

Ms. Kurek completed the terms of the consent agreement as of 10/22/2009

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
JOANN B. KUREK
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between JOANN B. KUREK hereafter, "**KUREK**" 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.

KUREK 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.

KUREK 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. Should **KUREK** fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **KUREK** knowingly waives her rights under ORC Chapter 119 to a hearing.

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 stipulations, admissions and understandings:

1. **KUREK** is an independent social worker (I-0008211) licensed to practice social work 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. **KUREK** received her independent social work license on May 22, 1998.
2. During the course of **KUREK'S** treatment of a minor client, **KUREK** failed to maintain the appropriate standards of care expected of a licensed independent social worker by rendering a biased opinion about the minor client's father without ever performing an assessment of him, and by inappropriately communicating with the Guardian Ad Litem to provide **KUREK'S** opinions regarding the father of the minor client. **KUREK'S** actions constitute a violation of ORC 4757.36(A)(1)

and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(B)(1)(b).

3. **KUREK 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 formal disciplinary proceedings, **KUREK** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

1. **KUREK'S** license to practice social work is hereby **SUSPENDED** for three (3) months beginning July 21, 2007, and ending October 21, 2007.
2. After **KUREK** serves her suspension and returns to work as a social worker, she must receive face-to face supervision, by an individual pre-approved by the Board, one-hour every week for a period of 2 years. **KUREK** should not select a supervisor with which she has a prior relationship. If any previous relationship with the supervisor exists, **KUREK** must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the request for supervisor approval. The 2-year supervision period will not begin until **KUREK'S** supervisor is approved in writing. **KUREK** will have until November 15, 2007, to notify the Board of her proposed supervisor and to request approval. Should she not have a proposed supervisor by this date, she must notify the Board in writing with the reason. Supervision should focus on, but not limited to, **KUREK'S** role in professional standards of care, ethical decision-making, and proper record keeping. **KUREK** must be very vigilant when working with children who are involved in child custody/visitation issues. **KUREK'S** supervisor is required to submit a report to the Board, quarterly, detailing topics discussed during supervision sessions, areas of concern, and areas for improvement. At the end of the 2-year supervised period, **KUREK'S** supervisor will make a final report encompassing the 2 years of supervision. If **KUREK'S** supervisor is concerned with **KUREK'S** practice at any time the Board should be notified immediately. It is **KUREK'S** responsibility to ensure that the Board receives the supervisor's reports. All costs associated with the supervision are at the expense of **KUREK**.

KUREK must take 8 hours of continuing education in the hours of professional social work ethics. These hours must be pre-approved in writing by the **BOARD'S** Deputy Director or his designee. These hours are in addition to the thirty hours **KUREK** needs to renew her independent social work license. All of the costs associated with these hours are borne by **KUREK**. After she completes these 8 pre-approved hours, **KUREK** must submit copies of her attendance certificates to the **BOARD'S** Deputy Director. **KUREK** will have until December 31, 2007, to complete this requirement.

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

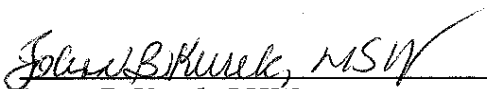
By her signature on this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **KUREK** acknowledges that in the event the **BOARD**, in its discretion, does not approve this CONSENT AGREEMENT, this settlement offer is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action or appeal by either party. **KUREK** 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.

KUREK 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 **KUREK'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its July 20, 2007, meeting.

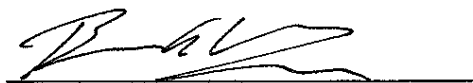
This Consent Agreement will become effective on the date signed by the Chair of the Board.


Joann B. Kurek, LISW

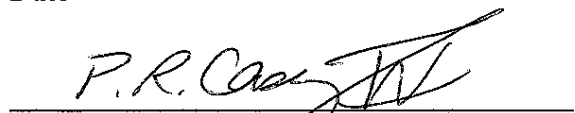
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Theresa Cluse-Tolar, Ph.D., LISW
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

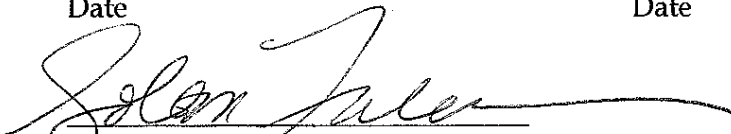
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