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CONSENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREGORY A. KOKOSKO AND THE STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between GREGORY A. KOKOSKO, hereinafter, "**KOKOSKO**," 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.

KOKOSKO 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.

KOKOSKO 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.

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. **KOKOSKO** is a licensed professional clinical counselor with supervisory designation (E.0001027-SUPV) licensed 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. **KOKOSKO** received his clinical counselor license April 22, 1989.

2. **KOKOSKO**, while employed with a mental health agency in Youngstown, OH, on or about January 31, 2014, directed a supervisee to develop content for a treatment update and type the document for a client she was not treating. Also he instructed the supervisee to attach another counselor's name to the document and submit the document to the court as if the peer had written it. **KOKOSKO** did not co-sign the document as supervisor. This inappropriate conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(C) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-02 (A) (2) and (C) and 4757-17-01(C)(4).

3. **KOKOSKO 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, **KOKOSKO** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

1. **KOKOSKO'S** supervisory credential is suspended for one (1 year). Upon the end of the one (1) year suspension **KOKOSKO** may request to have the supervisory credential re-instated by submitting evidence of three (3) hours of continuing education credits in supervision.

It is hereby agreed by and between both parties that this CONSENT AGREEMENT hereby settles all issues concerning this matter.

By his signature on this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **KOKOSKO** 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. **KOKOSKO** 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).

KOKOSKO 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 **KOKOSKO'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its July 18, 2014 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

GREGORY A. KOKOSKO, LPCC-SUPV

June 23, 2014
Date

Mary J. Venrick LSW, LPC
Mary J. Venrick, LSW, LPC
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

7-18-14
Date