

CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
JODY A. EATON
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between JODY EATON, hereinafter, "EATON", 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.

EATON 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.

EATON 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. EATON is a social worker (S-9568) 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. EATON received her social license on May 19, 1990.

2. On February 21, 2002, EATON informed her supervisor at Wood County Dept. of Job and Family Services, where EATON is an Adoption Specialist, that a child in the agency's custody and on EATON'S caseload had a delinquency hearing scheduled for March 4, 2002, at the Fayette County Court in Washington Courthouse, Ohio. The child's adoption finalization hearing was scheduled for March 13, 2002. EATON asked her supervisor if she could attempt to reschedule one of the hearings so that both hearings would be the same day in order to avoid making the 3.5 hour drive each way on two separate days. She received permission from her supervisor. EATON notified the court that she had another hearing on March 4, 2002, and requested her client's hearing be rescheduled to March 13, 2002. EATON faxed a hearing notice of someone else's hearing to the court when asked by the court to show she had a scheduling conflict. EATON in actuality did not have a scheduling conflict.
3. EATON was terminated from her position for providing false information to the court.
4. EATON admits the statements referenced in paragraphs 1 through 3 referenced above.

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

EATON'S social work license (S-9568) is REPRIMANDED

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, EATON 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. EATON 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.

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

The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its July 19 2002, meeting.

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

THE OHIO COUNSELOR AND
SOCIAL WORKER BOARD

Jody A. Eaton

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Jane Daroff, LISW

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Chair, Counselor and Social Worker Board

June 20, 2002

Date

7-19-02

Date

Not applicable - JAE

Counsel for Ms. Eaton

Barbara Petrella, Esq.

Assistant Attorney General

Counselor and Social Worker Board

Barbara Petrella 7-19-02

Date

Date