

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
JOHN A. KEISTER
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between JOHN A. KEISTER, hereinafter, "KEISTER," 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.

KEISTER 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.

KEISTER 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.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT contains the entire agreement between the parties, based on the Board's investigation, 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. KEISTER is a social worker (S.0028568) 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. KEISTER received his social work license on May 18, 2001.
2. KEISTER renewed his social work license through May 18, 2015. In June 2013, KEISTER was audited for compliance with continuing education requirements. KEISTER was unable to provide proof of the 30 hours needed to have renewed his license. KEISTER'S failure to comply with the audit requirement constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(C) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01 (C)(2)(b).
3. KEISTER admits the allegation referenced in paragraph 2 above.

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

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KEISTER'S license to practice social work (S.0028568) in Ohio is indefinitely suspended. Once KEISTER obtains 30 hours of appropriate social work continuing education, he must submit the attendance certificates to the Board's Deputy Director for review. The BOARD will lift the licensure suspension once these hours have been reviewed and approved. These 30 hours may not be used for any future renewal.

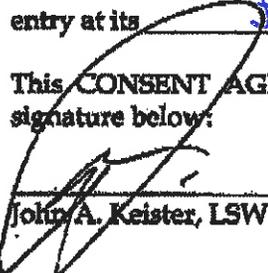
It is hereby agreed by and between both parties that this CONSENT AGREEMENT hereby settles all issues concerning this matter.

By his signature on this CONSENT AGREEMENT, KEISTER 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. KEISTER 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.

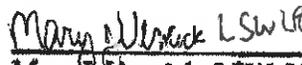
KEISTER hereby releases the members of the BOARD, its officers and employees, jointly and severally, from any and all liability arising from the matter within.

This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. All parties to this Consent Agreement understand that this information will be sent to the United States Department of Health and Human Services' National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), pursuant to Title IV of Public Law 99-660, the Healthcare Quality Improvement Act of 1986, as amended; Section 1921 of the Social Security Act; and Section 1128E of the Social Security Act, as amended by Section 221(a) of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its Jan 2014, meeting.

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



John A. Keister, LSW



Mary J. Verrick, LSW, LPC
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

12-11-13

Date

1-16-14

Date