

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

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between ROBERT ELDRIDGE, hereinafter, "ELDRIDGE," 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.

ELDRIDGE 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.

ELDRIDGE 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.

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. ELDRIDGE is an independent social worker (I.0005453) 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. ELDRIDGE received his independent social work license on September 18, 1993.
2. In November 2020, the Board received a complaint alleging a violation of the Board's law and rules. While ELDRIDGE denied the allegation, he wants to surrender his independent social work license.
3. ELDRIDGE admits the statements 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, **ELDRIDGE** knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the **BOARD** to the following terms and conditions:


1. The **BOARD** will allow **ELDRIDGE** to surrender his independent social work license (I.0005453) in lieu of other potential disciplinary action. This surrender is permanent and precludes **ELDRIDGE** from applying for a social work, counselor, or marriage and family therapist license in the State of Ohio in the future.

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, **ELDRIDGE** 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. **ELDRIDGE** 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. **ELDRIDGE** 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 (NPDB), 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. The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its March 2021, meeting. This CONSENT AGREEMENT shall take effect upon the date of the Board's Executive Director's signature below:

Robert Eldridge
Robert Eldridge, LISW

2/4/21
Date


Brian P. Carnahan
Executive Director, Counselor, Social Worker,
Marriage and Family Therapist Board

3-11-2021
Date

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COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL
WORKER BOARD

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1. **ELDRIDGE** is an Independent Social Worker (I-5453) 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 R.C. Chapter 4757.
2. **ELDRIDGE** was Executive Director of Community Pathfinders, Inc. of London, Ohio. **ELDRIDGE'S** LISW license lapsed on September 18, 1995 and he continued to practice on this expired license through May 14, 1996.
3. During the period of time that **ELDRIDGE'S** license had lapsed, **ELDRIDGE** signed-off on or authorized approval by supervision or signature on individual client treatment records, and provided clinical supervision to staff.

4. **ELDRIDGE** practiced social work on an expired license in violation of O.R.C. 4757.36 (A)(1) and O.A.C 4757-7-02.
5. **ELDRIDGE** ADMITS the allegation referenced in paragraphs 2 and 3 referenced above.

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

- A. **ELDRIDGE** is hereby **REPRIMANDED** by the **BOARD**. Such **REPRIMAND** will be recorded in **ELDRIDGE'S** permanent licensure file with the **Board** for violating the Ohio Administrative and Ohio Revised Code sections referenced in paragraph 4 above.

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The **BOARD** shall incorporate this CONSENT AGREEMENT into a formal journal entry at its July, 1997, meeting.

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

THE OHIO COUNSELOR AND
SOCIAL WORKER BOARD

Robert Eldridge ACSW, LISW
ROBERT ELDRIDGE

Glenn Abraham
GLENN ABRAHAM
Chair, Counselor and Social Worker Board

6/24/97
DATE

July 18, 1997
DATE

Counsel for Robert Eldridge

Elizabeth Y. Collis
ELIZABETH Y. COLLIS, ESQ.
Assistant Attorney General
Counselor and Social Worker Board

DATE

7/18/97
DATE