BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

Cari C. Hall HC 59 Box 182A Craigsville, WV 26205 License Number: TL04019447

CONSENT AGREEMENT

Comes now Cari C. Hall and the West Virginia Board of Social Work Examiners (hereinafter "the board"), for the purpose of agreeing to disciplinary action which shall be taken against Ms. Hall by the board pursuant to the West Virginia Code §30-30-7(a)(6). As reflected in this document, the parties have reached an agreement concerning the proper disposition of this matter, and the board approving such agreement, does hereby find and **ORDER** as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- The board is a State entity created by West Virginia Code §30-30-1 et seq., and is empowered to regulate the practice of social work pursuant to the West Virginia Code §30-30.
- While licensed as a social worker, Ms. Hall engaged in activities, outside of her assigned duties, with a client prior to her termination of employment with Pressley Ridge Schools in June 2001.
- 3. On September 18, 2001, the board received a correspondence from Ms. Hall regarding her actions. Within this correspondence, Ms. Hall acknowledged a

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variety of activities that had occurred. Ms. Hall further stated that she continued to have personal contact with this former client.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- West Virginia Code §30-30-7(a) states that "[t]he board may refuse to issue or tenew a license, or may suspend or revoke an existing license....[if a social worker] [h]as been found guilty by the board of unprofessional conduct in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the board.
- As indicated in the Findings of Fact, Ms. Hall has violated §30-30-7(a)(6) of the West Virginia Code. Ms. Hall's professional conduct is in violation of the NASW Code of Ethics §1.06 "Conflicts of Interest."

CONSENT

Cari C. Hall, by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

She acknowledges that she is aware of her option to pursue this matter through appropriate administrative and/or court channels, but intelligently, knowingly, and voluntarily waives her right to do so.

 She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her license to practice social work in the State of West Virginia. 2. She acknowledges that the Consent Agreement shall serve as a formal reprimand and, as such, shall be reported as mandated under Federal Law to the Health Integrity Practitioners Data Bank through the Association of Social Work Boards, the designated reporting agent for the board. She acknowledges that information regarding any disciplinary action imposed by a professional licensing board shall become a matter of public record.

<u>ORDER</u>

On the basis of the foregoing, the board hereby **ORDERS** that:

- Cari C. Hall will be required to earn an additional nine (9) contact hours from board approved or certified providers in the area of ethics as it applies to boundary issues, dual relationships, and conflicts of interest. The required nine (9) hours must be earned within ninety (90) days following approval of this consent and will be in addition to the standard ethics and continuing education requirements in force under a temporary social work license.
- 2. Ms. Hall will inform her "licensing supervisor" of record as well as her employment supervisor of this action.
- 3. Ms. Hall shall identify a qualified individual to serve as a clinical supervisor from her place of employment who will agree to bi-monthly supervision meetings for the period of one year. The clinical supervisor shall provide a written progress report after six months and at the end of one year. The report shall include the

supervisor's comments and observations on the licensee's motivation, attendance at bi-monthly meetings, and licensee's capacity to become more familiar with the Code of Ethics and dual relationships.

Entered this: 17th day of APAIL, 2002.

Signature: Cari fol

Date: 3-28-02 _____

Signature: Sita M. Brown, MSW, Chair

Date: april 17, 2002 _____