

ON NOVEMBER 28, 2008, MS. DOTSON SENT A LETTER TO A MENTAL HEALTH AGENCY IN CANTON, OHIO WHERE SHE STATED "I AM A LSW..." SHE ALSO USED THE LSW IN HER SIGNATURE. SHE INCLUDED A RESUME WITH HER LETTER WHICH STATED SHE WAS AN LSW. MS. DOTSON WAS NOT LICENSED AS AN LSW AT THE TIME THE LETTER AND RESUME WERE SENT TO THE AGENCY. MS. DOTSON COMPLETED THE TERMS OF HER CONSENT AGREEMENT AS OF 06/24/2009.

Dotson and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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**CONSENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
LENORA DOTSON  
AND THE**

**STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND  
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between LENORA DOTSON, hereinafter, "**DOTSON**," 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.

**DOTSON** 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.

**DOTSON** 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. **DOTSON** is a social worker (S-0900521) 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. **DOTSON** received her social work license on **January 12, 2009**.
2. On November 28, 2008, **DOTSON** sent a letter to a mental health agency in Canton, Ohio where she stated "I am a LSW..." She also used the LSW in her signature. She included a resume with her letter which stated she was an LSW. **DOTSON** was not licensed as an LSW at the time the letter and resume were sent to the agency.
3. **DOTSON** 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, **DOTSON** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

1. **DOTSON'S** license to practice social work is hereby **REPRIMANDED**.
2. **DOTSON** must take six (6) hours of continuing social work education in the area of professional ethics. These hours must be pre-approved in writing by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. After **DOTSON** completes these hours, she must submit a copy of her attendance certificate(s) to verify her attendance for these hours. These hours must be completed and verification submitted no later than August 31, 2009. The credit earned from these hours may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with the continuing education are at the expense of **DOTSON**.

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

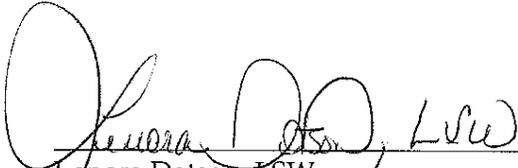
By her signature on this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, **DOTSON** acknowledges that in the event the **BOARD**, in its discretion, does not approve this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, this settlement offer is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action or appeal by either party. **DOTSON** 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.

**DOTSON** 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 **DOTSON'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** into a formal journal entry at its March, 2009, meeting.

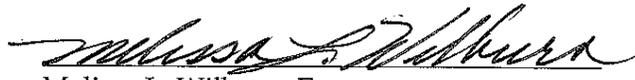
This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the Board Chair's signature below:

  
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Lenora Dotson, LSW

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Date

  
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Kenneth E. Trivison, PCC, IMFT  
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

3/19/09  
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Date

  
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Melissa L. Wilburn, Esq.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

3-19-09  
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Date