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

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between JENNIFER A. KLINE, hereinafter, "KLINE," and the STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER AND 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.

KLINE 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.

KLINE 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 stipulation, admission and understanding:

1. KLINE is a licensed social worker (S.1302197) licensed 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. KLINE received her social work license on February 27, 2013.
2. KLINE while employed with a mental health and recovery center in Cleveland, OH, from approximately October 23, 2013 through November 21, 2014. KLINE failed to maintain appropriate boundaries by entering into a sexual relationship with an ex-client within 5 years after terminating the therapeutic relationship. This inappropriate conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(C) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-04 (C).
3. KLINE ADMITS the allegation referenced in paragraphs 2 above.

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

1. **KLINE'S** license to practice social work is hereby suspended for three (3) years beginning July 17, 2015 through July 17, 2018. It is **KLINE'S** responsibility to renew her license when appropriate if she intends to return to practice.

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**, **KLINE** 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. **KLINE** 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. Should the licensee fail to comply with any provisions of this consent agreement, the Board in its discretion, may initiate further disciplinary action pursuant to OAC 4757-11-01C (21).

KLINE 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 9NPDB0, 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 July 17, 2015 meeting.

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

THE OHIO COUNSELOR,
SOCIAL WORKER AND MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD



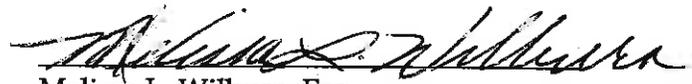
Jennifer A. Kline, LSW

5/27/15
Date



Chair, Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

7-17-15
Date



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

July 14, 2015
Date