

REBECCA COCHRAN ENTERED INTO A CONSENT AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD IN WHICH HER LICENSE WAS SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS OR IN LIEU OF THE SUSPENSION SHE COMPLETE A COLLEGE COURSE IN ETHICS. MS. COCHRAN COMPLETED THE COURSE AND SUBMITTED PROOF OF THAT COMPLETION ON 11/22/2002.

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
REBECCA COCHRAN
AND THE
OHIO STATE COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between REBECCA COCHRAN, hereinafter, "COCHRAN", 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.

COCHRAN 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.

COCHRAN 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 COCHRAN fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, COCHRAN 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. COCHRAN is a social worker (S-17779) licensed to practice social work in the state of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757.

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2. **COCHRAN** is a professional clinical counselor (E-2341) 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.
3. **COCHRAN** was professionally treating two minor children of Parent #1 and Parent #2 beginning October 5, 1999, and October 12, 1999, respectively, for Adjustment Disorder with Depressed Mood, in Niles, Ohio. Parent #1 and Parent #2 were in the midst of a divorce/custody situation. On or about March 3, 2000, Parent #1 went to **COCHRAN'S** office and requested a copy of the children's records. No legal authority had denied Parent #1 any parental rights concerning the children. **COCHRAN** denied Parent #1 access to the children's records. **COCHRAN'S** conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(I)(5).
4. **COCHRAN** was also professionally treating Parent #2 in October 1999. On or about October 26, 1999, Parent #2 stopped seeking treatment from **COCHRAN** and **COCHRAN** hired Parent #2 to work in her office doing administrative duties. On or about December 1, 1999, Parent #2 ceased working for **COCHRAN** and resumed professional treatment with **COCHRAN**. **COCHRAN'S** conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(C)(2).
5. **COCHRAN ADMITS** the allegation referenced in paragraphs 3 and 4 referenced above.

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

1. **COCHRAN'S** license to practice social work and **COCHRAN'S** license to practice counseling are **SUSPENDED** for three (3) months beginning April 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2001. **COCHRAN'S** license suspension is **STAYED** if:
 - a. **COCHRAN** takes and passes an ethics/legal survey course in social work and/or counseling from an accredited university or college. Said course must be pre-approved by the **BOARD** and taken for credit. At the conclusion of said course, **COCHRAN** will have an official transcript sent directly from the college or university to the **BOARD** showing her successful completion of the course. The course must be completed by January 1, 2003. The course hours earned for this course shall not be used toward the renewal of **COCHRAN'S** counselor or social work license.
2. **COCHRAN** will notify the **BOARD** in writing on or before April 1, 2001, if she elects to have the suspension stayed by taking the course described in paragraph 1(a) above.

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**, **COCHRAN** 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. **COCHRAN** 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, **COCHRAN** 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 **COCHRAN'S** social work license and counselor license based solely upon a violation of this Consent Agreement. **COCHRAN** may not appeal this action.

COCHRAN 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 Section 2301.373(E), the **BOARD** may be required to provide **COCHRAN'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its March, 2001, meeting.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the last signature below:

THE OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD

Rebecca Cochran
Rebecca Cochran

Jane Daroff
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Chair, Counselor and Social Worker Board

2-13-01
Date

3/16/01
Date

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Counselor and Social Worker Board

Date

3/14/01
Date