

TRACI KEESEE ENTERED INTO A CONSENT AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD ON MAY 20, 2005, FOR VIOLATIONS OF ORC 4757.36. SHE WAS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A COURSE IN SOCIAL WORK ETHICS. THE REQUIREMENT IS COMPLETE AS OF MARCH 16, 2007

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
TRACI B. KEESEE
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between TRACI B. KEESEE, hereinafter, "KEESEE," 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.

KEESEE 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.

KEESEE 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 KEESEE fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, KEESEE knowingly waives her rights under ORC Chapter 119 to a hearing on the allegations raised in the November 22, 2004, Notice of Opportunity for Hearing.

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. KEESEE is a social worker (S-11416) 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. KEESEE received her social work license on July 11, 1987.
2. From on or about the period of December 23, 2003, through February 6, 2004, KEESEE was the adoption assessor/licensed social worker for a female client. During this period of time KEESEE was also the executive director of the agency providing the adoption services. At the time the female client gave birth, KEESEE was present in the birthing room with her.

3. **KEESEE** entered into a multiple relationship with this client by being present in the birthing room with the client. This conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(C).
4. **KEESEE ADMITS** the allegations referenced in paragraphs 1-2 above.

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

1. **KEESEE'S** license to practice social work is hereby restricted so that she may not provide any direct services in the area of adoption work. However, she may continue to serve as Executive Director of her agency, A Place to Call Home. This restriction shall be from June 1, 2005, through May 31, 2006.
2. **KEESEE** must take and pass a college or university social work ethics course. The course must be taken for credit, be part of a social work program from an accredited college or university, and be pre-approved by the Board. Once **KEESEE** successfully completes this course, **KEESEE** must ensure official transcripts are sent directly from the college or university to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office. The transcript verifying completion is due in the Board office no later than December 31, 2006. The credit earned from the course may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with the course are at the expense of **KEESEE**.

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

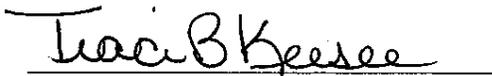
By her signature on this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, **KEESEE** acknowledges that in the event the **BOARD**, in its discretion, does not approve this **CONSENT AGREEMENT**, this settlement offer is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action or appeal by either party. **KEESEE** 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.

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

The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its May 20, 2005, meeting.

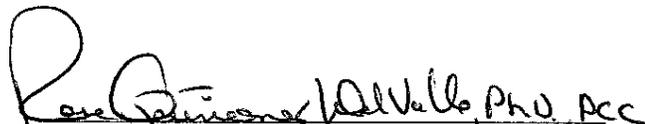
This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the Board Chair's signature below:


Traci B. Keesee

4-27-05
Date


Counsel for Ms. Keesee.

4/19/05
Date


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

5-20-05
Date


Juliane E. Barone, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

5-20-05
Date