

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
ALYSON POIRIER
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between ALYSON POIRIER, hereinafter, "**POIRIER**", and the STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD, hereinafter "**BOARD**", the state agency charged with enforcing Chapter 4757 of the Ohio Revised Code and all rules promulgated thereunder.

POIRIER 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.

POIRIER 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. **POIRIER** is a social worker (S-12128) 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. **POIRIER** received her social work license on March 16, 1991.

2. **POIRIER** was employed at Central Ohio Area Agency On Aging, Columbus, Ohio, from July 21, 1997, through March 19, 2002. From on or about September 18, 2001, through on or about March 12, 2002, **POIRIER** falsified the records of a client by creating notes that indicated the client was continuing to receive "personal care assistant" services that had actually been stopped January 9, 2001. **POIRIER'S** conduct is a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(I)(1)
3. **POIRIER** was employed at Central Ohio Area Agency On Aging, Columbus, Ohio, from July 21, 1997, through March 19, 2002. From on or about October 23, 2001, and also on or about January 31, 2002, **POIRIER** falsified the records of a client by creating notes that implied that **POIRIER** had seen the client two (2) times. The client had died March 13, 2001. **POIRIER'S** conduct is a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(I)(1)
4. **POIRIER** was employed at Central Ohio Area Agency On Aging, Columbus, Ohio, from July 21, 1997, through March 19, 2002. From on or about February 29, 2000, through February 27, 2002, **POIRIER** falsified the records of a client by creating notes that implied that **POIRIER** had seen the client two (2) times with her daughter present. The daughter had not been present during the home visits, nor had **POIRIER** seen or called to inquire about the client at anytime during 2002. **POIRIER'S** conduct is a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(I)(1)
5. **POIRIER** admits the statements referenced in paragraphs 1 through 4 referenced above.

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

1. **POIRIER'S** social work license (S-12128) is SUSPENDED for one (1) year from the date of this Consent Agreement.
2. **POIRIER** is required to complete and pass a college or university course in social work ethics. The course must be pre-approved by the board. **POIRIER** must contact the Board's Investigative unit to seek pre-approval. The course must be completed by January 2005.
3. **POIRIER** must disclose this consent agreement to any future employer that intends to hire **POIRIER** to practice social work

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, **POIRIER** 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. **POIRIER** 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.

If, following notice and an evidentiary hearing, not an Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 hearing, **POIRIER** is found by the **BOARD** to have violated any terms of this Consent Agreement, the **BOARD** may impose any penalty up to and including REVOCATION of **POIRIER'S** social work license base solely upon a violation of the Consent Agreement. **POIRIER** may not appeal this action.

POIRIER 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 2301.373(E), the **BOARD** may be required to provide **POIRIER'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its January, 2003, meeting.

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

THE OHIO COUNSELOR AND
SOCIAL WORKER BOARD

Alyson Poirier
ALYSON POIRIER

12/26/02
Date

Frank L. O'Dell
Chair, Counselor and Social Worker Board

1-17-03
Date
Barbara J. Petrella
Barbara Petrella, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Counselor and Social Worker Board

1-17-03
Date