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CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
ROBERT L. STEELE
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between ROBERT L. STEELE, hereinafter, "**STEELE**", 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.

STEELE 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.

STEELE 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 **STEELE** fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **STEELE** 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:

1. **STEELE** is a social worker (S-28484) 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. **STEELE** received his social work license on March 16, 2001.

2. From on or about April 5, 2000, to on or about March 5, 2001, **STEELE** used the initials "LSW" to signify that he was a licensed social worker. Since **STEELE** did not receive his LSW until March 16, 2001, he misrepresented his professional credentials. **STEELE'S** conduct is a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.02(B)(2)
3. **STEELE** admits the statements referenced in paragraphs 1 through 2 referenced above.

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

1. **STEELE** is hereby **REPRIMANDED** by the **BOARD**. Such Reprimand will be recorded in **STEELE'S** permanent licensure file with the **BOARD** for violating the Ohio Revised Code Section referenced in paragraph 2 above.
2. **STEELE** will take an additional six (6) hours of continued education in the hours of social work ethics. These six hours must be pre-approved by the **BOARD** and will not count toward the thirty (30) hours necessary to renew **STEELE'S** social work license. **STEELE** will contact the Investigation Unit of the **BOARD** to obtain pre-approval of these six hours.

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**, **STEELE** 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. **STEELE** 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.

If, following notice and an evidentiary hearing, not an Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 hearing, **STEELE** 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 **STEELE'S** social worker license based solely upon a violation of this Consent Agreement. **STEELE** may not appeal this action.

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

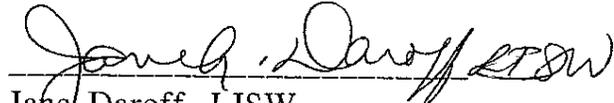
This **CONSENT AGREEMENT** shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. Pursuant to 42 USC Section 132a-73(b), 5 USC Section 552a, 45 CFR part 61 and Ohio Revised Code Section 2301.373(E), the **BOARD** may be required to provide **STEELE'S** social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

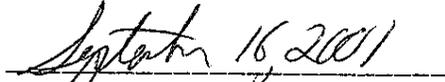
The **BOARD** shall incorporate this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** into a formal journal entry at its September, 2001, meeting.

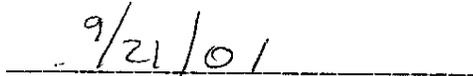
This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the last signature below:

THE OHIO COUNSELOR AND
SOCIAL WORKER BOARD


Robert L. Steele


Jane Daroff, LISW
Chair, Counselor and Social Worker Board


Date


Date

Counsel for Mr. Steele


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

Date


Date