

IN APRIL, 2007, KOVACS WAS EMPLOYED BY FOUNDATIONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN CELINA, OHIO. ON APRIL 17, 2007, KOVACS RESIGNED FROM THE AGENCY WITHOUT PROVIDING APPROPRIATE TERMINATION WITH HIS CLIENTS IN VIOLATION OF OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4757.36 (A)(1) AND OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 4757-5-01(B)(5)(A). Mr. Kovacs completed the terms of the consent agreement as of 3/12/2009.

**CONSENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
RONALD KOVACS  
AND THE**

**STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND  
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between RONALD KOVACS, hereinafter, "**KOVACS**," 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.

**KOVACS** 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.

**KOVACS** 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. Should **KOVACS** fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **KOVACS** knowingly waives his rights under ORC Chapter 119 to a hearing.

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. **KOVACS** is a professional clinical counselor (E-0003018) 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. **KOVACS** received his professional clinical counselor license on July 16, 1999.
2. In April 2007, **KOVACS** was employed by Foundations Behavioral Health Services in Celina, Ohio. On April 17, 2007, **KOVACS** resigned from the agency without providing appropriate termination with his clients in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and

Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(B)(5)(a)

3. **KOVACS** admits the allegations referenced in paragraph 2 referenced above.

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

1. **KOVACS** must receive face-to face supervision, by an individual pre-approved by the Board, one-hour every week for a period of 1 year. **KOVACS** should not select a supervisor with which he has a prior relationship. If any previous relationship with the supervisor exists, **KOVACS** must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the request for supervisor approval. The 1-year supervision period will not begin until **KOVACS'** supervisor is approved. Supervision should focus on, but not limited to, **KOVACS'** role in professional relationships and ethical decision-making. **KOVACS'** supervisor is required to submit a report to the Board, quarterly, detailing topics discussed during supervision sessions, areas of concern, and areas for improvement. At the end of the 1-year supervised period, **KOVACS'** supervisor will make a final report encompassing the 1 year of supervision. If **KOVACS'** supervisor is concerned with **KOVACS'** practice at any time the Board should be notified immediately. It is **KOVACS'** responsibility to ensure that the Board receives the supervisor's reports. All costs associated with the supervision are at the expense of **KOVACS**.
2. During the 1-year period that **KOVACS** is under mandatory supervision, his counselor supervision credential is terminated. Once **KOVACS** mandated supervision is completed, he may re-apply for the supervision credential.

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

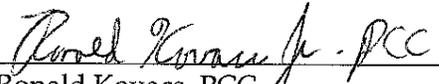
By his signature on this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, **KOVACS** acknowledges that in the event the **BOARD**, in its discretion, does not approve this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, this settlement offer is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary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

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

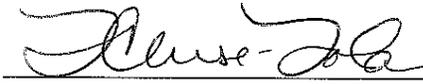
This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. Pursuant to 42 USC Section 132a-73(b), 5 USC Section 552a, 45 CFR part 61, and Ohio Revised Code 3123.41 et seq., the **BOARD** may be required to provide **KOVACS'** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its July, 2007, meeting.

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

  
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Ronald Kovacs, PCC

Date 7/9/07

  
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Theresa Cluse-Tolar, Ph.D., LISW  
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

Date 7/20/07

  
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Peter R. Casey, IV, Esq.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

Date 7/20/07