

WHILE EMPLOYED AT AN AGENCY IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, MS. WHITE VIOLATED HER PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES, BETWEEN JANUARY 2009 AND APRIL 2009, BY TAKING TICKETS FOR HER OWN USE, TO A CLEVELAND AREA SPORTS TEAM VALUED AT \$400.00, THAT WERE DONATED TO THE AGENCY. THIS ACTION CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF ORC 4757.36 (A)(1) AND OAC4757-5-02 (B). Ms. White completed the terms of the consent agreement as of 5/3/2010

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**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
VALERIE WHITE
AND THE**

**STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between **VALERIE WHITE**, hereinafter, "**WHITE**" 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.

WHITE 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.

WHITE 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 **WHITE** fail to comply with any provisions of this consent agreement, the Board, in its discretion, may initiate further disciplinary action pursuant to OAC 4757-11-01C(21).

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 and, understandings:

1. **WHITE** is a social worker (S-0022842) 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. **WHITE** received her social worker license on May 17, 2006.
2. While employed at an agency in Cleveland, Ohio, **WHITE** violated her professional boundaries, between January 2009 and April 2009, by taking tickets for her own use, to a Cleveland area sports team valued at \$400.00, that were donated to the agency. This action constitutes a violation of O.R.C. 4757.36 (A)(1) and O.A.C. 4757-5-02 (B).
3. **WHITE** admits the allegation referenced in paragraph 2.

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

WHITE must take an additional six (6) hours in social worker ethics continuing education. All hours must be pre-approved by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. Once **WHITE** successfully completes this continuing education, **WHITE** must send verification directly to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office. The certificates verifying completion are due in the Board office no later than April 18, 2010. The credit earned from the workshops may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with the continuing education are at the expense of **WHITE**.

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, **WHITE** 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. **WHITE** 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.

WHITE 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 3123.41 et seq., the **BOARD** may be required to provide **WHITE'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its September, 2009, meeting.

Consent Agreement between Valerie White and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family
Therapist Board

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

Valerie White, LSW
Valerie White, LSW

September 14, 2009
Date

Susan Norris Huss, PhD., PC
Susan Norris Huss, PhD., PC
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and
Family Therapist Board

9-18-09
Date

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Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

Leah V. B. O'Carroll, Esq. 9/18/09
Date