CONSENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN NINA P. BOOKER AND THE STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between NINA P. BOOKER, hereinafter, "**BOOKER,**" 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.

BOOKER 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.

BOOKER 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. Should **BOOKER** fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **BOOKER** knowingly waives her rights under ORC Chapter 119.

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. **BOOKER** is an independent social worker (I-5996) 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 Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. **BOOKER** received her independent social work license on January 20, 1995.

2. On December 18, 2003, **BOOKER** was convicted in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas of two counts of Tampering with Records, violations of Ohio Revised Code Section 2913.42, felonies of the third degree; and of two counts of Forgery, violations of Ohio Revised Code Section 2913.31, felonies of the fifth degree. A licensee of the **BOARD** who receives a felony conviction is in violation of Ohio

Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(5).

3. On June 23, 2004, the **BOARD** received a written statement from Judge Judith Kilbane Koch of the Cuyahoga Court of Common Pleas. Judge Kilbane Koch stated in her letter that Ms. Booker had pled guilty in her courtroom and was sentenced to one-year probation. Judge Kilbane Koch further stated, "While Ms. Booker did technically commit the crime, and admitted as such, she deserved only a minimal sentence. I felt that Ms. Booker did not hope to personally benefit from her actions, but, instead, intended to help support the children left in her care by attempting to access funds meant for their use. I feel that sentence of one (1) year of probation was appropriate for Ms. Booker, and that she should not be further punished by the revocation of her Social Worker license. I recommend that you allow Ms. Booker to continue as a licensed Social Worker."

4. **BOOKER ADMITS** to the statement 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, **BOOKER** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

1. **BOOKER'S** license to practice social work is hereby **REPRIMANDED**.

2. **BOOKER** must receive face-to face supervision, by an individual pre-approved by the **BOARD**, one-hour every week for a period of 2 years. **BOOKER** should not select a supervisor with which she has a prior relationship. If any previous relationship with the supervisor exists, **BOOKER** must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the request for supervisor approval. The 2-year supervision period will not begin until **BOOKER'S** supervisor is approved. Supervision should focus on, but is not limited to, **BOOKER'S** role in professional relationships, ethical decision-making, and proper record keeping. **BOOKER'S** supervisor is required to submit a report to the **BOARD**, quarterly, detailing topics discussed during supervision sessions, areas of concern, and areas for improvement. At the end of the 2-year supervised period, **BOOKER'S** supervisor will make a final report encompassing the 2 years of supervision. If **BOOKER'S** supervisor is concerned with **BOOKER'S** practice at any time the **BOARD** should be notified immediately. It is **BOOKER'S** responsibility to ensure that the **BOARD** receives the supervisor's reports. All costs associated with the supervision are at the expense of **BOOKER**.

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, **BOOKER** 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. **BOOKER** 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.

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

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its September 17, 2004, meeting.

This Consent Agreement will become effective on the date signed by the Chair of the Board.

Nina Booker LISW

Nina P. Booker, LISW

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Date

Rose Quinones Del Valle LPC

Chair, Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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