

Ms. Soares Graham has completed the terms
of the consent agreement as of 7/23/2010

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**CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
LYNELL SOARES
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND
FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between LYNELL SOARES, hereinafter, "**SOARES**," 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.

SOARES 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.

SOARES 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, based on the Board's investigation, 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. **SOARES** is a social worker (S.0500445) 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. **SOARES** received her social work license on July 22, 2005.
2. **SOARES** renewed her social work license through July 22, 2009. In August 2009, **SOARES** was audited for compliance with continuing education requirements. **SOARES** was able to provide proof of 10.5 hours of the 30 hours needed to have renewed her license. **SOARES'** failure to comply with the audit requirement constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01 (C)(20)(b).
3. **SOARES** admits the allegation referenced in paragraph 2 above.

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

SOARES' license to practice social work (S.0500445) in Ohio is indefinitely suspended. Once **SOARES** obtains 19.5 hours of appropriate social work continuing education, she must submit the completion certificates to the Board's Deputy Director for review. The **BOARD** will lift the licensure suspension once these hours have been reviewed and approved. These 19.5 hours may not be used for any future renewal. **SOARES** understands that she must also be cognizant of her renewal responsibilities if she wants to be able to renew her license past July 22, 2009.

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

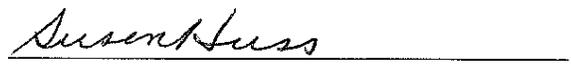
By her signature on this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **SOARES** acknowledges that in the event the **BOARD**, in its discretion, does not approve this CONSENT AGREEMENT, this settlement offer is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action or appeal by either party. **SOARES** 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. **SOARES** 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 **SOARES'** social security number to requesting governmental agencies. The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its March 2010, meeting.

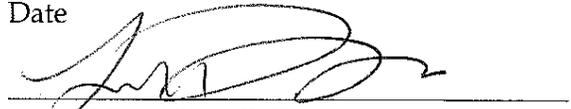
This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the Board Chair's signature below:


Lynell Soares, LSW

March 3, 2010
Date


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

3-19-10
Date


Leah V.B. O'Carroll, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board

3-19-10
Date