
**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
AMANDA L. VILLARREAL
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

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This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between AMANDA L. VILLARREAL, hereinafter, "VILLARREAL," 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.

VILLARREAL 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.

VILLARREAL 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, admissions and understandings:

1. VILLARREAL is a social worker (S.1501029) 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. VILLARREAL received her social work license on July 20, 2015.
2. In 2015, while working as a social worker in Hamilton, Ohio VILLAREAL provided social work services to a client for approximately 6 months. In approximately July 2016, VILLARREAL began a romantic relationship with this client in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(C)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-04(C).
3. VILLARREAL admits the statements in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

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

1. **VILLARREAL'S** license to practice social work (S.1501029) is hereby suspended for 2 years beginning January 20, 2017, through January 20, 2019. **VILLARREAL** must comply with any renewal requirements during this period of suspension if she wishes to return to social work practice after the period of her suspension.
2. **VILLARREAL** must receive personal counseling from a **BOARD** approved mental health practitioner for a period of one (1) year. **VILLARREAL** is required to meet with this mental health practitioner for a minimum of two (2) one hour sessions a month. All costs associated with this counseling are at **VILLARREAL'S** expense. **VILLARREAL** must submit the name, contact information, and professional resume or vitae to the **BOARD'S** Deputy Director no later than March 1, 2017, to obtain pre-approval per this requirement. Once approved, the practitioner will provide the **BOARD** with quarterly reports detailing issues discussed in counseling and other issues the practitioner deems appropriate. At the end of the one year mandated counseling period, the practitioner shall provide the **BOARD** with a report encompassing the overall counseling period. It is **VILLARREAL'S** responsibility to ensure the Board obtains the reports in a timely manner.

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**, **VILLARREAL** 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. **VILLARREAL** 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.

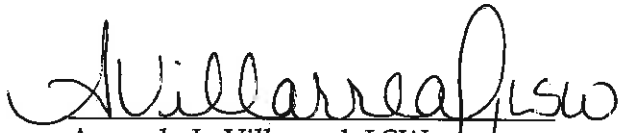
VILLARREAL hereby releases the members of the **BOARD**, its officers and employees, jointly and severally, from any and all liability arising from the matter within.

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


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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 January 2017, meeting.

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


Amanda L. Villarreal, LSW

12/14/16
Date


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

1/19/17
Date