

Consent Agreement between BERNADETTE ZOPPETTI and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

Ms. Zoppetti has completed the terms of her consent agreement as of 1/20/2017

CONSENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN BERNADETTE ZOPPETTI AND THE

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

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between BERNADETTE ZOPPETTI, hereinafter, "ZOPPETTI," 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.

ZOPPETTI 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.

ZOPPETTI 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. ZOPPETTI is a licensed professional clinical counselor (E.0500409) licensed 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. ZOPPETTI received her clinical counselor license January 26, 2009.
2. ZOPPETTI, while employed in a private practice, beginning February 2016 through approximately November 2016, accepted for treatment a minor child without the consent of the father as stipulated in court documents. ZOPPETTI also attempted to withhold the minor child's records from the father without the approval from the courts. This inappropriate conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(C) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-02(B)(3) and 4757-5-09 (H)
3. ZOPPETTI ADMITS the allegation's referenced in paragraph 2 above.

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

1. ZOPPETTI'S professional clinical counselor license (E.0500409) is Reprimanded.
2. ZOPPETTI 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 ZOPPETTI will have until July 20, 2017, to complete this requirement. The hours earned from this training may not be used to renew her LPCC in the future. Upon completion of this requirement, ZOPPETTI will provide the Board with a certificate of completion. ZOPPETTI 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.
3. ZOPPETTI must take, at her expense, the on-line continuing education course entitled "Ethics and Risk Management" offered by Heisel and Associates, www.heiselandassoc.com/home-studies ZOPPETTI will have until July 20, 2017, to complete this requirement. The hours earned from this training may not be used to renew her LPCC in the future. Upon completion of this requirement, ZOPPETTI will provide the Board with a certificate of completion. ZOPPETTI 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, ZOPPETTI 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. ZOPPETTI 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).

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

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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 2301.373(E), the BOARD may be required to provide ZOPPETTI'S social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its January 20, 2017 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

Bernadette Zoppetti, LPCC
BERNADETTE ZOPPETTI, LPCC

Matthew J. Paylo, Ph.D., LPCC-S
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and
Family Therapist Board

1/12/17
Date

1-19-17
Date