

CONSENT AGREEMENT CSWMFTB
BETWEEN
CORNELIUS VINES 2009 NOV 18 P 2: 05
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between **CORNELIUS VINES**, hereinafter, "**VINES**" 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.

VINES 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.

VINES 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. Should **VINES** 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).

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 and, understandings:

1. **VINES** is a social worker (S-0011660) 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. **VINES** received his social worker license on February 1, 1988.
2. While employed at an agency in Columbus, Ohio, **VINES** violated his professional boundaries, between July 2008 and August 2009, by entering into a sexual relationship with a former client, prior to five years post-termination. This action constitutes a violation of O.R.C. 4757.36 (A) (1) and O.A.C. 4757-5-04 (C).
3. **VINES** admits the allegation referenced in paragraph 2.

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

1. **VINES** license to practice social work, S-0011660, is **SUSPENDED** for eighteen (18) months. During the period of suspension, **VINES** is responsible to meet the continuing education requirements for license renewal.
2. When **VINES** has completed the period of suspension, **VINES** social work license is restricted in that he shall only practice with an adult population over the age of twenty-five (25).
3. **VINES** must take an additional six (6) hours in social work ethics continuing education. All hours must be pre-approved by the Board's Deputy Director or his designee. Once **VINES** successfully completes this continuing education, **VINES** must send verification directly to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office. The certificates verifying completion are due in the Board office no later than May 2010. The credit earned from the workshops may not be used toward the thirty (30) hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with the continuing education are at the expense of **VINES**.

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**, **VINES** 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. **VINES** 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.

VINES 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 **VINES'** social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

Consent Agreement between Cornelius Vines and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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

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



Cornelius Vines, LSW

11-9-09

Date



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

11/20/09

Date



Leah V. B. O'Carroll, Esq.
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ADJUDICATION ORDER in the Matter of:

Cornelius Vines, LSW
4828 Annual Drive
Canal Winchester, OH 43110

IN THE MATTER OF CORNELIUS VINES TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED
SOCIAL WORKER IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF CORNELIUS VINES CAME BEFORE THE FOLLOWING
MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL WORKER PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
COMMITTEE OF THE OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE
AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2010: TIM BRADY,
JENNIFER REISBECK-LEE, STEVEN POLOVICK, AND ROBERT NELSON.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Cornelius Vines by the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee on July 26, 2010.

Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 licensees are entitled to a hearing before the Board if such a hearing is requested within thirty days of the mailing of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. In this case, Mr. Vines failed to make a timely request for such a hearing, therefore pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board* (March 29, 1996) Franklin County Court of Appeals, 95 APE 10-1358 the case was presented to the Social Work Professional Standards Committee on September 16, 2010.

Summary of Evidence

State's Exhibits

1. Affidavit prepared by William L. Hegarty, Deputy Director, State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.

2. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Mr. Vines dated July 26, 2010.
3. Consent Agreement, entered into by Mr. Vines and the Board, dated November 20, 2009.
4. Communication by Jennifer Kreinbrink, Board compliance officer, to Mr. Vines

Conclusions of Law

Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(C)(1) provides that the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board may take disciplinary action against a licensee who has committed a violation of any provision of the Board's law and rules. Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01(C)(21) states that the Board may discipline a licensee for failing to comply with a Board approved consent agreement.

Discussion and Findings

As required in the case of *Goldman v. State Medical Board* (March 29, 1996) Franklin County Court of Appeals 95APE10-1358, all cases where a Board issues a Notice for Opportunity for Hearing and the individual does not request a hearing, the Board still must review evidence presented to it and make specific findings of fact. In this case, Mr. Vines did not request a hearing after receipt of his Notice for Opportunity for Hearing.

The Social Worker Professional Standards Committee has reviewed the evidence prepared in this case. The Committee finds that Mr. Vines did not comply with the provisions of the Consent Agreement. Based on this, the Committee orders that Mr. Vines' license to practice as a social worker (S.0011660) is **REVOKED**. As Ordered by the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.

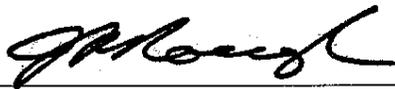
It is hereby certified by this Board that the above language is incorporated into the Board's journal in this matter.

APPEAL RIGHTS

Under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 119.12, any party adversely affected by an order of an agency issued pursuant to an adjudication denying an applicant admission to an examination, or denying the issuance or renewal of a license or registration of a license, or revoking or suspending a license, may appeal from the order of the agency to the court of common pleas of the county in which the place of business of the licensee is located or the county in which the licensee is a resident. If any such party is not a resident of and has no place of business in Ohio, the party may appeal to the court of common pleas of Franklin County

This *Order* may be appealed in accordance with Section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised Code by filing the original Notice of Appeal with the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapy Board, 50 West Broad Street, Suite 1075, Columbus, Ohio 43215, and also a copy of that Notice of Appeal with the Court of Common Pleas in the county of the party's place of business, or in the county in which the party is a resident. The Notice of Appeal shall set forth the Order appealed from and the grounds of the Party's appeal. Such Notice of Appeal and copy shall be filed and must be delivered within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of this *Adjudication Order*.

By Order of the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board.



James R. Rough
Executive Director

9-17-10

Date

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