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**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
PEGGY A. DODDS
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between PEGGY A. DODDS, hereinafter, "**DODDS**," 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.

DODDS 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.

DODDS 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, 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. **DODDS** is a social worker (S.0000282) 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. **DODDS** received her social work license on October 10, 1986.
2. In 2013, while employed at an adoption agency in Columbus, Ohio, **DODDS** falsified a Homestudy done on behalf of a client. **DODDS'** actions constitute a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(C)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-09(B).
3. **DODDS** 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 formal disciplinary proceedings, **DODDS** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

1. The **BOARD** will allow **DODDS** to surrender her social work license

in lieu of other potential disciplinary action. This surrender is permanent and precludes **DODDS** from applying for a social work, counselor, or marriage and family therapist license in the State of Ohio in the future.

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

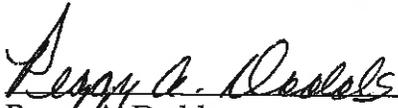
By her signature on this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, **DODDS** acknowledges that in the event the **BOARD**, in its discretion, does not approve this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, this settlement offer is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action or appeal by either party. **DODDS** 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.

DODDS 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 Section 3123.41 et seq. the **BOARD** may be required to provide **DODDS'** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** into a formal journal entry at its September 2013, meeting.

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



Peggy A. Dodds



Mary J. Venrick, LSW, LPC
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and
Family Therapist Board

9/19/2013

Date

9-19-13

Date

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DODDS 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 DODDS fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, DODDS knowingly waives her rights under ORC Chapter 119 with respect to the claims in this agreement.

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2. On or about May 2006 through January 2007, DODDS, engaged in the practice of social work as an independent practitioner by being self-employed as One Family Adoptions, St. Mary's Ohio. DODDS also conducted a home study as an adoption assessor without the appropriate supervision or requirements to be under contract with or employed by a court, a private non custodial agency, or private child placing agency when conducting the study. DODDS agency did not have the state licensure required through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for the agency to be approved to participate in the placement of children for adoption. This inappropriate conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Sections 4757.26(C) and

4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(B)(1) (b) and 4757-11-01(C)(10)

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

1. **DODDS** license to practice social work is hereby **REPRIMANDED**.
2. **DODDS** is required to complete six (6) hours of continuing education in professional social work ethics, in addition to the thirty (30) required for renewal. These 6 hours must be pre-approved by the **BOARD'S** Deputy Director or his designee. All costs associated with the continuing education are at the expense of **DODDS**. **DODDS** must submit proof of completion of the ethics continuing education to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office. Verification of completion is due in the Board office no later than July 20, 2008.
3. **DODDS** will be on probation for a period of one (1) year, upon employment or at her current place of employment. During the one year probationary period **DODDS** must be supervised in all aspects of her practice of social work and receive face-to-face supervision one hour every two weeks. **DODDS** supervisor must be pre-approved by the **BOARD**. All cost associated with supervision will be at **DODDS** expense. Experience obtained while under a consent agreement with the **BOARD** shall not count towards the experience requirement for licensure at the independent level. The request for supervisor approval must be made in writing, include a copy of the supervisor's vita and be submitted no later than two weeks after the signing of this consent agreement or once she returns to social work practice. Supervision should focus on, but not be limited to, ethical decision making and standard of care. Supervision should be considered training in nature and should not be limited to simply approving and denying case plans. **DODDS** supervisor must submit quarterly reports to the **BOARD** for the one year period detailing topics discussed during supervision sessions, areas of concern, and areas of improvement and make a recommendation with regards to **DODDS** suitability to practice. However, if **DODDS** supervisor is concerned with **DODDS** practice at any time during the probationary period the **BOARD** should be notified immediately. It is **DODDS** responsibility to ensure that the **BOARD** receives all supervisory reports.

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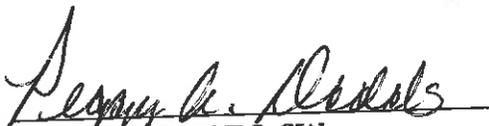
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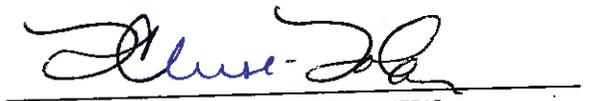
The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its July 20, 2007 meeting.

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

THE OHIO COUNSELOR,
SOCIAL WORKER AND MARRIAGE AND
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PEGGY A. DODDS, SW

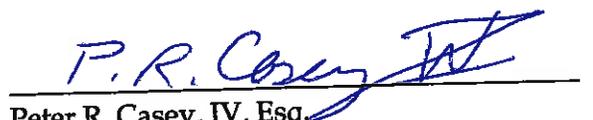
5/30/07
Date


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

7/20/07
Date


Jerry M. Johnson, Esq.
Counsel for Ms. Dodds

5/31/07
Date


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

7/20/07
Date