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ADJUDICATION ORDER

in the Matter of:

Jennifer A. Jones
138 Lauder Street
Warren, OH 44483

IN THE MATTER OF JENNIFER A. JONES TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL COUNSELOR IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF JENNIFER A. JONES CAME BEFORE THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF THE OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD ON JANUARY 15, 2009: DR. OTHA GILYARD, DR. SUSAN NORRIS HUSS, FRANCINE PACKARD, DR. VICTORIA WHITE-KRESS, AND JAN WHITE.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Jennifer A. Jones by the Counselor Professional Standards Committee on November 21, 2008.

Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 licensees are entitled to a hearing before the Board if such a hearing is requested within thirty days of the mailing or publishing of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. In this case, Ms. Jones did not make a request for such a hearing, therefore pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board* (March 29, 1996) Franklin County Court of Appeals, 95 APE 10-1358 the case was presented to the Counselor Professional Standards Committee on January 15, 2009.

Summary of Evidence

State's Exhibits

1. Affidavit prepared by William L. Hegarty, Deputy Director, State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.
2. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Jones dated November 21, 2008 (State Exhibit A).
3. Consent Agreement entered into in July 2008. (State Exhibit B).
4. Letters to Ms. Jones from the Board dated August 22, 2008, and September 25, 2008. (State Exhibit C).

Conclusions of Law

Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) provides that the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board may take disciplinary action against a licensee who has committed a violation of any provision of the Board's law and rules. Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01C(21) states the Board can discipline a licensee who fails to adhere to any conditions set forth in a board approved consent agreement.

Discussion and Findings

As required in the case of *Goldman v. State Medical Board* (March 29, 1996) Franklin County Court of Appeals 95APE10-1358, all cases where a Board issues a Notice for Opportunity for Hearing and the individual does not request a hearing, the Board still must review evidence presented to it and make specific findings of fact. In this case, Ms. Jones did not request a hearing after receiving the Notice for Opportunity for Hearing.

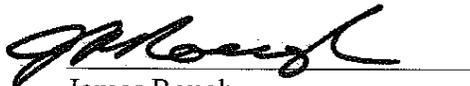
The Counselor Professional Standards Committee has reviewed the evidence prepared in this case. The Committee finds that Ms. Jones did not comply with the Consent Agreement entered into between herself and the Board. Based on this, the Committee orders that Ms. Jones' license to practice counseling (E-0003675) be **indefinitely suspended**. Once Ms. Jones completes the provisions of the Consent Agreement, the Counselor Professional Standards Committee will consider lifting the suspension. Final authority to lift the suspension rests with the Committee. Ms. Jones must comply with all renewal requirements during the period of suspension. As Ordered by the Counselor Professional Standards Committee of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.

It is hereby certified by this Board that the above language is incorporated into the Board's journal in this matter.

APPEAL RIGHTS

Pursuant to Section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised code, you have the right to appeal this Order. The appeal must be commenced by filing your original Notice of Appeal with the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board, 50 West Broad Street, Suite 1075, Columbus, Ohio 43215. A copy of the appeal must be filed with the Court of Common Pleas in the county in which the place of your business is located or the county in which you reside. If you are not a resident of Ohio and/or have no place of business within the State, a copy of your appeal may be filed with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. Appeal filings must be received within fifteen (15) days of the mailing of this Adjudication Order. The Notice of Appeal must set forth the Order appealed, the grounds for appeal and must be in accordance with the requirements outlined in section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised Code.

By Order of the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.



James Rough
Executive Director

1-16-09

Date

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Consent Agreement between JENNIFER A. JONES and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
JENNIFER A. JONES
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER AND MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between Jennifer A. Jones, hereinafter, "JONES," 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.

JONES 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.

JONES 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. Should JONES fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, JONES knowingly waives her rights under ORC Chapter 119 with respect to the claims in this 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. JONES is a professional clinical counselor (E.0003675-SUPV) licensed in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of counselling as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. JONES received her professional clinical counselor license on January 18, 2002, and her supervisory credential on August 3, 2005.
2. JONES, while employed as a private practitioner in Warren, OH, between July 20, 2007, and October 2, 2007, issued a report to the court that was biased and imbalanced; she also made a recommendation regarding visitation without an order from the court, outside of her role as the primary therapist for three minor children. This inappropriate conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4757-6-01(A), (F) and (K).
3. JONES ADMITS the allegation 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 other formal disciplinary proceedings, JONES knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the BOARD to the following terms and conditions:

1. JONES' license as a professional clinical counselor is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. JONES shall show evidence, in writing, of a peer review network in place to seek consultation and/or supervision for issues related to high conflict divorce and custody situations. JONES will file the names, addresses and credentials of the members of her peer review network with the Board by August 15, 2008.
3. JONES counselor supervision credential is suspended for a period of 2 years. Once JONES' mandated suspension is completed, she may re-apply for the supervision credential.

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, JONES 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. JONES 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.

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

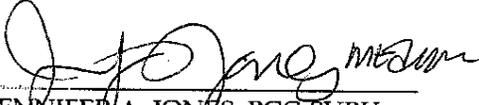
This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. Pursuant to 42 USC Section 132a-73(b), 5 USC Section 552a, 45 CFR part 61 and Ohio Revised Code Section 2301.373(E), the BOARD may be required to provide JONES' social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

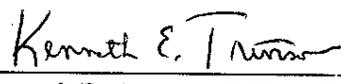
The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its July 17, 2008, meeting.

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This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the last signature below:

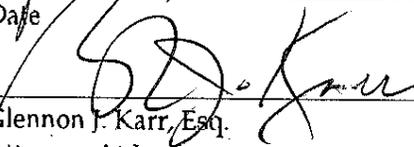
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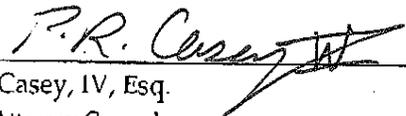

JENNIFER A. JONES, PCC-SUPV


Kenneth E. Trivison, IMFT, PCC
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

June 20, 2008
Date

7/17/08
Date


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6/30/2008
Date

7/18/08
Date