

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
TREDA F. GELLER
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between TREDA F. GELLER, hereinafter, "GELLER", 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.

GELLER 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.

GELLER 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.

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. GELLER is an Independent Social Worker (I-5502) 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. GELLER received her independent social work license on September 18, 1993.

2. In November 2001, **GELLER** began a professional relationship with a client while she was employed at The Center for Mental Health & Well-Being at Memorial Hospital in Fremont, Ohio. On or about November 30, 2001, **GELLER** and the client began e-mailing each other, writing often about their shared interest in poetry. **GELLER** did not notify her supervisor about this nor did she update or create any casenotes that reflected this correspondence. **GELLER'S** final e-mail to the client was on or about December 5, 2001. **GELLER'S** actions constitute a multiple relationship with a client and is a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(C)(1).
3. **GELLER** admits the statements referenced in paragraphs 1 through 2 referenced above.

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

GELLER'S independent social work license (I-5502) is **SUSPENDED** for two (2) months beginning April 1, 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**, **GELLER** 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. **GELLER** 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 **GELLER** fail to comply with any provisions of this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, **GELLER** knowingly waives her rights under **ORC** Chapter 119. Following notice and an evidentiary hearing, not an Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 hearing, if **GELLER** 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 **GELLER'S** independent social work license based solely upon a violation of this Consent Agreement. **GELLER** may not appeal this action.

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

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this **CONSENT AGREEMENT** into a formal journal entry at its March 22 2002, meeting.

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

THE OHIO COUNSELOR AND
SOCIAL WORKER BOARD

Trenda F. Geller
Trenda F. Geller

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

03-20-02
Date

[Signature]
John D. Franklin, Esq.
Counsel for Ms. Geller

3/20/02
Date

3/22/02
Date

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

3-22-02
Date