

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
WILLIAM RAMSEY  
AND THE  
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD**

This LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING is entered into by and between WILLIAM RAMSEY, hereinafter "**RAMSEY**", and the STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD, hereinafter "**BOARD**", the state agency charged with enforcing Chapter 4757 of the Ohio Revised Code and all rules promulgated thereunder.

**RAMSEY** hereby acknowledges that he has read and understands this LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING and has voluntarily entered into it without threat or promise by the **BOARD** or any of its members, employees or agents.

**RAMSEY** 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 that might be the subject of this LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING.

This LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING.

This LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING is entered into on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

1. **RAMSEY** is a professional clinical counselor (E-898) 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. **RAMSEY** received his professional clinical counselor license on December 10, 1988, and practices in the Greater Cincinnati area.
2. **RAMSEY** began providing marital therapy for Clients #1 and #2 on August 1, 2002.

Wherefore, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual promises hereinafter set forth, and in light of concerns raised in providing therapy to Clients #1 and #2, **RAMSEY** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

**RAMSEY** will take a college or university course in marital and family therapy for credit and a grade, after the course is pre-approved by the **BOARD'S** investigative liaison, or his or her designee. **RAMSEY** will have until July, 2005 to complete this requirement. After completing the course, **RAMSEY** will have an official transcript sent directly from the university to the **BOARD**. **RAMSEY** will not use this course toward fulfilling State continuing education responsibilities.

It is hereby agreed by and between both parties that this LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING hereby resolves all issues regarding the concerns raised.

By his signature on this LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING, **RAMSEY** acknowledges that in the event the **BOARD**, in its discretion, does not approve this LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING, it will be 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. **RAMSEY** agrees that should the **BOARD** reject this LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING and if this case proceeds to hearing, he will assert no claim that the **BOARD** was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING or of any information relating thereto.

If, following notice and an evidentiary hearing, **RAMSEY** is found by the **BOARD** to have violated any terms of this LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING, the **BOARD** may impose any penalty up to and including REVOCATION of **RAMSEY'S** professional clinical counselor license based solely upon a violation of this LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING. **RAMSEY** may not appeal the LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING.

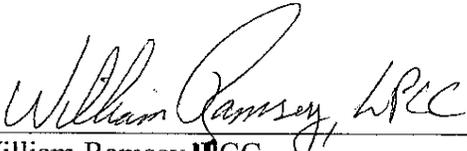
**RAMSEY** hereby releases the members of the **BOARD**, its officers and employees, jointly and severally, from any and all liability arising from the matter within.

This LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING 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, and 45 CFR part 61, the **BOARD** may be required to provide **RAMSEY'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

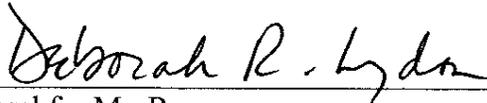
The **BOARD** shall incorporate this LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING into a formal journal entry at its July 18, 2003, meeting.

This LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING shall take effect upon the date of the last signature below:

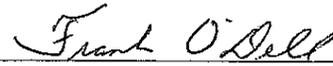
THE OHIO COUNSELOR AND  
SOCIAL WORKER BOARD

  
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William Ramsey, PCC

5-23-03  
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Counsel for Mr. Ramsey

5/29/03  
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Date

  
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Frank O'Dell, PCC  
Chair, Counselor and Social Worker Board

7-18-03  
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Date

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Barbara Petrella, Esq.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Counselor and Social Worker Board

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Date