

**CONSENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
ADAM HUFFMAN  
AND THE  
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND  
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between ADAM HUFFMAN, hereinafter, "HUFFMAN," 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.

HUFFMAN hereby acknowledges that he 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.

HUFFMAN is fully aware of his rights, including his right to be advised by counsel and his 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. HUFFMAN is a professional counselor (C.1200343) 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. HUFFMAN received his professional counselor license on July 27, 2012.
2. In 2015, while employed at a mental health agency in Cambridge, Ohio, HUFFMAN began working with a client. This client terminated services later in 2015 after four weeks. Thereafter HUFFMAN began a personal relationship with his former client and eventually became romantic in violation of ORC 4757.36(C)(1) and OAC 4757-5-04(C).
3. HUFFMAN 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, HUFFMAN knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the BOARD to the following terms and conditions:

1. HUFFMAN'S license to practice as a professional counselor (C.1200343) is suspended for 3 years beginning on January 18, 2019. HUFFMAN must continue to renew his professional counselor license appropriately during the period of suspension if he plans on re-entering the counseling field after the duration of his suspension.

2. During the period of his suspension, HUFFMAN must receive personal counseling from a BOARD approved mental health practitioner for a period of one (1) year. HUFFMAN is required to meet with this mental health practitioner for a minimum of two (2) one hour sessions a month. All costs associated with this counseling are at HUFFMAN'S expense. HUFFMAN must submit the name, contact information, and professional resume or vitae to the BOARD'S Deputy Director to obtain pre-approval per this requirement. Once approved, the practitioner will provide the BOARD with quarterly reports detailing issues discussed in counseling and other issues the practitioner deems appropriate. At the end of the one year mandated counseling period, the practitioner shall provide the BOARD with a report encompassing the overall counseling period. It is HUFFMAN'S responsibility to ensure the Board obtains the reports in a timely manner. HUFFMAN understands that his licensure suspension will not be lifted until the mandated counseling requirement outlined in this paragraph is fully completed.

3. Should HUFFMAN not fully comply with all requirements of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, the BOARD may initiate further and likely more severe penalties.

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

By his signature on this CONSENT AGREEMENT, HUFFMAN 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. HUFFMAN agrees that should the BOARD reject this CONSENT AGREEMENT and if this case proceeds to hearing, he will assert no claim that the BOARD was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this CONSENT AGREEMENT or of any information relating thereto.

HUFFMAN hereby releases the members of the BOARD, its officers and employees, jointly and severally, from any and all liability arising from the matter within.

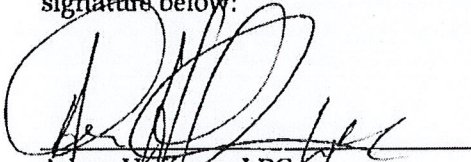
This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. All parties to this Consent Agreement understand that this information will be sent to the United States Department of Health

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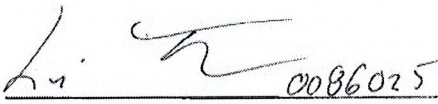
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and Human Services' National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), pursuant to Title IV of Public Law 99-660, the Healthcare Quality Improvement Act of 1986, as amended; Section 1921 of the Social Security Act; and Section 1128E of the Social Security Act, 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 January 2019, meeting.

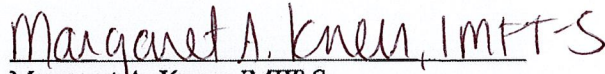
This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the Board Chair's signature below:

  
Adam Huffman, LPC

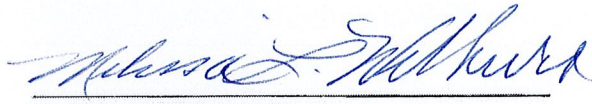
12-26-2018  
Date

  
Levi J. Tkach, Esq.  
Counsel for Mr. Huffman

12/27/18  
Date

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

1-17-19  
Date

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

1-18-2019  
Date