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**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
STEPHANIE S. FLIGHT
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between STEPHANIE S. FLIGHT, hereinafter, "**FLIGHT**", 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.

FLIGHT 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.

FLIGHT 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 **FLIGHT** fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **FLIGHT** knowingly waives her 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. **FLIGHT** is a professional clinical counselor (E-3896) 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. **FLIGHT** received her professional clinical counselor license on January 17, 2003.
2. On September 29, 2003, the **BOARD** received written notification from **FLIGHT**. **FLIGHT** informed the **BOARD** that while she was employed at Mature Services, Inc, in Akron Ohio she violated the law and rules pertaining to counseling by accepting a gift from a client she had seen in group session and by accepting personal phone calls from this client without documenting the calls or notifying the client's individual therapist. Multiple relationships with a client constitute a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(C)(1). **FLIGHT** requested the **BOARD** suspend her license to practice counseling until she is able to

resolve issues in her personal life.

3. **FLIGHT ADMITS** the allegations referenced in paragraphs 1-2 above.

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

1. **FLIGHT'S** license to practice counseling is hereby **Indefinitely Suspended** for a minimum of one year. **FLIGHT** may petition the Counselor Professional Standards Committee in writing to lift the suspension. As part of this written petition, **FLIGHT** must present a written statement from a duly licensed mental health provider stating that **FLIGHT** is not a threat to her client base or a threat to re-offend. The statement also must state that **FLIGHT** can professionally practice as a professional clinical counselor. Final authority to lift the suspension rests with the Board's Counselor Professional Standards Committee. **FLIGHT** understands that in order to maintain her counseling license during the period she is suspended she must continue to complete the continuing education requirements and submit renewal applications. If, however, **FLIGHT** chooses to let her counseling license expire and subsequently decides to re-apply for a counseling license, **FLIGHT** must present the written statement referenced above as part of the counseling application packet.

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**, **FLIGHT** 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. **FLIGHT** 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.

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

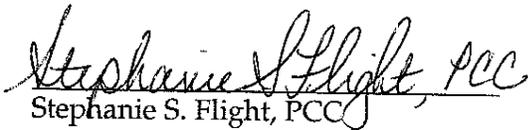
FLIGHT hereby releases the members of the **BOARD**, its officers and employees, jointly and severally, from any and all liability arising from the matter within.

Consent Agreement between Stephanie S. Flight and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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 FLIGHT'S social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its November 21, 2003 meeting.

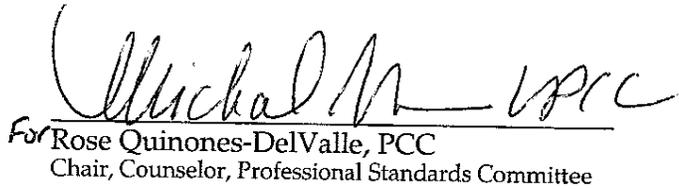
This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the Board Chair's signature below:


Stephanie S. Flight, PCC

11-17-03
Date

Counsel for Ms. Flight

Date


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

11-21-03
Date

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

Date