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CONSENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEIGHANN FORSYTH, PH.D. AND THE STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

This CONSENT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between LEIGHANN FORSYTH, PH.D. (hereinafter "DR. FORSYTH") and the OHIO BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY (hereinafter "BOARD"), the state agency charged with enforcing Chapter 4732 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and all rules promulgated thereunder.

DR. FORSYTH 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.

DR. FORSYTH 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 that 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 based on the following STATEMENTS and UNDERSTANDINGS:

1. DR. FORSYTH is a psychologist licensed to practice psychology in the State of Ohio, holds License P.5692, original date of licensure June 16, 2000, and is subject to all laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of psychology.
2. DR. FORSYTH entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board on September 13, 2023, and agreed to an indefinite suspension of her license for a minimum forty-five (45) days and a referral for a mental health and substance abuse evaluation by the Ohio Professionals Health Program (OhioPHP).
3. On February 8, 2024, DR. FORSYTH entered into a five (5) year monitoring agreement with OhioPHP. Conditions of the OhioPHP monitoring agreement include: random urine drug screens; documented attendance at recovery support groups meetings; quarterly reports from a psychiatrist and therapist; and other therapeutic services as appropriate.
4. On October 10, 2024, DR. FORSYTH requested the restoration of her license to practice psychology. DR. FORSYTH asserts that she is in full compliance with the OhioPHP

- monitoring program; she has been abstinent from alcohol since August 2023; and she has engaged in appropriate treatment programs in Rhode Island where she now resides.
5. Correspondence from OhioPHP, received on October 1, 2024, set forth that DR. FORSYTH is able to practice as a psychologist with reasonable safety in accordance with acceptable and prevailing standards, and without limitations on her practice.
 6. Therefore, the BOARD and DR. FORSYTH agree that circumstances warrant the restoration of her license with conditions.

Based upon the above STATEMENTS, and UNDERSTANDINGS, the BOARD and DR. FORSYTH agree as follows:

- A. DR. FORSYTH'S license to practice psychology shall be restored on the effective date of this Agreement. Prior to DR. FORSYTH'S license being placed in active status, DR. FORSYTH shall complete a reinstatement application and pay the required reinstatement fee. The BOARD waives the mandatory continuing education requirement for the purpose of the restoration of the license and any late fees associated with a reinstatement application submitted to the BOARD on or before September 30, 2026.
- B. DR. FORSYTH understands that to renew her license in 2026 or any year thereafter, she shall follow all the laws and rules related to mandatory continuing education and biennial renewal registration as set forth in ORC 4732.14, ORC 4732.141, OAC 4732-1-08, and OAC 4732-2-01.
- C. DR. FORSYTH agrees that, as a condition of her license restoration, she shall follow and complete all requirements set forth in her five (5) year OhioPHP Monitoring Agreement dated February 8, 2024.
- D. DR. FORSYTH understands that any report/s from OhioPHP indicating that she has failed to comply with any aspect of her Monitoring Agreement and/or has violated any requirements set forth in her Monitoring Agreement shall be considered a violation of this Consent Agreement and may result in the Board initiating formal disciplinary action.
- E. If DR. FORSYTH violates the terms and conditions of this CONSENT AGREEMENT in any respect, the BOARD, after giving notice and the opportunity to be heard, may institute whatever disciplinary action it deems appropriate as provided by chapter 4732.17 of the ORC. Any administrative action initiated by the BOARD based on an alleged, found or admitted violation of this CONSENT AGREEMENT shall comply with the Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 119 of the ORC.
- F. By her signature on this agreement, DR. FORSYTH 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 or introduced in any disciplinary action or appeal by either party. DR. FORSYTH agrees that should the BOARD reject this CONSENT AGREEMENT and if this case proceeds to hearing, she will

