

ASCHERL, ON APPROXIMATELY JULY 16 THROUGH 18, 2009, WHILE EMPLOYED AT SUMMIT PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES BLURRED HER PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES BY DISCUSSING INAPPROPRIATE PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH A CLIENT. ASCHERL SENT INAPPROPRIATE TEXT MESSAGES TO THE CLIENT'S CELL PHONE WHICH RESULTED IN A MISDEMEANOR CONVICTION. ASCHERL RESIGNED HER POSITION WITH SUMMIT PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES IN JULY 2009. THIS INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF ORC SECTION 4757.36(A)(1) AND OAC SECTION 4757-5-03(A)&(B). MS. ASCHERL COMPLETED THE TERMS OF HER CONSENT AGREEMENT AS OF 12/10/2012

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**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
SHERYL L. ASCHERL
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER AND MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between SHERYL L. ASCHERL, hereinafter, "ASCHERL," 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.

ASCHERL 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.

ASCHERL 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 stipulation, admission and understanding:

1. ASCHERL is a licensed independent social worker (I.0008366-SUPV) licensed 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. ASCHERL received her independent social work license on June 11, 2008.
2. ASCHERL, on approximately July 16 through 18, 2009, while employed at Summit Psychological Associates blurred her professional boundaries by discussing inappropriate personal information with a client. ASCHERL also sent inappropriate text messages to the client's cell phone which resulted in a misdemeanor conviction. ASCHERL resigned her position with Summit Psychological Associates in July 2009. This inappropriate conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-03 (A) & (B).
3. ASCHERL ADMITS the allegation referenced in paragraph 2 above.

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

1. **ASCHERL** must receive personal counseling from a **BOARD** pre-approved practitioner for one (1) year. All costs associated with this counseling are at **ASCHERL'S** expense. **ASCHERL** must submit the name, contact information, and professional resume or vitae to the **BOARD'S** Deputy Director no later than December 11, 2009, to obtain pre-approval. Once approved, the practitioner will provide the **BOARD** with quarterly reports entailing issues discussed in counseling, professional ethics, boundaries and responsibilities, and other issues the practitioner deems appropriate. The first quarterly report is due to the **BOARD** offices by March 11, 2010. At the end of the one (1) year mandated counseling, the practitioner shall provide the **BOARD** with a report encompassing the one (1) year of counseling including areas of improvement, areas of concern (if any) and if in the practitioner's professional opinion, **ASCHERL** is able to function properly as a professional counselor.
2. **ASCHERL** must be supervised in all aspects of her practice of social work and receive face-to-face supervision one hour every two weeks for a three (3) year period. **ASCHERL'S** supervisor must be pre-approved by the **BOARD** and should not have a prior relationship with **ASCHERL**. If a previous relationship exists, **ASCHERL** must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the request for supervisor approval. All cost associated with supervision will be at **ASCHERL'S** expense. The request for supervisor approval must be made in writing, include a copy of the supervisor's vita and be submitted no later than two weeks after the signing of this consent agreement. Supervision should focus on, but not be limited to, ethical decision making, multiple relationships and standards of care. Supervision should be considered training in nature and should not be limited to simply approving and denying case plans. **ASCHERL'S** supervisor must submit quarterly reports to the **BOARD** for the entire three year period detailing topics discussed during supervision sessions, areas of concern, areas of improvement and make a recommendation with regards to **ASCHERL'S** suitability to practice. However, if **ASCHERL'S** supervisor is concerned with **ASCHERL'S** practice at any time during the probationary period the **BOARD** should be notified immediately. It is **ASCHERL'S** responsibility to ensure that the **BOARD** receives all supervisory reports.
3. **ASCHERL'S** social worker supervision credential is suspended for a period of 3 years. Once **ASCHERL'S** mandated supervision 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, ASCHERL 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. ASCHERL 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 the licensee fail to comply with any provisions of this consent agreement, the Board in its discretion, may initiate further disciplinary action pursuant to OAC 4757-11-01C (21).

ASCHERL 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 ASCHERL'S social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its November 20, 2009 meeting.

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

THE OHIO COUNSELOR,
SOCIAL WORKER AND MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD



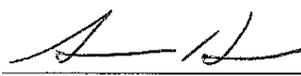
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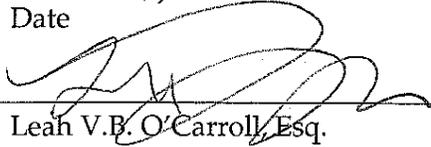
Date



Susan Norris Huss, Ph.D., PC
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and
Family Therapist Board

11/19/09

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Leah V.B. O'Carroll, Esq.
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Date