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Informed Consent for Psychotherapy

General Information The therapeutic relationship is unique in that it is a highly personal and at the same time, a contractual agreement. Given this, it is important for us to reach a clear understanding about how our relationship will work, and what each of us can expect. This consent will provide a clear framework for our work together. Feel free to discuss any of this with me. Please read and indicate that you have reviewed this information and agree to it by filling in the checkbox at the end of this document.

The Therapeutic Process You have taken a very positive step by deciding to seek therapy. The outcome of your treatment depends largely on your willingness to engage in this process, which may, at times, result in considerable discomfort. Remembering unpleasant events and becoming aware of feelings attached to those events can bring on strong feelings of anger, depression, anxiety, etc. There are no miracle cures. I cannot promise that your behavior or circumstance will change. I will support you and do my very best to understand you and repeating patterns, as well as to help you clarify what it is that you want for yourself.

Confidentiality The session content and all relevant materials to the client's treatment will be held confidential unless the client requests in writing to have all or portions of such content released to a specifically named person/ persons. Limitations of such client held privilege of confidentiality exist and are itemized below:

If a client threatens or attempts to commit suicide or otherwise conducts him/her self in a manner in which there is a substantial risk of incurring serious bodily harm.

If a client threatens grave bodily harm or death to another person.

If the therapist has a reasonable suspicion that a client or other named victim is the perpetrator, observer of, or actual victim of physical, emotional or sexual abuse of children under the age of 18 years.

Suspicious as stated above in the case of an elderly person who may be subjected to these abuses.

Suspected neglect of the parties named in items #3 and # 4.

If a court of law issues a legitimate subpoena for information stated on the subpoena.

If a client is in therapy or being treated by order of a court of law, or if information is obtained for the purpose of rendering an expert's report to an attorney.

Occasionally I may need to consult with other professionals in their areas of expertise in order to provide the best treatment for you. Information about you may be shared in this context without using your name.

If we see each other outside of the therapy office, I will not acknowledge you first. Your right to privacy and confidentiality is of the utmost importance to me, and I do not wish to jeopardize your privacy. However, if you acknowledge me first, I will be more than happy to speak briefly with you, but feel it appropriate not to engage in any lengthy discussions in public or outside of the therapy office.

Therapist Background and Qualification

Therapist draws from over 20 years of experience in the mental health and related fields, working with individuals, couples, families and adolescents. Therapist has extensive training in issues involving anxiety, grief and loss, struggles with self-esteem, depression, the pain of separation and divorce, anger, abuse, alcohol and substance dependency, relationship differences, the challenges associated with bipolar, and others. Therapist also provides consultations, supervision, and training for mental health professionals as well.

The Therapist educational background

PsyD Doctorate in Clinical Psychology - California Coast University / MA Counseling Psychology - University of San Francisco / MDiv - Pacific Theological Seminary / BA Humanities/Philosophy - San Francisco State University / all Accredited Institutions.

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Therapist has an extensive background and understanding of the Satir Transformational Systemic Process Model, as well as other therapeutic modalities, using them as a guide in working with people from all walks of life. Therapist is also associated with the Association for Comprehensive Energy Psychology and brings these and other tools into the therapeutic process. These models are based on bringing about change in order to live life more confidently, competently, and congruently.

Further information about Carl Sayles, PsyD his qualifications, education, curriculum Vita and a more extensive explanation of the therapeutic process please visit: www.healingpalce.info.

I understand that by signing this document that I have read, understood, and agree to the items contained in this document.

Patient Name (please print)

Signature of Patient (or authorized representative)

Date