

Consent Agreement between AIMEE M. LOREE and the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
AIMEE M. LOREE
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER AND MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between AIMEE M. LOREE, hereinafter, "LOREE," 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.

LOREE 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.

LOREE 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 stipulation, admission and understanding:

1. LOREE is a licensed social worker (S.0029332) 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. LOREE received her social work license on January 18, 2002.
2. LOREE was employed with Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic, Youngstown, OH, from approximately May 2002 to April 25, 2013. LOREE failed to maintain appropriate boundaries by entering into a sexual relationship with a current client of the agency. This inappropriate conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(C) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-04 (A) & (B).
3. LOREE ADMITS the allegation referenced in paragraphs 2 above.

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

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1. LOREE'S license to practice social work is hereby suspended for three (3) years beginning January 17, 2014 through January 17, 2017. It is LOREE'S responsibility to renew her license when appropriate if she intends to return to practice.
2. LOREE must receive personal counseling from a BOARD pre-approved practitioner for one (1) year within the three (3) year suspension. All costs associated with this counseling are at LOREE'S expense. LOREE must submit the name, contact information, and professional resume or vitae to the BOARD'S Deputy Director prior to commencing counseling to obtain pre-approval. Once approved, the practitioner will provide the BOARD with quarterly reports entailing issues discussed in counseling, professional ethics, boundaries and responsibilities, and other issues the practitioner deems appropriate. At the end of the one (1) year mandated counseling, the practitioner shall provide the BOARD with a report encompassing the one (1) year of counseling including areas of improvement, areas of concern (if any) and if in the practitioner's professional opinion, LOREE is able to function properly as a professional counselor.
3. After the mandated suspension and upon employment, LOREE must be monitored in all aspects of her practice of social work and receive face-to-face monitoring at the rate of one hour every two weeks for a two (2) year period. LOREE'S monitor must be pre-approved by the BOARD and should not have a prior relationship with LOREE. If a previous relationship exists, LOREE must provide full disclosure of such a relationship in the request for monitor approval. All cost associated with monitoring will be at LOREE'S expense. The request for monitor approval must be made in writing, include a copy of the monitor's vita and be submitted upon employment. Monitoring should focus on, but not be limited to, ethical decision making, multiple relationships and standards of care. Monitoring should be considered training in nature and should not be limited to simply approving and denying case plans. LOREE'S monitor must submit quarterly reports to the BOARD for the entire two year period detailing topics discussed during monitoring sessions, areas of concern, areas of improvement and make a recommendation with regards to LOREE'S suitability to practice. However, if LOREE'S monitor is concerned with LOREE'S practice at any time during the probationary period the BOARD should be notified immediately. It is LOREE'S responsibility to ensure that the BOARD receives all monitoring reports.

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, LOREE 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. LOREE 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

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review and discussion of this CONSENT AGREEMENT or of any information relating thereto. Should the licensee 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).

LOREE 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. All parties to this Consent Agreement understand that this information will be sent to the United States Department of Health and Human Services' National Practitioner Data Bank 9NPDB0, pursuant to Title IV of Public Law 99-660, the Healthcare Quality Improvement Act of 1986, as amended; Section 1921 of the Social Security Act; and Section 1128E of the Social Security Act, as amended by Section 221(a) of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. 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 LOREE'S social security number to requesting governmental agencies.

The BOARD shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its January 17, 2014 meeting.

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

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

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Mary J. Venrick LSW, LPC
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