

RONALD FOX ENTERED INTO A CONSENT AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD ON 3/19/04 DUE TO VIOLATIONS OF THE ORC 4757.36, WHICH REQUIRED A COURSE IN ETHICS AND 2 YEARS OF SUPERVISION. THE REQUIREMENTS ARE COMPLETE AS OF 02/17/2006.

**CONSENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
RONALD M. FOX  
AND THE  
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND  
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between RONALD M. FOX, hereinafter, "**FOX**", 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 thereunder.

**FOX** hereby acknowledges that he 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.

**FOX** is fully aware of his rights, including his right to be advised by counsel and his 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 **FOX** fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **FOX** knowingly waives his 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. **FOX** is a professional clinical counselor (E-757) licensed to practice counseling in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of counseling as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. **FOX** received his professional clinical counselor license on December 10, 1988
2. From May 21, 2002, until August 28, 2002, while were employed by the Comprehensive Group, Columbus, Ohio, **FOX** failed to maintain adequate records of counseling with Client #1 and contact with Family #1. Such conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(I)(2)
3. **FOX ADMITS** the allegations referenced in paragraph 2 above.

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

1. FOX'S license to practice counseling is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. FOX must take and pass an ethics course. The course may be an on-line course and must be pre-approved by the BOARD. FOX should submit an on-line course for pre-approval that has a final examination. Once FOX successfully completes the pre-approved course, FOX must submit a completion certificate directly to the Investigation Unit of the BOARD. Any credit earned from the course may not be used toward the (30) hours of CEU's required for license renewal. The Investigation Unit must receive proof of the successful completion of this course by July 1, 2005. All costs associated with this course are at FOX'S expense.
3. FOX must receive face-to-face supervision one hour every week. FOX'S supervisor must be pre-approved by the BOARD and should not have a prior relationship with FOX. If any previous relationship exists, FOX must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the request for supervisor approval. Supervision should focus on, but not limited to FOX'S role in counseling relationships, ethical decision-making and proper assessment and reporting techniques. Supervision should be considered training in nature and should not be limited to simply approving and denying case plans. FOX'S supervisor must submit quarterly reports to the BOARD for the first year of mandated supervision and semi-annual reports for the second year of the mandated supervision, detailing topics discussed during supervision sessions, areas of concern, areas of improvement. However, if FOX'S supervisor is concerned with FOX'S practice at any time during the supervision period the BOARD should be notified immediately. It is FOX'S responsibility to ensure that the BOARD receives all supervisory reports. After a minimum of six (6) months of supervision and after the BOARD'S receipt of at least two (2) reports FOX and his supervisor may petition the BOARD to change the weekly face-to-face requirement. All costs associated with supervision will be at FOX'S expense.

It is hereby agreed by and between both parties that this CONSENT AGREEMENT hereby settles all matters contained in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing Dated November 24, 2003.

By his signature on this CONSENT AGREEMENT, FOX 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. FOX agrees that should the BOARD reject this CONSENT AGREEMENT and if this case proceeds to hearing, he will assert no claim that the BOARD was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this CONSENT AGREEMENT or of any information relating thereto.

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If, following notice and an Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 hearing, FOX is found by the BOARD to have violated any terms of this Consent Agreement, the BOARD may impose any penalty up to and including REVOCATION of FOX'S professional clinical counselor license based solely upon a violation of this Consent Agreement. FOX may not appeal this action.

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

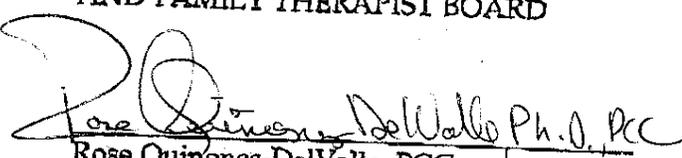
This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. Pursuant to 42 USC Section 132a-73(b), 5 USC Section 552a, 45 CFR part 61 and Ohio Revised Code Section 3123.41 et seq, the BOARD may be required to provide FOX'S social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

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

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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Ronald M. Fox, PCC

  
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Rose Quinones-DelValle, PCC  
Chair, Counselor Professional Standards Committee

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3-19-04  
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Counsel for Mr. Fox

  
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Assistant Attorney General  
Counselor and Social Worker Board

3/14/2004  
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3-19-04  
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