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**CONSENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
ROBERT ELDRIDGE  
AND THE  
OHIO STATE COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD**

COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL  
WORKER BOARD

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into the and between ROBERT ELDRIDGE, hereinafter, "**ELDRIDGE**", 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.

**ELDRIDGE** 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.

**ELDRIDGE** 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 stipulations, admissions and understandings:

1. **ELDRIDGE** is an Independent Social Worker (I-5453) 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 R.C. Chapter 4757.
2. **ELDRIDGE** was Executive Director of Community Pathfinders, Inc. of London, Ohio. **ELDRIDGE'S** LISW license lapsed on September 18, 1995 and he continued to practice on this expired license through May 14, 1996.
3. During the period of time that **ELDRIDGE'S** license had lapsed, **ELDRIDGE** signed-off on or authorized approval by supervision or signature on individual client treatment records, and provided clinical supervision to staff.

4. **ELDRIDGE** practiced social work on an expired license in violation of O.R.C. 4757.36 (A)(1) and O.A.C 4757-7-02.
5. **ELDRIDGE** ADMITS the allegation referenced in paragraphs 2 and 3 referenced above.

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

- A. **ELDRIDGE** is hereby **REPRIMANDED** by the **BOARD**. Such **REPRIMAND** will be recorded in **ELDRIDGE'S** permanent licensure file with the **Board** for violating the Ohio Administrative and Ohio Revised Code sections referenced in paragraph 4 above.

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 **AGREEMENT**, **ELDRIDGE** 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. **ELDRIDGE** 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.

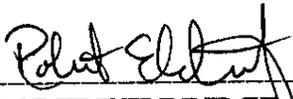
**ELDRIDGE** hereby releases the members of the **BOARD**, its officers and employees, jointly and severally, from any and all liability arising from the matter within.

This **CONSENT AGREEMENT** shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** into a formal journal entry at its July, 1997, meeting.

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

THE OHIO COUNSELOR AND  
SOCIAL WORKER BOARD

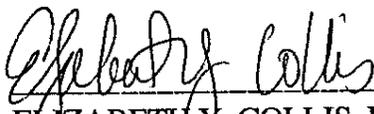
  
ROBERT ELDRIDGE

  
GLENN ABRAHAM  
Chair, Counselor and Social Worker Board

6/24/97  
DATE

July 18, 1997  
DATE

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Counsel for Robert Eldridge

  
ELIZABETH Y. COLLIS, ESQ.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Counselor and Social Worker Board

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7/18/97  
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