

Consent Agreement between Marion Meacham and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MARION MEACHAM
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between MARION MEACHAM, hereinafter, "MEACHAM", 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.

MEACHAM 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.

MEACHAM 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 MEACHAM fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, MEACHAM 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. MEACHAM was an LISW, license number I-4057 licensed to practice social work in the State of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. MEACHAM received her independent social work license on December 10, 1988. The license lapsed December 10, 2000, and MEACHAM subsequently applied for a new license May 7, 2004.
2. MEACHAM was employed at Riverside Hospital, Ohio Health/Behavioral Health, Columbus, Ohio, from 1990 until May, 2004. During this period of time, MEACHAM failed to renew her independent license and continued to practice social work for a period of 3 1/2 years.
3. MEACHAM ADMITS the allegations referenced in paragraph 2 referenced above.

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

1. **MEACHAM** will be granted an independent social work license on March 18, 2005, and this license is SUSPENDED for three (3) months beginning March 18, 2005, through June 18, 2005.
2. After **MEACHAM** serves her suspension and returns to work as a social worker she must receive an annual mental health evaluation, by an individual pre-approved by the Board, due by February 18, 2006P, and each February 18 for a period of four years. The four year annual evaluation period will not begin until **MEACHAM'S** evaluator is approved. Evaluation should focus on, but not be limited to, ~~MEACHAM'S~~ role in ongoing treatment for any mental health issues, ethical decision-making, and proper record keeping, specifically in regards to renewal of her social work license. **MEACHAM'S** evaluator is required to submit a report to the Board, annually, detailing topics discussed during assessment sessions, areas of concern, and areas for improvement. At the end of the four-year evaluation period, **MEACHAM'S** supervisor will make a final report encompassing the four years of assessments. If **MEACHAM'S** evaluator is concerned with **MEACHAM'S** practice at any time the Board should be notified immediately. It is **MEACHAM'S** responsibility to ensure that the Board receives the evaluator's reports. All costs associated with the evaluation are at the expense of **MEACHAM**.

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**, **MEACHAM** 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. **MEACHAM** 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.

MEACHAM 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 3123.41 et seq, the **BOARD** may be required to provide **MEACHAM'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

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The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its March 2005, meeting.

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

Marion Meacham
Marion Meacham

Rose Quinones-DelValle Ph.D. FCC
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Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

02-08-05
Date

3-18-05
Date

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Date