

HURST DID NOT MAINTAIN ACCURATE RECORDS AND ALTERED DOCUMENTATION WHILE EMPLOYED AT AIDS RESOURCE CENTER (ARC) IN DAYTON, OHIO. DURING THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER 2005, BY FALSIFYING THE AGENCY DISBURSEMENT FORMS FOR KROGER VOUCHERS, HURST STOLE A TOTAL OF \$3650.00. HURST'S ACTIONS CONSTITUTE VIOLATIONS OF ORC 4757.36(A)(1) AND OAC 4757-5-01(I)(6). MS. HURST PAID RESTITUTION AND COMPLETED THE TERMS OF HER CONSENT AGREEMENT 04/17/2009

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
LINDA S. HURST
AND THE**

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

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between **LINDA S. HURST**, hereinafter, "**HURST**", 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.

HURST 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.

HURST 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 **HURST** fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **HURST** 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. **HURST** is a licensed independent social worker (I-0030379) 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. **HURST** received her independent social work license on July 21, 2006.
2. **HURST** did not maintain accurate records and altered documentation while employed at Aids Resource Center (ARC), in Dayton, Ohio. During the time period between September and December 2005, by falsifying the agency disbursement forms for Kroger vouchers, **HURST** stole a total of \$3,650.00. **HURST'S** actions constitute violations of ORC 4757.36 (A) (1) and OAC 4757-5-01(I) (6).

3. **HURST** 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, **HURST** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

1. **HURST'S** license to practice social work (I-0030379) is **REPRIMANDED**.
2. **HURST** must work under supervision for two (2) years with a minimum of one hour of face-to-face supervision per week or two hours of face-to-face supervision, two times per month, beginning on the date that the supervisor is approved. The supervisor must be pre-approved by the Board Deputy Director or his designee. The supervisor must submit quarterly reports regarding the supervision. Supervision should focus on, but not be limited to, areas of concern, areas for improvement, record keeping practices, and ethical decision making. Quarters consist of the following dates: Jan.-Mar, Apr.-Jun., Jul.-Sept., and Oct.-Dec. **In order to meet the requirements of this agreement the reports must be received for each quarter.** If **HURST'S** supervisor is concerned with **HURST'S** practice at any time the Board should be notified immediately. **HURST** is responsible for the submission of the reports to the Board. All cost associated with the supervision is the responsibility of **HURST**. Once **HURST** successfully completes this supervision, **HURST** must ensure verification of completion is sent to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office.
3. **HURST** must repay \$3,650.00 to Aids Resource Center (ARC). The total amount must be paid in full within two (2) years from the date this consent agreement is signed. **HURST** must ensure proof of repayment is sent to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office. **In order to meet the requirements of this agreement the proof must be received within the two year period.**
4. **HURST** must take an additional six (6) hours in social work ethics continuing education. All hours must be pre-approved by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. Once **HURST** successfully completes this continuing education, **HURST** must send verification directly to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office. The certificates verifying completion are due in the Board office no later than October 19, 2007. The credit earned from the workshops may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with the continuing education are at the expense of **HURST**.

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, HURST 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. HURST 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.

HURST 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 HURST'S social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its January 19, 2007, meeting.

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


Linda S. Hurst, LISW

1/9/07
Date


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

1/19/07
Date


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

1/19/07
Date