

**CONSENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
MIMI KOONTZ  
AND THE  
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between MIMI KOONTZ, hereinafter, "KOONTZ", 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.

KOONTZ 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.

KOONTZ 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. KOONTZ is a social worker (S-25677) 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. KOONTZ received her social work license on September 25, 1998.

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2. On January 12, 2002, **KOONTZ**, while performing her professional duties at Middletown Regional Hospital, Middletown, Ohio, acted outside the scope of practice of a social worker by writing a verbal order on a patient's chart for a starter dose of an already prescribed medication before obtaining physician approval. **KOONTZ'S** actions constitute a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01(C)(9).
3. **KOONTZ** admits the statements referenced in paragraphs 1 through 2 referenced above.

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

**KOONTZ'S** license to practice social work is **SUSPENDED** for two (2) weeks. This suspension will run from March 24, 2002, through April 6, 2002.

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**, **KOONTZ** 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. **KOONTZ** 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.

Should **KOONTZ** fail to comply with any provisions of this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, **KOONTZ** knowingly waives her rights under **ORC** Chapter 119. Following notice and an evidentiary hearing, not an

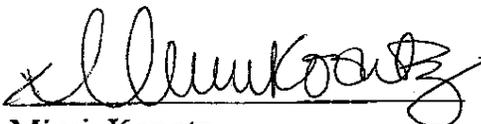
Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 hearing, if **KOONTZ** is found by the **BOARD** to have violated any terms of this Consent Agreement, the **BOARD** may impose any penalty up to and including **REVOCATION** of **KOONTZ'S** social work license based solely upon a violation of this Consent Agreement. **KOONTZ**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

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

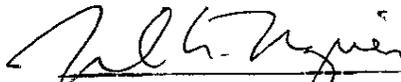
This **CONSENT AGREEMENT** shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. Pursuant to 42 USC Section 132a-73(b), 5 USC Section 552a, 45 CFR part 61 and Ohio Revised Code Section 2301.373(E), the **BOARD** may be required to provide **KOONTZ'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** into a formal journal entry at its March 22, 2002, meeting.

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

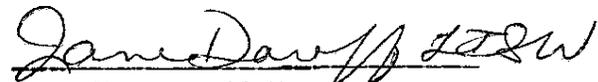
  
Mimi Koontz

3/5/02  
Date

  
Mark Napier, Esq.  
Counsel for Ms. Koontz

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Date

THE OHIO COUNSELOR AND  
SOCIAL WORKER BOARD

  
Jane Daroff, ISW  
Chair, Counselor and Social Worker Board

3/22/02  
Date

  
Barbara Petrella, Esq.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Counselor and Social Worker Board

3-22-02  
Date