

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
EDWARD D. ALLEN
AND THE
OHIO STATE COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into the and between EDWARD D. ALLEN, hereinafter, "**ALLEN**", 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.

ALLEN hereby acknowledges that he 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.

ALLEN is fully aware of his rights, including his right to be advised by counsel and his 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. **ALLEN** is a Licensed Social Worker (S-19774) 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.
2. In early to mid-1997, **ALLEN** had been working with a client at his place of business, Veterans Crisis and Outreach Center, in Newark, Ohio. During the course of treatment, the client expressed a desire to become intimate with **ALLEN**. **ALLEN** did not reciprocate this desire and began the process of terminating treatment with the client. In late summer 1997, after the client and **ALLEN** had terminated their professional relationship, they began to see each other on a personal basis. **ALLEN** and the ex-client were married on April 25, 1998.

3. **ALLEN'S** conduct violates Ohio Revised Code Sections 4757.11 and 4757.36(A)(10) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(D)(3).
4. **ALLEN ADMITS** the allegation referenced in paragraph 2 referenced above.

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

- A. **ALLEN'S** license to practice social work (S-19774) is suspended for three (3) months.

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

By his signature on this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, **ALLEN** 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. **ALLEN** 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.

ALLEN 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.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its March, 2000, meeting.

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

THE OHIO COUNSELOR AND
SOCIAL WORKER BOARD



Edward D. Allen



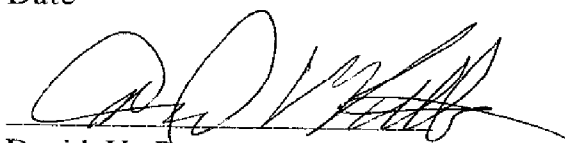
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Chair, Counselor and Social Worker Board

January 31, 2000
Date

Counsel for Mr. Allen

Date

3-17-00
Date



David V. Patton, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Counselor and Social Worker Board

3/17/00
Date