



**STATE OF OHIO  
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**CONSENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
MEGAN HEATH  
AND THE  
OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between MEGAN HEATH hereinafter ("**HEATH**") and the OHIO STATE 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.

**HEATH** 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.

**HEATH** 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 STATEMENT AND UNDERSTANDINGS:

1. **HEATH** was licensed as a social worker with the State of Ohio on or about November 16, 1991. As a social worker, **HEATH** is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in R.C. 4757;

2. On or about August 1992, while working as a social worker at Athens County Visiting Nurses Association, **HEATH** stole several Vicodin tabs (a Schedule III narcotic) and several Darvocet tabs (a Schedule IV narcotic) on three separate occasions when she visited a client's home;
3. When confronted by her employer on or about August 27, 1992, regarding the stolen medication, **HEATH** admitted to taking the medications from the client's home on two or three occasions.
4. On a telephone conversation held with **HEATH**'s employer on or about August 28, 1992, **HEATH** admitted to having a drug problem and stated that she would attend AA meetings nightly until her counselor arrived back from vacation on or about September 1, 1992.
5. On or about September 17, 1992, **HEATH** terminated her employment with Athens County Visiting Nurses Association. **HEATH** listed on her termination letter that she was leaving her employment to move to Salt Lake City, Utah with her family. On her exit interview with her employer, **HEATH** stated that she was leaving her employment to move out of the area with her family and to be in a ". . . working situation which is free of drugs."
6. On or about November 16, 1993 **HEATH**'s license to practice social work (license #S13259) expired.

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

- A. If at any time in the future that **HEATH** wants to renew or reapply for licensure with the **BOARD**, **HEATH** will complete the following:
  - i. submit an application to the **BOARD** to have her license reinstated;
  - ii. pay the appropriate application fee;

- iii. complete forty-five (45) hours of continuing education;
  - iv. submit to an evaluation by a mental health professional approved by the **BOARD** and **HEATH** to determine whether **HEATH** has control over her chemical dependency problem;
- B. Once **HEATH** has completed the provisions of paragraph A above, if the **BOARD** agrees to relicense **HEATH**, but **HEATH**'s license to practice social work will be placed on probation for two years. During that two year probation period the **BOARD** may require **HEATH** to take random drug tests within twenty-four (24) hours of being contacted by the **BOARD**. Failure to complete a drug test within twenty-four(24) hours or testing positive for any controlled substance, without a prescription from a medical professional licensed to prescribe such a medication will result in the automatic **REVOCATION** of **HEATH**'S license to practice social work.

By her signature on this **AGREEMENT**, **HEATH** agrees 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. **HEATH** agrees that should the **BOARD** reject this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** and if this case proceeds to hearing, he will assert no claim that the **BOARD** was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** or of any information relating thereto.

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

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** into a formal Journal Entry at its January ~~1998~~ 1997 meeting.

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

THE OHIO STATE COUNSELOR AND  
SOCIAL WORKER BOARD

Megan Heath  
MEGAN HEATH

Glenn Abraham  
GLENN ABRAHAM  
Chair, Counselor and Social Worker Board

11/30/96  
DATE

1-17-97  
DATE

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Counsel for Megan Heath

Elizabeth Y. Collis  
ELIZABETH Y. COLLIS  
Assistant Attorney General  
Counsel for Counselor and Social  
Worker Board

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