CONSENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
PAYTON SHIRES
AND THE
STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between **PAYTON SHIRES** hereinafter, **"SHIRES"** 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.

SHIRES 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. **SHIRES** 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 stipulations and, understandings:

1. **SHIRES** is a social worker (S-2309415) licensed to practice as a social worker 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 Section 4757 and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. **SHIRES** received her social worker license on June 12, 2023.

2. The Board received information that **SHIRES** entered into a sexual relationship with a minor client in the summer of 2023. On May 28, 2024, in Franklin County Court of Common Pleas **SHIRES** plead guilty to four counts of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, two counts of intimidation of a victim or witness, and one count of inducing panic. These actions constitute a violation of O.R.C. 4757.36 (C)(1) and O.A.C. 4757-5-04.

3. **SHIRES** admits the allegation referenced in paragraph 2.

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

1. The **BOARD** will allow **SHIRES** to surrender her social worker license in lieu of other potential disciplinary action. This surrender is permanent and precludes **SHIRES** from applying for any license under this Board's jurisdiction 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 her signature on this CONSENT AGREEMENT, **SHIRES** 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. **SHIRES** 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.

SHIRES 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 July 2024, meeting.

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

Payton Shires

Payton Shires, LSW

7-12-24

Date

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

7/18/2024

Date