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**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
RONALD D. KIRKPATRICK
AND THE**

**STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER AND MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between RONALD D. KIRKPATRICK, hereinafter, "KIRKPATRICK," and the STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER AND 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.

KIRKPATRICK 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.

KIRKPATRICK 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 stipulation, admission and understanding:

1. **KIRKPATRICK** is an independent social worker (I.0004103 SUPV) licensed 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. **KIRKPATRICK** received his independent social work license on February 11, 1989.
2. **KIRKPATRICK**, between April 2003 and July 2004, blurred his professional boundaries in a non-sexual manner by allowing an ex-client to intermittently reside in his home. This inappropriate conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(C)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4757-5-03(A)(3),(4) &(5)
3. **KIRKPATRICK 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, **KIRKPATRICK** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

1. The **BOARD** will allow **KIRKPATRICK** to permanently surrender his license. **KIRKPATRICK** will not be allowed to reapply for a social work license in the State of Ohio, nor will he be allowed to apply for a counseling or marriage and family therapist license in the State of Ohio. This surrender will take effect March 19, 2010.

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, **KIRKPATRICK** 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. **KIRKPATRICK** 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.

KIRKPATRICK 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 **KIRKPATRICK'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its March 19, 2010 meeting.

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

THE OHIO COUNSELOR,
SOCIAL WORKER AND MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD



RONALD D. KIRKPATRICK, LISW

02/23/2010
Date



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

3-19-10
Date



Leah V.B. O'Carroll, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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