

Ms. Piwtorak has completed the terms of her consent agreement as of 3/25/16

CONSENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
IRENE PIWTORAK  
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 IRENE PIWTORAK, hereinafter, "PIWTORAK," 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.

PIWTORAK 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.

PIWTORAK 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. PIWTORAK is a licensed professional counselor (C.0500440) licensed to practice counseling in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of counseling as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. PIWTORAK received her professional counselor license on March 17, 2006.
2. On or about July 2, 2015, while employed as a professional counselor at an agency in Youngstown, Ohio PIWTORAK failed to take reasonable steps to ensure documentation in records was accurate and reflected the services provided by reporting she conducted a group for 90 minutes when the group did not last that long. Inaccurate records constitute a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(C)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-09(B).
3. PIWTORAK admits the statements referenced in paragraph 2 above.

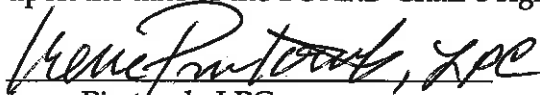
Wherefore, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual promises hereinafter set forth, and in lieu of any other formal disciplinary proceedings, PIWTORAK knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the BOARD to the following terms and conditions:

1. **PIWTORAK'S** license to practice counseling is hereby **REPRIMANDED**.
2. **PIWTORAK** must take, at her expense, the on-line continuing education course entitled "Ethical Documentation in Clinical Practice" offered by Heisel and Associates, [www.heiselandassoc.com/home-studies](http://www.heiselandassoc.com/home-studies) **PIWTORAK** will have until March 30, 2016, to complete this requirement. The hours earned from this training may not be used to renew her LPC in the future. Upon completion of this requirement, **PIWTORAK** will provide the Board with a certificate of completion. **PIWTORAK** may take a different course of a similar nature in lieu of this stated course but this would have to be pre-approved in writing in advance by the Board's investigation department.

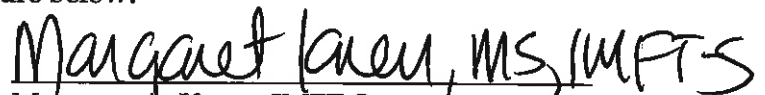
It is hereby agreed by and between both parties that this CONSENT AGREEMENT hereby settles all issues concerning this matter.

By her signature on this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **PIWTORAK** 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. **PIWTORAK** 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. **PIWTORAK** 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 September 2015, meeting. This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the **BOARD** Chair's signature below:

  
Irene Piwtorak, LPC

9.19.15  
Date

  
Margaret A. Knerr, IMFT-S  
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

9/25/15  
Date