



**STATE OF OHIO
COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD**

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MICHAEL D. STEPHENS
1898 Parkdale Avenue
Toledo, OH 43607

CONSENT AGREEMENT

The State of Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board ("BOARD") and Michael D. Stephens ("MR. STEPHENS") as evidenced by the signatures affixed below, enter into this CONSENT AGREEMENT pursuant to the authority of the BOARD, the state agency charged with enforcing R.C. 4757 and all rules promulgated thereunder.

FINDINGS OF FACT

For purposes of the entry of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, the following facts may be and are hereby adopted by the BOARD:

1. MR. STEPHENS is a licensee of the BOARD and holds license number S17440 to practice social work in the State of Ohio.
2. On October 10, 1992, MR. STEPHENS submitted to the BOARD a notarized application for a license as a licensed social worker ("LSW") which indicated that he had been awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree on October 10, 1992 from Spring Arbor College.
3. MR. STEPHENS had completed his degree requirements on October 8, 1992, but the degree was not actually conferred until January 23, 1993.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. MR. STEPHENS failed to meet the requirements to be licensed as a LSW in that he did not have a Bachelor of Arts degree in a field "closely related to social work" that was conferred on or before October 10, 1992 as required by R.C. 4757-11-01(C)(2).

ORDER

In accordance with the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby ORDERED that MR. STEPHENS voluntarily surrender his LSW license to the BOARD by certified mail on April 10, 1995, and that he shall be eligible to reapply for a license upon attaining the proper qualifications pursuant to chapter 4757 O.R.C., and this proceeding shall not prejudice such reapplication.

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CONSENT AND UNDERSTANDINGS

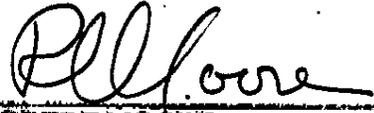
1. MR. STEPHENS hereby acknowledges that he has read and understands this CONSENT AGREEMENT and has voluntarily entered into it without threat or promise by the BOARD or any of its members, employees, or agents.
2. MR. STEPHENS is fully aware of his rights, including his right to be advised by counsel 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.
3. 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.
4. In exchange for the agreements of MR. STEPHENS set forth in this CONSENT AGREEMENT, the BOARD agrees not to proceed further with any disciplinary action against MR. STEPHENS for the matters contained and described in the Findings of Fact.
5. This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall not in any way or manner limit or affect the authority of the BOARD to proceed against MR. STEPHENS by initiating a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing or by other appropriate means on the basis of any act, conduct, or admission of MR. STEPHENS justifying disciplinary action which occurred before or after the date of this CONSENT AGREEMENT and is not directly related to the specific facts and circumstances set forth in the Findings of Fact.
6. By signing this document, MR. STEPHENS agrees 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 introduced in any disciplinary action or appeal by either party. MR. STEPHENS 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.
7. MR. STEPHENS waives any and all claims or causes of action he may have against the state of Ohio, the BOARD and members, officers, employees and/or agents of either, arising out of matters which are the subject of this CONSENT AGREEMENT.
8. The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal Journal Entry at its May 19, 1995 meeting.
9. This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall be considered to be a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43, Ohio Revised Code.

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- 10. This CONSENT AGREEMENT is not an adjudication order within the meaning of Section 119.01(D) of the Ohio Revised Code.
- 11. If, in the discretion of the BOARD, MR. STEPHENS appears to have breached any terms or conditions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT, the BOARD reserves the right to declare the CONSENT AGREEMENT null and void. Once declared null and void, the BOARD may then undertake further investigation and/or review of MR. STEPHENS' status.
- 12. Upon consent of MR. STEPHENS and the BOARD, the terms and conditions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT may be modified or terminated in writing.
- 13. This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect when it has been signed by the parties and their representatives, as indicated below.

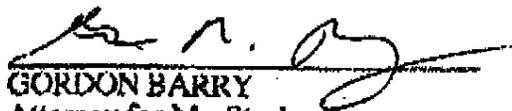
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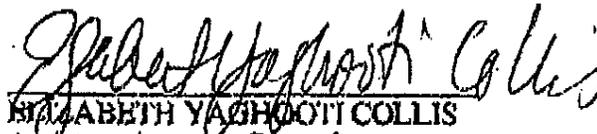

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