

Consent Agreement between Debra A. King and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

Ms. King completed the terms of the consent agreement as of 9/20/2005

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
DEBORAH A. KING
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between DEBORAH A. KING, hereinafter, "KING," 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.

KING 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.

KING 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 KING fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, KING knowingly waives her rights under ORC Chapter 119.

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. KING is a social worker (S-29508) 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. KING received her social work license on March 22, 2002.
2. In January 2004, while KING was employed at Western Reserve Agency on Aging, Cleveland, Ohio, she forged a client's signature on an official document. Falsification of client records constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(D)(1).
3. KING ADMITS the allegations 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, KING knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the BOARD to the following terms and conditions:

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1. KING'S license to practice social work is SUSPENDED for four (4) months beginning August 15, 2004, through December 15, 2004.
2. KING must take and pass a college or university social work ethics course. The course must be taken for credit, part of a social work program from an accredited university, and pre-approved by the Board. Once KING successfully completes this course, KING must ensure official transcripts are sent directly from the university to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office. The transcript verifying completion is due in the Board office no later than August 1, 2005. The credit earned from the course may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with the course are at the expense of KING.

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, KING 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. KING 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.

KING 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 KING'S social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its July 16, 2004, meeting.

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

Deborah A. King, LSW
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7/13/04
Date

Michael Davis, PCC

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

7-16-04
Date

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