

**CONSENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
ELIZABETH E. JONES  
AND THE  
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND  
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between ELIZABETH E. JONES, hereinafter, "JONES," 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.

JONES 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.

JONES 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, based on the Board's investigation, 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. JONES is a licensed independent social worker (I1303051) 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. JONES received her social work license on July 30, 2013.
2. JONES renewed her social work license through July 30, 2017, and she was subsequently audited for compliance with continuing education requirements. JONES never successfully responded to the BOARD'S audit and her independent social work license was revoked on May 19, 2016. In July 2016 JONES contacted the BOARD and submitted proof that she had had her continuing hours done in a timely manner but had failed to respond to the BOARD'S requests due to other personal and professional reasons.
3. JONES admits the statements referenced in paragraph 2 above.

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

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The BOARD will vacate the revocation of JONES' independent social work license. JONES' license to practice as a social worker is Reprimanded.

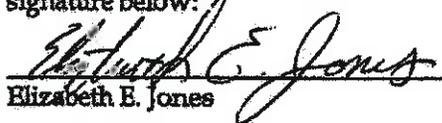
It is hereby agreed by and between both parties that this CONSENT AGREEMENT hereby settles all issues concerning this matter.

By her signature on this CONSENT AGREEMENT, JONES 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. JONES 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.

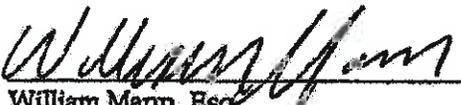
JONES hereby releases the members of the BOARD, its officers and employees, jointly and severally, from any and all liability arising from the matter within.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. All parties to this Consent Agreement understand that this information will be sent to the United States Department of Health and Human Services' National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), pursuant to Title IV of Public Law 99-660, the Healthcare Quality Improvement Act of 1986, as amended; Section 1921 of the Social Security Act; and Section 1128E of the Social Security Act, as amended by Section 221(a) of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its July 2016, meeting.

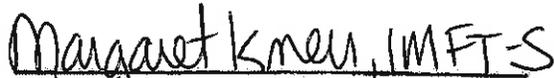
This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the Board Chair's signature below:

  
Elizabeth E. Jones

7/17/16  
Date

  
William Marr, Esq.  
Counsel for Ms. Jones

7-14-16  
Date

  
Margaret A. Knerr, IMFT-S  
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

7-21-16  
Date

  
Melissa L. Wilburn, Esq.  
Senior Assistant Attorney General

July 15, 2016  
Date



## ***Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board***

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### **ADJUDICATION ORDER in the Matter of:**

Elizabeth E. Jones  
8826 Hornsea Drive  
Powell, OH 43065

IN THE MATTER OF ELIZABETH E. JONES TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED  
INDEPENDENT SOCIAL WORKER IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF ELIZABETH E. JONES CAME BEFORE THE FOLLOWING  
MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL WORKER PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS  
COMMITTEE OF THE OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE  
AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD ON MAY 19, 2016: ANNA BOMAS, LISA  
HABERBUSCH, AND ERIN MICHEL.

### **FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY**

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued Elizabeth E. Jones by the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee on April 6, 2016.

Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 licensees are entitled to a hearing before the Board if such a hearing is requested within thirty days of the mailing of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. In this case, Ms. Jones failed to make a timely request for such a hearing, therefore pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board* (March 29, 1996) Franklin County Court of Appeals, 95 APE 10-1358 the case was presented to the Social Work Professional Standards Committee on May 19, 2016.

### **Summary of Evidence**

#### **State's Exhibits**

1. Affidavit prepared by William L. Hegarty, Deputy Director, State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.

2. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Jones dated April 6, 2016.
3. Audit information pertaining to Ms. Jones.

### **Conclusions of Law**

Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(C)(1) provides that the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board may take disciplinary action against a licensee who has committed a violation of any provision of the Board's law and rules. Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01(C)(20)(b) states that the Board may discipline a licensee who cannot present proof of thirty hours of approved continuing education when audited.

### **Discussion and Findings**

As required in the case of *Goldman v. State Medical Board* (March 29, 1996) Franklin County Court of Appeals 95APE10-1358, all cases where a Board issues a Notice for Opportunity for Hearing and the individual does not request a hearing, the Board still must review evidence presented to it and make specific findings of fact. In this case, Elizabeth E. Jones did not request a hearing after receipt of her Notice for Opportunity for Hearing.

The Social Worker Professional Standards Committee has reviewed the evidence prepared in this case. The Committee finds that Elizabeth E. Jones did not successfully comply with the audit requirement after renewing her independent social work license through July 30, 2017. Based on this, the Committee orders that Ms. Jones' license to practice as an independent social worker (I.1303051) is **Revoked**. As Ordered by the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.

It is hereby certified by this Board that the above language is incorporated into the Board's journal in this matter.

### **APPEAL RIGHTS**

Ohio Revised Code Section 119.12 may authorize an appeal from this Order. Such an appeal must be commenced by the filing of a Notice of Appeal with the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board and in the court of common pleas of the county in which the licensee is a resident. If the party appealing from the order is not a resident of any County, the party may appeal to the court of common pleas of Franklin County. The Notice of Appeal must set forth the order appealed from and state that the agency's order is not supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is not in accordance with the law. The Notice of Appeal may, but need not, set forth the specific grounds of the party's appeal beyond the statement that the agency's

order is not supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence and is not in accordance with law. Both Notices of Appeal must be received at the office of the Board and filed with the applicable court within fifteen (15) days after mailing of this notice of the agency's order, and in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119.12.

By Order of the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.



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Brian P. Carnahan  
Executive Director

May 19, 2016  
Date

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