

Ms. Gillman completed the terms of her consent agreement as of 7/1/2002

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
BETTE GILLMAN
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between Bette Gillman, hereinafter, "**Gillman**", 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.

Gillman 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.

Gillman 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 **Gillman** fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **Gillman** 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. **Gillman** is a independent social worker (I-898) and a professional clinical counselor (E-468) licensed to practice social work and counseling in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work and counseling as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757. **Gillman** received her independent social work license on April 5, 1986, and her professional clinical counselor license on March 12, 1988.
2. While acting as Co-Director of the Family Therapy Center, Inc., **Gillman** was told by the Judge presiding over a custody dispute, not to be involved with Family #1's case any longer. **Gillman** continued to treat the father of Family #1 and on March 28, 2001, submitted a letter to the Hamilton County court system advocating for the father. **Gillman** also made a recommendation concerning the best interests of Family #1's children, although **Gillman** denies that she has ever treated the children in Family #1. **Gillman's** actions constitute a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(C)(1).

3. On November 19, 2001, after being informed by the mother in Family #1 that she was not to treat the children in Family #1 and being reminded that she should not be involved with the case, as she had been removed by the Judge, Gillman submitted a second letter to the Hamilton County court system informing the court that the issues in the first letter had not been resolved. In the November 19, 2001, letter Gillman states that the issues from the March 28, 2001, letter, "still present serious issues concerning the developmental needs of the Family#1 children." Gillman's actions constitute a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(C)(1).
4. Gillman ADMITS the allegation referenced in paragraph 2 and 3 referenced above.

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

1. Gillman's license to practice social work and license to practice counseling are REPRIMANDED.
2. Gillman's license to practice social work and license to practice counseling are SUSPENDED for the month of June 2002.

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, Gillman 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. Gillman 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, Gillman 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 Gillman's social work license and counseling license based solely upon a violation of this Consent Agreement. Gillman may not appeal this action.

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

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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 Gillman's social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its May, 2002, meeting.

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

THE OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD

Bette Gillman
Bette Gillman

4-10-02
Date

Jane A. Daroff ISW
Jane A. Daroff, ISW
Chair, Counselor and Social Worker Board

5/16/02
Date

Counsel for Ms. Gillman

Date

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

Date