

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
DEZIRAE ALT
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between DEZIRAE ALT, hereinafter, "ALT," 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.

ALT 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.

ALT 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. ALT is a professional clinical counselor (E.1000608) 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. ALT received her professional clinical counselor license on October 6, 2016.
2. From about the fall of 2016 to about the spring of 2018, while employed at a mental health agency in Dayton, Ohio, ALT blurred her professional boundaries with a current client by entering into a personal relationship with the client. During this relationship, ALT sent the client video messages that were offensive and explicit. ALT'S conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code 4757.36(C)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-04(A).
3. ALT 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, ALT knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the BOARD to the following terms and conditions:

1. ALT'S license to practice as a professional clinical counselor (E.1000608) is suspended for 5 years beginning on September 13, 2018. ALT must continue to follow all renewal requirements during the period of suspension if she intends to return to work as a licensed professional clinical counselor.
2. ALT must receive personal counseling from a BOARD approved mental health practitioner for a period of four (4) years of her five (5) year suspension. ALT is required to meet with this mental health practitioner for a minimum of two (2) one hour sessions a month. All costs associated with this counseling are at ALT'S expense. ALT must submit the name, contact information, and professional resume or vitae to the BOARD'S Deputy Director no later than November 2, 2018, to obtain pre-approval per this requirement. Once approved, the practitioner will provide the BOARD with quarterly reports detailing issues discussed in counseling and other issues the practitioner deems appropriate. At the end of the four year mandated counseling period, the practitioner shall provide the BOARD with a report encompassing the overall counseling period. It is ALT'S responsibility to ensure the Board obtains the reports in a timely manner. ALT agrees and understands that if her four (4) years of personal counseling are not completed by September 13, 2023, that her licensure suspension will be extended until the personal counseling is completed.
3. Once ALT's licensure suspension is lifted, she cannot be in sole private practice for a period of ten (10) years.
4. Should ALT fail to comply with any provisions of this consent agreement, the Board, in its discretion, may initiate further disciplinary action pursuant to OAC 4757-11-01C(21).

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, ALT 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. ALT 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.

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

Consent Agreement between Dezirae Alt and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family
Therapist Board

This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. All parties to this Consent Agreement understand that this information will be sent to the United States Department of Health and Human Services' National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), pursuant to Title IV of Public Law 99-660, the Healthcare Quality Improvement Act of 1986, as amended; Section 1921 of the Social Security Act; and Section 1128E of the Social Security Act, as amended by Section 221(a) of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its September 2018, meeting.

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

Dezirae K. Alt, MS, LPCC
Dezirae Alt, LPCC

Sept 11, 2018

Date

Margaret A. Knerr, MS, IMFT-S
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Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and
Family Therapist Board

9/14/18

Date

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