

Ms. Robinson Phillips completed the terms of the consent agreement as of 12/31/2004

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
PAMALA ROBINSON-PHILLIPS
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between PAMALA ROBINSON-PHILLIPS, hereinafter, "**PHILLIPS**", 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 thereunder.

PHILLIPS 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.

PHILLIPS 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 **PHILLIPS** fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **PHILLIPS** knowingly waives her rights under ORC Chapter 119.

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. **PHILLIPS** is a social worker (S-23608) 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. **PHILLIPS** received her social work license on November 15, 1996.
2. In the summer of 2003, while **PHILLIPS** was employed at Beech Brook, Cleveland, Ohio, she signed the signature of one of her client's parents without the parent's permission. Inaccurate records constitute a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(I)(1).
3. In the summer of 2003, while **PHILLIPS** was employed at Beech Brook, Cleveland, Ohio, she blurred her professional boundaries by taking her son and a client to Kent State University and to local neighborhood baseball games. Failing to maintain proper

professional boundaries constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(C)(1).

4. **PHILLIPS ADMITS** the allegations referenced in paragraphs 2-3 above.

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

1. **PHILLIPS'S** license to practice social work is hereby **REPRIMANDED**.
2. **PHILLIPS** must take an additional 8 hours of continuing education, at her expense, in the areas of social work ethics or proper record keeping. These 8 hours are in addition to the 30 hours of continuing education required to renew her social work license. These 8 hours will not count toward the 30 hours needed for license renewal. These 8 hours must be pre-approved in writing by the **BOARD'S** Deputy Director or his designee. **PHILLIPS** must obtain pre-approval for these 8 additional hours by submitting information concerning these workshops in advance of registering for these programs.
3. **PHILLIPS'S** license to practice social work (S-23608) is suspended for 4 months beginning April 1, 2004, through July 31, 2004.

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**, **PHILLIPS** 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. **PHILLIPS** 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, **PHILLIPS** 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 **PHILLIPS'S** social work license based solely upon a violation of this Consent Agreement. **PHILLIPS** may not appeal this action.

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

Consent Agreement between Pamala Robinson-Phillips and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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 PHILLIPS' social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its March 19, 2004, meeting.

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

Pamala Phillips
Pamala Robinson-Phillips, LSW

3/11/04
Date

Counsel for Ms. Robinson-Phillips

Date

for Dan J. Abraham, L.I.S.W.
Michael Davis, PCC
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

3-19-04
Date

Barbara J. Petrella
Barbara Petrella, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

3-19-04
Date