

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

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between **AMY MENTER**, hereinafter, "**MENTER**" 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.

MENTER 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. **MENTER** 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 stipulations and, understandings:

1. **MENTER** is a licensed independent social worker (I.1201553-SUPV) 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 Section 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. **MENTER** received her independent social worker license on December 6, 2012.
2. In or about 2017-2018, while employed at a private practice in Central Ohio, **MENTER** entered into an inappropriate relationship with a client and improperly billed for client sessions. **MENTER'S** conduct constitutes a violation of O.R.C. 4757.36 (C)(1); O.A.C. 4757-5-03 (A) (2); O.A.C. 4757-5-09 (B); and O.A.C. 4757-5-09 (G).
3. **MENTER** admits the statements referenced in paragraph 2.

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

1. **MENTER'S** license to practice social work (I.1201553-SUPV) is hereby **REPRIMANDED**.
2. **MENTER** is required to complete six (6) additional hours of continuing education in ethics at her expense. The additional hours must be pre-approved by the **BOARD**. The additional hours must be completed by August 31, 2019. These additional hours may not be used for the renewal of her social work license.
3. **MENTER** must be monitored in all aspects of her practice of social work and receive face-to-face monitoring at the rate of one hour per every forty hours of work for a two (2) year period. **MENTER'S** monitor must be pre-approved by the **BOARD**, hold an independent level license and should not have a prior relationship with **MENTER**. If a previous relationship exists, **MENTER** must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the request for monitor approval. **MENTER** must submit the name, contact information, and professional resume or vitae of her proposed monitor to the **BOARD'S** Deputy Director no later than June 1, 2019, to obtain pre-approval. **MENTER'S** monitor must be an on-site supervisor at the agency or private practice where **MENTER** is employed. All costs associated with monitoring will be at **MENTER'S** expense. Monitoring should focus on, but not be limited to, ethical decision making, ethical boundaries, multiple relationships and standards of care. Monitoring should be considered training in nature and should not be limited to simply approving and denying case plans. **MENTER'S** monitor must submit quarterly reports to the **BOARD** for the entire period detailing topics discussed during monitoring sessions, areas of concern, areas of improvement and make a recommendation with regard to **MENTER'S** suitability to practice. However, if **MENTER'S** monitor is concerned with **MENTER'S** practice at any time during the monitoring period the **BOARD** should be notified immediately; reports of concerns will extend the length of the monitoring period based on the monitor's recommendations. It is **MENTER'S** responsibility to ensure that the **BOARD** receives all monitoring reports.

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**, **MENTER** 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. **MENTER** 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.

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

MENTER 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 May 2019, meeting.

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

Amy Menter, LISW-S
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4-7-19
Date

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

5/16/19
Date

Robert Noble, Esq.
Robert Noble, Esq.
Counsel for Ms. Menter

4/18/19
Date

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

May 14, 2019
Date