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**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
CATHERINE A. RENFROW
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between CATHERINE A. RENFROW, hereinafter, "**RENFROW**," 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.

RENFROW 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.

RENFROW 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, 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. **RENFROW** is a professional clinical counselor (E-0700437) 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. **RENFROW** received her professional clinical counselor license on November 18, 2011.
2. On or about May 21, 2011, in Springboro, Ohio **RENFROW** blurred her professional boundaries by sending a letter of a quasi-personal nature to a former client. **RENFROW**, who was a Professional Counselor at the time, did not seek supervision with regard to sending the letter to the former client. **RENFROW'S** conduct is a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36C(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-03(A)(1) and (3).
3. **RENFROW** admits the statements 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, **RENFROW** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

1. **RENFROW** must receive face-to face monitoring, by an individual pre-approved in writing by the Board, one-hour for every 80 hours worked for a period of 18 months. The monitor must be an independently licensed mental health professional. **RENFROW** should not select a monitor with which she has a prior relationship. If any previous relationship with the monitor exists, **RENFROW** must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the written request for monitor approval. The 18-month monitoring period will not begin until **RENFROW'S** supervisor is approved. **RENFROW** will have until April 20, 2012, to provide the **BOARD** with her written request for approval of her proposed monitor. Monitoring should focus on, but not limited to, **RENFROW'S** role in professional relationships, ethical decision-making, and professional boundaries. **RENFROW** and her approved monitor shall create a written plan that will encompass the goals of the monitoring. **RENFROW'S** monitor is required to submit a report to the Board, quarterly, detailing topics discussed during monitoring sessions, areas of concern, and areas for improvement. At the end of the 18-month monitoring period, **RENFROW'S** monitor will make a final report encompassing the 18 months of monitoring. If **RENFROW'S** monitor is concerned with **RENFROW'S** practice at any time the Board should be notified immediately. It is **RENFROW'S** responsibility to ensure that the Board receives the monitor's reports. All costs associated with the monitoring are at the expense of **RENFROW**.
3. **RENFROW** must take the trauma focused cognitive behavioral therapy course found at <http://tfcbt.musc.edu/> The credit earned from this may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with this requirement are at the expense of **RENFROW**. **RENFROW** will have until August 31, 2012, to complete this requirement. When **RENFROW** has completed this requirement, she will forward a copy of her completion certificate to the Board's Deputy Director.

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**, **RENFROW** 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. **RENFROW** 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.

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

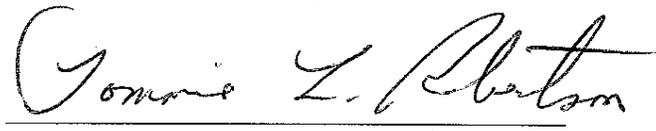
This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. Pursuant to 42 USC Section 132a-73(b), 5 USC Section 552a, 45 CFR part 61, and Ohio Revised Code Section 3123.41 et seq. the **BOARD** may be required to provide **RENFROW'S** social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


Catherine A. Renfrow, LPCC

2/2/12
Date


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

3-15-12
Date


Michael Hochwalt, Esq.
Counsel for Ms. Renfrow

2-6-2012
Date


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

3-14-12
Date