CONSENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN RICHARD D. ANDERSON AND THE

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

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between RICHARD D. ANDERSON, hereinafter, "ANDERSON," 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.

ANDERSON 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.

ANDERSON 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, 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. ANDERSON is a professional clinical counselor (E.0500635) 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. ANDERSON received his professional clinical counselor license on May 22, 2009.
- 2. In January 2014, ANDERSON notified the Board that he is facing criminal felony and misdemeanor counts in the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. ANDERSON stated he will plead guilty to these charges that stemmed from his employment at the Hamilton County Justice Center. ANDERSON'S actions constitute a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(C)(5) and (C)(7).
- 3. ANDERSON admits the allegations 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, ANDERSON knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the BOARD to the following terms and conditions:

 The BOARD will allow ANDERSON to permanently surrender his professional clinical counselor license, with the understanding the surrender is in lieu of other potential disciplinary action. ANDERSON will not be allowed to reapply for a counselor license in the State of Ohio, nor will he be allowed to apply for social work or marriage and family therapist license in the State of Ohio. This surrender will take effect March 21, 2014.

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, **ANDERSON** 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. **ANDERSON** 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.

ANDERSON 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 take effect upon the date of the Board Chair's signature below:

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Mary J. Venrick, LSW, LPC
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

Jan 24, 2014 3-21-14

Date

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- 2. In May 2011, while employed at a mental health agency in Cincinnati, Ohio, ANDERSON did not maintain the appropriate standards of care expected of a professional clinical counselor when working with an adult female client. ANDERSON did not document correctly the conversation within the session, did not maintain professional boundaries by texting with the client and not documenting these texts, and did not obtain peer review/supervision when issues presented that were problematic. ANDERSON'S actions constitute a violation of ORC 4757.(C)(1) and OAC 4757-5-02(A)(2).
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Wherefore, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual promises hereinafter set forth, and in lieu of any other formal disciplinary proceedings, **ANDERSON** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

1. ANDERSON must receive personal counseling from a BOARD preapproved mental health practitioner for a period of two (2) years. All costs associated with this counseling are at ANDERSON'S expense. ANDERSON must submit the name, contact information, and professional resume or vitae to the BOARD'S Deputy Director no later than one July 29, 2011, to obtain pre-approval. Once approved, the practitioner with provide the BOARD with quarterly reports detailing issues discussed in counseling, professional ethics, boundaries and responsibilities, and other issues the practitioner deems appropriate. At the end of the two year mandated counseling period, the practitioner shall provide the BOARD with a report encompassing the overall counseling period. It is ANDERSON'S responsibility to ensure the Board obtains the reports in a timely manner.

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

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

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

signature below:		
Richard Anderson, PCo	C FO	Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, LSW Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board
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Counsel for Mr. Ander	son	Leah V.B. O'Carroll, Esq.
		Assistant Attorney General
		Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board
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