

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MICHELE L. CROSTON
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

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This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between MICHELE L. CROSTON, hereinafter, "CROSTON," 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.

CROSTON 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.

CROSTON 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, 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. CROSTON is a social work assistant (W.0600062) registered to practice case management in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. CROSTON received her social work assistant registration on July 21, 2006.
2. CROSTON renewed her social work assistant registration through July 21, 2014. In August 2012, CROSTON was audited for compliance with continuing education requirements. On April 20, 2013, CROSTON spoke to a Board representative and she would like to surrender her license as opposed to completing the audit requirements. CROSTON'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)(20)(b).
3. CROSTON 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, **CROSTON** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

The **BOARD** will allow **CROSTON** to surrender her social work assistant registration in lieu of other potential disciplinary action.

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**, **CROSTON** 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. **CROSTON** 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.

CROSTON 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 3123.41 et seq., the **BOARD** may be required to provide **CROSTON'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies. The **BOARD** shall incorporate this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** into a formal journal entry at its May 2013, meeting.

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

Michele L. Croston, SWA
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Mary J. Venrick, LSW, LPC
Mary J. Venrick, LSW, LPC
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

5-9-13
Date

5-16-13
Date