

AHLEMAN WAS EMPLOYED BY HENRY COUNTY HOSPITAL, NAPOLEON, OH. AHLEMAN BLURRED HER PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES BY CREATING A MULTIPLE RELATIONSHIP WITH FORMER CLIENTS, BY EXCHANGING GIFTS, CARDS AND CORRESPONDENCE OF A PLATONIC NATURE. THIS INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF ORC 4757.36(A)(1) AND OAC 4757-5-03(A) AND 4757-5-03(4)(C). THE TERMS OF THE CONSENT AGREEMENT ARE COMPLETE AS OF 11/28/2011.

SHELLEY J. AHLEMAN and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
SHELLEY J. AHLEMAN
AND THE**

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

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between SHELLEY J. AHLEMAN, hereinafter, "AHLEMAN," 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.

AHLEMAN 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.

AHLEMAN 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.

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. AHLEMAN is an independent social worker (L0005323) 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. AHLEMAN received her social work license on October 16, 2007.
2. AHLEMAN was employed by Henry County Hospital, Napoleon, OH. AHLEMAN blurred her professional boundaries by creating a multiple relationship with former clients, by exchanging gifts, cards and correspondence of a platonic nature. This inappropriate conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-03(A) and 4757-5-03(4)(c)
3. AHLEMAN 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, AHLEMAN knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the BOARD to the following terms and conditions:

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1. AHLEMAN'S license to practice social work is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. AHLEMAN must complete 6 hours of continuing education in professional counseling and social work ethics with a focus on professional boundaries, in addition to the thirty (30) required for renewal. These 6 hours must be pre-approved by the BOARD'S Deputy Director or his designee. All costs associated with the continuing education are at the expense of AHLEMAN. AHLEMAN must submit proof of completion of the ethics continuing education to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office. Verification of completion is due in the Board office no later than March 31, 2009.
3. AHLEMAN will be on probation for a period of two (2) years, once she is employed. During the two year probationary period AHLEMAN must be supervised in all aspects of her practice of counseling and social work and receive face-to-face supervision one hour every two weeks. AHLEMAN'S supervisor must be pre-approved by the BOARD and should not have a prior relationship with AHLEMAN. If a previous relationship exists, AHLEMAN must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the request for supervisor approval. All cost associated with supervision will be at AHLEMAN'S expense. The request for supervisor approval must be made in writing, include a copy of the supervisor's vita and be submitted no later than two weeks after the signing of this consent agreement. Supervision should focus on, but not be limited to, ethical decision making and multiple relationships. Supervision should be considered training in nature and should not be limited to simply approving and denying case plans. AHLEMAN'S supervisor must submit quarterly reports to the BOARD for the entire two year period detailing topics discussed during supervision sessions, areas of concern, areas of improvement and make a recommendation with regards to AHLEMAN'S suitability to practice. However, if AHLEMAN'S supervisor is concerned with AHLEMAN'S practice at any time during the probationary period the BOARD should be notified immediately. It is AHLEMAN'S responsibility to ensure that the BOARD receives all supervisory reports.
4. AHLEMAN'S social worker supervision credential is suspended for a period of 2 years. Once AHLEMAN'S mandated supervision is completed, she may re-apply for the supervision credential.

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, AHLEMAN 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. AHLEMAN 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.

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

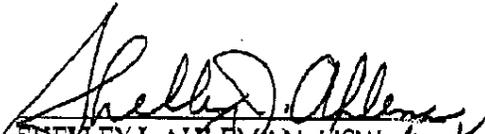
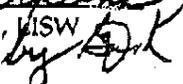
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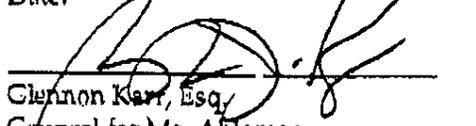
This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. Pursuant to 42 USC Section 132a-73(b), 5 USC Section 552a, 45 CFR part 61 and Ohio Revised Code Section 2301.373(E), the BOARD may be required to provide AHLEMAN'S social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

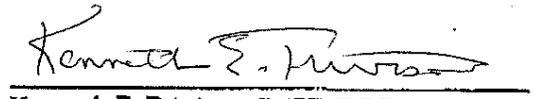
The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its November 21, 2008 meeting.

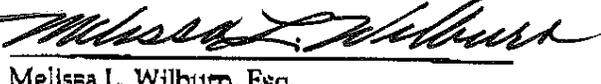
This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the last signature below:

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


SHELLEY J. AHLEMAN, LISW
by 
9/29/08
Date


Glennon Kerr, Esq.
Counsel for Ms. Ahleman
9/29/08
Date


Kenneth E. Trivison, IMFT, PCC
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and
Family Therapist Board
11/20/08
Date


Melissa L. Wilburn, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family
Therapist Board
11-21-2008
Date