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**CONSENT AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**MICHAEL E. BROWNING** 2012 APR 25 A 12:52  
**AND THE**  
**STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND**  
**FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between MICHAEL E. BROWNING, hereinafter, "**BROWNING**," 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 therein.

**BROWNING** hereby acknowledges that he 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.

**BROWNING** is fully aware of his rights, including his right to be advised by counsel and his 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, based on the Board's investigation, 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. **BROWNING** is a social worker (S.0003700) 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. **BROWNING** received his social work license on November 1, 1987.
2. **BROWNING** renewed his social work license through November 1, 2013. In January 2012, **BROWNING** was audited for compliance with continuing education requirements. **BROWNING** was unable to provide proof of the 30 hours needed to have correctly renewed his license. **BROWNING'S** failure to comply with the audit requirement constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(C) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01 (C)(20)(b).
3. **BROWNING** 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, **BROWNING** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:

**BROWNING'S** license to practice social work (S.0003700) in Ohio is indefinitely suspended. Once **BROWNING** obtains 30 hours of appropriate social work continuing education, he must submit the completion certificates to the Board's Deputy Director for review. The **BOARD** will lift the licensure suspension once these hours have been reviewed and approved. These 30 hours may not be used for any future renewal.

It is hereby agreed by and between both parties that this CONSENT AGREEMENT hereby settles all issues concerning this matter.

By his signature on this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **BROWNING** 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. **BROWNING** agrees that should the **BOARD** reject this CONSENT AGREEMENT and if this case proceeds to hearing, he will assert no claim that the **BOARD** was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this CONSENT AGREEMENT or of any information relating thereto.

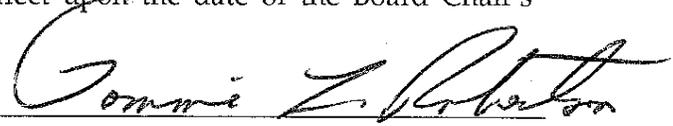
**BROWNING** hereby releases the members of the **BOARD**, its officers and employees, jointly and severally, from any and all liability arising from the matter within.

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 **BROWNING'S** social security number to requesting governmental agencies. The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its May 2012, meeting.

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

  
Michael E. Browning, LSW

4-24-12  
Date

  
Tommie Robertson, LIMFT  
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

5-18-12  
Date

  
Melissa L. Wilburn, Esq.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

5-18-12  
Date