

Consent Agreement between KATHERINE J. LEAF and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN**

**KATHERINE J. LEAF
AND THE**

**STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER AND MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

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This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between KATHERINE J. LEAF, hereinafter, "LEAF," 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.

LEAF 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.

LEAF 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 LEAF fail to comply with any provisions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, LEAF knowingly waives her rights under ORC Chapter 119 with respect to the claims in this 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. LEAF is a social worker (S.0014699) 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. LEAF received her social work license on May 16, 1992.
2. LEAF was employed by Nationwide Children's Hospital Behavioral Health, Columbus, OH, as a Community Service Worker from July 2003 through April 6, 2007. NCHBH investigated and determined that on March 8, 2007 and March 23, 2007 LEAF failed to maintain sufficient and accurate records and submitted service notes for billing that contained irregularities. This inappropriate conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-09(B).
3. LEAF asserts, through counsel, that her notes accurately reflected the work that she completed while employed at NCHBH. However, LEAF

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admits that she was disciplined by NCHBH for failing to complete her notes and billing records in a timely manner.

4. LEAF ADMITS the allegations referenced in paragraph 2 above.

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

1. LEAF'S license to practice social work is hereby 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, LEAF 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. LEAF 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.

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

The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its May 16, 2008 meeting.

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

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


KATHERINE J. LEAF, LSW

5-2-2008

Date


Elizabeth Y. Collis, Esq.
Counsel for Ms. Leaf

5-7-08

Date



Kenneth E. Trivison, IMFT, PCC
Chair, Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and
Family Therapist Board

5-15-08

Date



Peter R. Casey, IV, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family
Therapist Board

5-15-08

Date