

Consent Agreement
Between
Barbara Chenault
and the
Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board

This Consent Agreement is entered into by and between Barbara Chenault 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 hereunder.

Barbara Chenault 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.

Barbara Chenault 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.

The Consent Agreement is entered into on the basis of the following statement and understandings:

1. Barbara Chenault is a social worker 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 O.R.C. 4757.
2. In January 1994, Barbara Chenault entered into a personal relationship with Richard Wheelright. Barbara Chenault had been providing marital counseling to Richard Wheelright and his wife, Carolyn, which terminated in December 1993. Ms. Chenault's actions are in violation of O.R.C. 4757-21-01 and the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers I(A)(1) and I(D)(1)

Wherefore, in consideration of the foregoing agreement, and in lieu of any formal disciplinary proceedings, Barbara Chenault knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the Board to the following terms and conditions:

A. Barbara Chenault will attend two workshops which must be preapproved by the Board. One workshop will focus on boundary issues between the social worker and the client and the second workshop will focus on dual relationships/ethics. Both workshops must be completed by April 30, 1997, and Ms. Chenault agrees to provide proof of attendance at these workshops to the Board.

B. Barbara Chenault will be evaluated at her own expense at the Program For Professionals (PFP), Center for Marital and Sexual Health, Inc., 3 Commerce Park Square, Suite 350, Beachwood, Ohio 4412-5402, (216) 831-2900. Ms. Chenault will contact Candace Risen at PFP to schedule this evaluation. Once this evaluation is completed, PFP will present a written report which will be presented to Ms. Chenault and the Board. It should be noted that the report that is prepared by PFP will be considered a public record as that term is used in O.R.C. 149 et seq.

By her signature on this agreement, Barbara Chenault agrees 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. Barbara Chenault agrees that should the Board reject this Consent Agreement and if the case proceeds to a hearing, she will assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this consent agreement or any information relating thereto.

Barbara Chenault hereby releases the members of the Board, its officers and employees jointly and severally, from any and all liability arising from this matter.

The Board shall incorporate this Consent Agreement into a formal Journal at its November 1996 meeting.

This Consent Agreement shall take effect upon the last signature below:

The State of Ohio Counselor and
Social Worker Board

Barbara Chenault
Barbara Chenault

11/13/96
Date

Glenn Abraham
Glenn Abraham, Chair
Counselor and Social Worker Board

12-20-96
Date

[Signature]
Counsel for Barbara Chenault

11-14-96
Date

Elizabeth Y. Collis
Elizabeth Y. Collis
Assistant Attorney General
Counsel for the Counselor and Social
Worker Board

12/17/96
Date