

Ms. Atoiya L. Williams has completed the terms of this consent agreement as of September 7, 2017

**CONSENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
ATOIYA L. WILLIAMS  
AND THE**

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

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between ATOIYA L. WILLIAMS, hereinafter, "**WILLIAMS**," 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.

**WILLIAMS** 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.

**WILLIAMS** 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. **WILLIAMS** is a licensed social worker (S.0901019) licensed 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. **WILLIAMS** received her social work license on March 19, 2010.
2. Between May 19, 2016, and June 20, 2016, **WILLIAMS**, while employed by a community recovery center in Cleveland, OH, blurred her professional boundaries by using a client's EBT (food stamp) card. This inappropriate conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(C) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4757-5-02(A) (2) and 4757-5-03(A) (4)(d).
3. **WILLIAMS 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 other formal disciplinary proceedings, **WILLIAMS** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

1. **WILLIAMS'** license to practice social work is hereby **REPRIMANDED**.
2. **WILLIAMS** 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](http://www.heiselandassoc.com/home-studies) **WILLIAMS** will have until September 1, 2017, to complete this requirement. The hours earned from this training may not be used to renew her LSW in the future. Upon completion of this requirement, **WILLIAMS** will provide the Board with a certificate of completion. **WILLIAMS** 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. **WILLIAMS** 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](http://www.heiselandassoc.com/home-studies) **WILLIAMS** will have until September 1, 2017, to complete this requirement. The hours earned from this training may not be used to renew her LSW in the future. Upon completion of this requirement, **WILLIAMS** will provide the Board with a certificate of completion. **WILLIAMS** 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.
4. **WILLIAMS** will reimburse the agency \$105.28. **WILLIAMS** must present the Board proof from the agency showing she has sent reimbursement to the agency. Proof may include a money order receipt showing that it was made out to the agency and a certified mail post office "green card". **WILLIAMS** will have until September 1, 2017, 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, **WILLIAMS** 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. **WILLIAMS** 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).

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

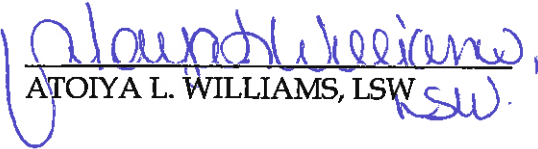
This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. All parties to this Consent Agreement understand that this information will be sent to the United States Department of Health and Human Services' National Practitioner Data Bank 9NPDB0, 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. 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 **WILLIAMS'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its ~~November 18, 2016~~ meeting.

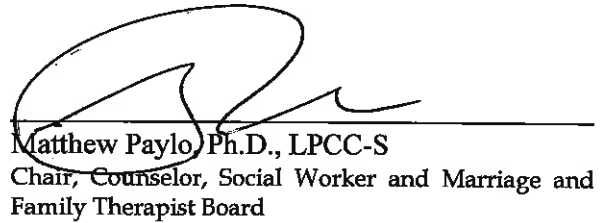
*May 2017*

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

  
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ATOIYA L. WILLIAMS, LSW

*3/24/17*  
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Date

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

*5/18/17*  
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Date