware of his rights, including his right to be advised by counsel and his 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 and, understandings:

1. **GEIGER** is a professional clinical counselor (E-0002078) 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 Section 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. **GEIGER** received his clinical counselor license on November 17, 1995.
2. In January through March, 2009, **GEIGER** provided marital counseling in his home for a family member and her husband. This action constitutes a violation of O.R.C. 4757.36 (C)(1) and O.A.C. 4757-5-03 (A) (4).
3. In March 2009, **GEIGER** violated confidentiality by writing a letter to Children's Protective Services without a signed release from the client. This action constitutes a violation of O.R.C. 4757.36 (C)(1) and O.A.C. 4757-5-02 (D).
4. **GEIGER** admits the allegations referenced in paragraph 2 and 3.

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

1. **GEIGER** must be monitored in all aspects of his practice of counseling and receive face-to-face monitoring at the rate of one hour per every forty hours of work for a one (1) year period. **GEIGER'S** monitor must be pre-approved by the **BOARD**, hold an independent level license and should not have a prior relationship with **GEIGER**. If a previous relationship exists, **GEIGER** must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the request for monitor approval. All cost associated with monitoring will be at **GEIGER'S** expense. The request for monitor approval must be made in writing, include a copy of the monitor'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. **GEIGER'S** monitor must submit quarterly reports to the **BOARD** for the entire period detailing topics discussed during monitoring sessions, areas of concern, areas of improvement and make a recommendation with regards to **GEIGER'S** suitability to practice. However, if **GEIGER'S** monitor is concerned with **GEIGER'S** practice at any time during the probationary period the **BOARD** should be notified immediately. It is **GEIGER'S** responsibility to ensure that the **BOARD** receives all monitoring reports. **GEIGER'S** supervision designation is suspended during the monitoring period.
2. **GEIGER** must take three (3) hours in counselor ethics continuing education. The continuing education must be pre-approved by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. Once **GEIGER** successfully completes the hours, **GEIGER** must send verification directly to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office. The verification of completion is due in the Board office no later than December 15, 2011. The hours earned from the three continuing education hours may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with the course are at the expense of **GEIGER**.

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

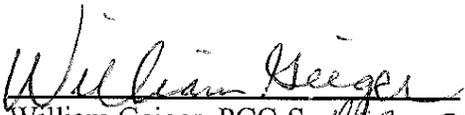
By his signature on this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **GEIGER** acknowledges that in the event the **BOARD**, in its discretion, does not approve this CONSENT AGREEMENT, this settlement offer is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action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

GEIGER 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 **GEIGER'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its March, 2011, meeting.

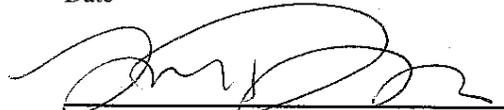
This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the Board Chair's signature below:


William Geiger, PCC-S *PCC-S*

2/1/11
Date


Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, LSW
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker,
Marriage and Family Therapist Board

3-18-11
Date


Leah V. B. O'Carroll, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Counselor, Social worker, Marriage and
Family Therapist Board

March 18, 2011
Date