Consent Agreement between William C. Arnett and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

## CONSENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WILLIAM C. ARNETT AND THE STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between WILLIAM C. ARNETT, hereinafter, "ARNETT", 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.

ARNETT 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.

ARNETT 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. Should ARNETT fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, ARNETT knowingly waives his 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:

- ARNETT is a social worker (S-27168) 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. ARNETT received his social work license on January 21, 2000.
- 2. ARNETT provided an inaccurate record to Berea Children's Home and Family Services, Cleveland, Ohio, in July 2004. Case summaries submitted to the agency for home visits to approximately 3 clients claimed 2-3 hours, however the home visits were less than one hour. Maintaining inaccurate records constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(I)(1).
- 3. ARNETT ADMITS the allegations referenced in paragraph 2 above.

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

- ARNETT'S license to practice social work is hereby REPRIMANDED.
- 2. ARNETT must take and pass a social work ethics course. The course must be taken for credit, from an accredited university, and preapproved by the Board. Once ARNETT successfully completes this course, ARNETT must ensure official transcripts are sent directly from the university to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office. The transcript verifying completion is due in the Board office no later than January 31, 2006. The credit earned from the course may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with the course are at the expense of ARNETT.

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, ARNETT 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. ARNETT 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.

ARNETT 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 ARNETT'S social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its farmery, 2005, meeting.

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

William C. Arnett, SW  2612/55  Date	Rose Quirones-DelValle, PCC Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board  3-18-05  Date
Counsel for Mr. Arnett	Juliane Barone, Esq. Assistant Attorney General Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board 3-18-05
Date	Date