

Ms. Beard completed the terms of the consent agreement as of 12/28/2005.

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**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
SHERI LYN BEARD
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between SHERI LYN BEARD, hereinafter, "**BEARD**", 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.

BEARD 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.

BEARD 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 **BEARD** fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **BEARD** 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. **BEARD** applied for licensure as a licensed social worker with the **BOARD** on September 20, 2002.
2. During the course of the **BOARD'S** licensure application review process, the **BOARD** determined that **BEARD** was practicing social work without a license at Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy, Ohio, from September 2000 until December 2002.
3. **BEARD ADMITS** the allegations referenced in paragraph 2 above.

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

1. The **BOARD** will license **BEARD** as a licensed social worker at its March 19, 2004, meeting.
2. As part of her regular requirements to maintain her license as a social worker, **BEARD** must renew her license every two years and have thirty (30) hours of continuing education of which three (3) must be in the area of social work ethics. **BEARD** is required to take an additional three (3) hours of continuing education in the area of social work ethics in her first renewal period. All thirty-three hours must have pre-approval from the **BOARD**. **BEARD** must present certifications of attendance showing completion of all thirty-three hours by March 15, 2006. Once all required hours have been completed, **BEARD** will forward copies of her attendance certificates to the **BOARD'S** Deputy Director.

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

BEARD 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 3123.41 et seq the **BOARD** may be required to provide **BEARD'S** 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:

Sheri L. Beard
Sheri Lyn Beard

2/10/04
Date

Counsel for Ms. Beard

Date

Paul J. Almbaum, C.I.S.W.
for Michael Davis, PCC
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

3-19-04
Date

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