

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

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between WESLEY BASS, hereinafter, "BASS" 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.

BASS 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. BASS 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, 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. BASS is a professional clinical counselor (E.1700204) 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. BASS received his counselor license on June 22, 2017.
2. In 2016, while employed at a mental health agency in Dayton, Ohio, BASS entered into an inappropriate relationship with a client. BASS'S conduct constitutes a violation of O.R.C. 4757.36 (C)(1) and O.A.C. 4757-5-04 (A).
3. BASS admits the allegation referenced in paragraphs 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, **BASS** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

1. **BASS'S** license to practice counseling is hereby **SUSPENDED** for three (3) years beginning May 18, 2018. **BASS** must renew his license during the period of suspension if he intends to re-enter the field.
2. During the period of suspension, **BASS** must receive personal counseling from a **BOARD** pre-approved practitioner for two (2) years. All costs associated with this counseling are at **BASS'S** expense. **BASS** must submit the name, contact information, and professional resume or vitae to the **BOARD'S** Deputy Director no later than May 31, 2018, to obtain pre-approval. Once approved, the practitioner will 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 (2) year mandated counseling, the practitioner shall provide the **BOARD** with a report encompassing the overall counseling period. It is **BASS'S** responsibility to ensure the **BOARD** receives the reports in a timely manner.
3. After the mandated suspension and upon employment, **BASS** must be monitored in all aspects of his 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. **BASS'S** monitor must be pre-approved by the **BOARD**, hold an independent level license and should not have a prior relationship with **BASS**. If a previous relationship exists, **BASS** must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the request for monitor approval. **BASS'S** monitor must be an on-site supervisor at the agency where **BASS** is employed. All costs associated with monitoring will be at **BASS'S** expense. The request for monitor approval must be made in writing and include a copy of the monitor's vita. Monitoring should focus on, but not be limited to, ethical decision making, ethical boundaries, 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. **BASS'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 regard to **BASS'S** suitability to practice. However, if **BASS'S** monitor is concerned with **BASS'S** practice at any time during the monitoring period the **BOARD** should be notified immediately; reports of concerns will extend the length of the monitoring period based on the monitor's recommendations. It is **BASS'S** responsibility to ensure that the **BOARD** receives all monitoring reports.
4. After the suspension has been lifted, **BASS** is not permitted to be in solo private practice until he successfully completes the required two (2) year period of monitoring.

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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, BASS 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. BASS 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.

BASS 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. 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 May 2018, meeting.

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



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Wesley Bass, LPCC

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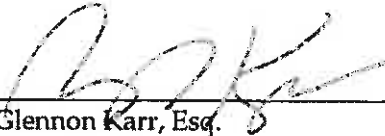
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Erin Michel, MSW, LSW  
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family  
Therapist Board

5/17/18

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Glennon Karr, Esq.  
Counsel for Mr. Bass

5/9/18

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

May 17, 2018

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Date