

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
NORMAJEAN HAMMER
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between NORMAJEAN HAMMER, hereinafter, "**HAMMER**," 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.

HAMMER 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.

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

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. **HAMMER** is an independent social worker (I-0009072) 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. **HAMMER** received her independent social work license on March 16, 2001.
2. In January 2006, while **HAMMER** was employed at First Correctional Medical, Inc., Conneaut, Ohio, she breached her professional social work boundaries by corresponding with a client in a personal manner. **HAMMER'S** actions constitute a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-

01(C)(1).

3. **HAMMER** self-reported this situation to the **BOARD**.
4. **HAMMER** 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 formal disciplinary proceedings, **HAMMER** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

1. **HAMMER'S** license to practice social work is hereby **suspended** for 3 months beginning March 18, 2006, and ending June 17, 2006.
2. **HAMMER** must take and pass a graduate level social work ethics course. The course must be taken for credit, part of a social work program from an accredited university, and pre-approved by the Board. Once **HAMMER** successfully completes this course, **HAMMER** must ensure official transcripts are sent directly from the university to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office. The transcript verifying completion is due in the Board office no later than December 31, 2007. The credit earned from the course may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with the course are at the expense of **HAMMER**.

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**, **HAMMER** 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. **HAMMER** 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.

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

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** into a formal journal entry at its March 17, 2006, meeting.

Consent Agreement between Normajeane Hammer and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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



Normajeane Hammer

3-6-06

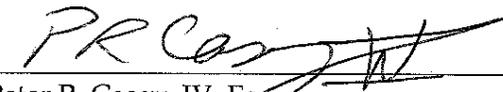
Date



Theresa Cluse-Tolar, Ph.D., LISW
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

3/17/06

Date



Peter R. Casey, IV, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

3-17-06

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2. **HAMMER** breached professional boundaries while employed at Erie Correctional Institute, Conneaut, Ohio, by entering into a personal relationship with a client. This constitutes violations of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-05-01 (C).

3. **HAMMER** admits the allegations referenced above.

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

1. **HAMMER'S** independent license to practice social work (I-0009072) is **SUSPENDED** for no less than four (4) years, beginning September 23, 2006.
2. **HAMMER** must take and pass a social work ethics course. The course must be taken for credit, from an accredited university, and pre-approved by the Board. Online coursework will not meet this requirement. Once **HAMMER** successfully completes this course, **HAMMER** must ensure verification of completion is sent to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board Office. The credit earned from the course may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. The renewal requirements must be met during the period of the license suspension. All costs associated with the course are at the expense of **HAMMER**.

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The **BOARD** shall incorporate this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** into a formal journal entry at its 7-21, 2006, meeting.

Consent Agreement between Norma Jean Hammer and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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

Norma Jean Hammer
Norma Jean Hammer, LISW

7-15-06
Date

Theresa Cluse-Tolar
Theresa Cluse-Tolar, Ph.D., LISW
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

7/21/06
Date

Peter R. Casey IV
Peter R. Casey IV, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

7/21/06
Date