

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
DARLA J. WHITE
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between **DARLA J. WHITE**, hereinafter, "**WHITE**" 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.

WHITE 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. **WHITE** 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, 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. **WHITE** is a professional clinical counselor (E-0003881-S) 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. **WHITE** received her clinical counselor license on November 22, 2002.
2. In July 2011, **WHITE** was employed as a counselor at a trauma crisis agency in Columbus, Ohio, and entered into a sexual relationship with a recently terminated client. This action constitutes a violation of O.R.C. 4757.36 (C)(1) and O.A.C. 4757-5-04 (C).
3. **WHITE** admits the allegation referenced in paragraphs 2.

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

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1. **WHITE'S** license to practice clinical counseling is hereby **SUSPENDED** for two (2) years beginning November 18, 2011. **WHITE** must renew her license during the period of suspension if she intends to re-enter the field.
2. **WHITE** agrees to undergo a mental health assessment and to follow all recommendations of the assessment practitioner to engage in counseling, therapy and medical treatment, if any. The Board must receive the assessment report by May 28, 2012, from a **BOARD** pre-approved practitioner. All costs associated with this assessment are at **WHITE'S** expense. **WHITE** must submit the name, contact information, and professional resume or vitae to the **BOARD'S** Deputy Director no later than April 15, 2012, to obtain pre-approval. If the practitioner recommends counseling **WHITE** will follow any/all recommendations and, the practitioner will provide the **BOARD** with quarterly reports entailing issues discussed in counseling, professional ethics, boundaries and responsibilities, and other issues the practitioner deems appropriate. The first quarterly report will be due to the **BOARD** offices by July 28, 2012. At the completion of any/all recommended counseling, the practitioner shall provide the **BOARD** with a report encompassing the counseling including areas of improvement, areas of concern (if any) and if in the practitioner's professional opinion, **WHITE** is able to function properly as a professional clinical counselor.
3. After the mandated suspension and upon employment, **WHITE** must be monitored in all aspects of her practice of counseling and receive face-to-face monitoring at the rate of one hour per every forty hours of work for a two (2) year period. **WHITE'S** monitor must be pre-approved by the **BOARD**, hold a professional clinical counselor license with the supervision designation and should not have a prior relationship with **WHITE**. If a previous relationship exists, **WHITE** must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the request for monitor approval. All cost associated with monitoring will be at **WHITE'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 suspension is lifted. 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. **WHITE'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 **WHITE'S** suitability to practice. However, if **WHITE'S** monitor is concerned with **WHITE'S** practice at any time during the probationary period the **BOARD** should be notified immediately. **WHITE** must submit a report upon completion of the monitoring period identifying how the monitoring has impacted ethical decision making, and areas of professional development. It is **WHITE'S** responsibility to ensure that the **BOARD** receives all monitoring reports. **WHITE'S** supervision designation is suspended

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during the monitoring period.

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, **WHITE** 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. **WHITE** 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.

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

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its March, 2012, meeting.

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



Darla White, PCC

3-11-12

Date



Stephen Kleinman, Esq.
Attorney for Darla White

3-13-12

Date



Tommie L. Robertson, LIMFT
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker,
Marriage and Family Therapist Board

3-15-12

Date



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

3-14-12

Date