

Ms. Gatton completed the terms of the consent agreement as of 3/20/2006

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
TERESA S. GATTON
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between TERESA S. GATTON, hereinafter, "GATTON", 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 thereunder.

GATTON 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.

GATTON 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. Should GATTON fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, GATTON knowingly waives her rights under ORC Chapter 119.

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, admissions and understandings:

1. GATTON is an independent social worker (I-458) licensed to practice social work in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. GATTON received her independent social work license on April 5, 1986.
2. While GATTON was employed at North Central Mental Health Services, Columbus, Ohio, she breached her professional social work boundaries by allowing a client to come to her home on several weekends. GATTON'S actions constitute a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(C).
3. GATTON 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 formal disciplinary proceedings, **GATTON** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

1. **GATTON'S** license to practice counseling is hereby **REFRIMANDED**.
2. **GATTON** must receive face-to-face supervision, by an individual pre-approved by the Board, one-hour every week for a period of 2 years. **GATTON** should not select a supervisor with which she has a prior relationship. If any previous relationship with the supervisor exists, **GATTON** must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the request for supervisor approval. **GATTON'S** request for supervisor approval must be in writing and must be received no later than January 30, 2004. The 2-year supervision period will not begin until **GATTON'S** supervisor is approved. Supervision should focus on, but not limited to, **GATTON'S** role in professional relationships, ethical decision-making and maintaining appropriate boundaries. For the first year of the two-year required supervision, **GATTON'S** supervisor is required to submit a report to the Board, quarterly detailing topics discussed during supervision sessions, areas of concern, and areas of improvement. During the second year of supervision, **GATTON'S** supervisor will submit a report at the 6-month mark and a final report at the end of the 2-year supervision period. If **GATTON'S** supervisor is concerned with **GATTON'S** practice at any time the Board should be notified immediately. It is **GATTON'S** responsibility to ensure that the Board receives the supervisor's reports. All costs associated with supervision are at the expense of **GATTON**.

It is hereby agreed by and between both parties that this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** hereby settles all issues concerning this matter.

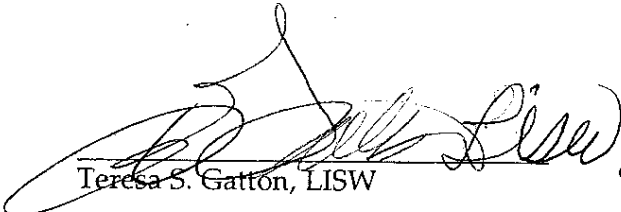
By her signature on this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, **GATTON** acknowledges that in the event the **BOARD**, in its discretion, does not approve this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, this settlement offer is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action or appeal by either party. **GATTON** 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.

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

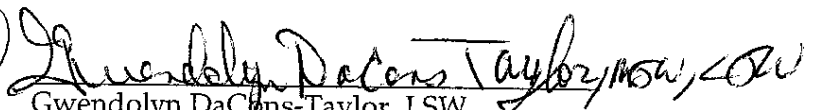
This **CONSENT AGREEMENT** shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. Pursuant to 42 USC Section 132a-73(b), 5 USC Section 552a, 45 CFR part 61, and Ohio Revised Code 3123.41 et seq the **BOARD** may be required to provide **GATTON'S** social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

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** into a formal journal entry at its January, 2004, meeting.

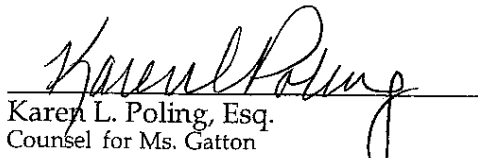
This Consent Agreement will become effective on the date signed by the Chair of the Board.


Teresa S. Gatton, LISW

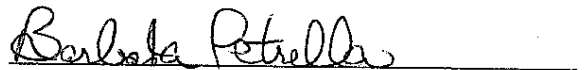
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Gwendolyn DaCons-Taylor, LSW
Chair, Social Worker Professional Standards Committee

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Karen L. Poling, Esq.
Counsel for Ms. Gatton

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Barbara Petrella, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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Date