

Mr. Thomas completed the terms of the consent agreement as of 12/1/2001

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COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL
WORKER BOARD

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
D. JEFFREY THOMAS
AND THE
OHIO STATE COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between D. JEFFREY THOMAS, hereinafter, "**THOMAS**", and the OHIO STATE COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD, hereinafter "**BOARD**", the state agency charged with enforcing Chapter 4757 of the Ohio Revised Code and all rules promulgated thereunder.

THOMAS 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.

THOMAS 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. Should **THOMAS** fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **THOMAS** knowingly waives his 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. **THOMAS** is an Independent Social Worker (I-3022) 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.
2. **THOMAS** was employed at The Ohio State University and Harding Hospital as an outpatient social worker. From about May 1998 through October 1999, **THOMAS** made occasional inappropriate remarks, often of a sexual nature, to female clients and staff. These inappropriate comments constitute a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(B)(8).

3. **THOMAS** ADMITS the allegation referenced in paragraph 2 referenced above.

Wherefore, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual promises hereinafter set forth, and in lieu of any formal disciplinary proceedings, **THOMAS** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

1. **THOMAS'** license to practice social work is **REPRIMANDED**.
2. **THOMAS** will take, at his own expense, 8 hours of continuing education workshops focused on sexual harassment issues. These workshops must be pre-approved by the **BOARD** and will not count toward the thirty (30) continuing education hours needed for renewal of his social worker license. **THOMAS** will have until December 2001 to complete this requirement. **THOMAS** must send copies of his attendance certificates of these workshops to the Investigation Unit of the **BOARD**.

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**, **THOMAS** 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. **THOMAS** 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.

If, following notice and an evidentiary hearing, not an Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 hearing, **THOMAS** is found by the **BOARD** to have

violated any terms of this Consent Agreement, the **BOARD** may impose any penalty up to and including REVOCATION of **THOMAS'** independent social worker license based solely upon a violation of this Consent Agreement. **THOMAS** may not appeal this action.

THOMAS 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 2301.373(E), the **BOARD** may be required to provide **THOMAS'** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its July, 2000, meeting.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the last signature below:

THE OHIO COUNSELOR AND
SOCIAL WORKER BOARD



D. Jeffrey Thomas



Chester Partyka
Chair, Counselor and Social Worker Board

6-7-00

Date

July 21, 2000

Date

Counsel for Mr. Thomas



David V. Patton, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Counselor and Social Worker Board

Date

7-19-00

Date