

Consent Agreement between James R. Polzner and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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**CONSENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
JAMES R. POLZNER  
AND THE  
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND  
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between JAMES R. POLZNER, hereinafter, "POLZNER," 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.

POLZNER 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.

POLZNER 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, 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. POLZNER is an independent social worker (I-0004022) 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 as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. POLZNER received his social worker license on October 22, 1988.
2. POLZNER renewed his professional counselor license through October 22, 2010. In January 2009, POLZNER was audited for compliance with continuing education requirements. After several letters were sent to POLZNER, he was able to present proof that he had 31 of the required 30 hours of approved continuing education in order to have renewed his social work license. POLZNER'S original failure to successfully comply with the audit requirement constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01 (C)(21)(b).

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3. POLZNER admits the allegation 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, POLZNER knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the BOARD to the following terms and conditions:

POLZNER'S independent social work license (I-0004022) is  
Reprimanded.

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, POLZNER 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. POLZNER 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.

POLZNER 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 POLZNER'S social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its July 2009, meeting.

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

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Kenneth E. Thurston for  
Susan Norris Huss, Ph.D., PC  
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

July 14, 2009  
Date

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