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Professional Disclosure Statement

1. Masters of Social Work (1989), University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work (accredited Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Program); Bachelor of Fine Arts – Ceramics (1982), University of Houston, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.
2. Licensed Clinical Social Worker – LCSW #992885. Requirements of which are: jurisprudence exam, clinical exam by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB), 3360 clock hours of post-graduate work experience over 24 months, 96 clock hours of post-degree supervision over 24 months with a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and forty professional development hours over 24 month period for continuing education and license renewal.
3. The practice of licensed or registered persons in the field of psychotherapy is regulated by the Mental Health Licensing Section of the Division of Registrations. The Board of Social Work Examiners can be reached at 1560 Broadway, Suite 1350, Denver, Colorado 80202, (303) 894-7760. As to the regulatory requirements applicable to mental health professionals: a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and a Licensed Professional Counselor must hold a masters degree in their profession and have two years of post-masters supervision. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. A Licensed Psychologist must hold a doctorate degree in psychology and have one year of post-doctoral supervision. A Licensed Social Worker must hold a masters degree in social work. A Psychologist Candidate, a Marriage and Family Therapist Candidate, and a Licensed Professional Counselor Candidate must hold the necessary licensing degree and be in the process of completing the required supervision for licensure. A Certified Addiction Counselor I (CAC I) must be a high school graduate, and complete required training hours and 1000 hours of supervised experience. A CAC II must complete additional required training hours and 2,000 hours of supervised experience. A CAC III must have a bachelor's degree in behavioral health, and complete additional required training hours and 2,000 hours of supervised experience. A Licensed Addiction Counselor must have a clinical masters degree and meet the CAC III requirements. A Registered Psychotherapist is registered with the State Board of Registered Psychotherapists, is not licensed or certified, and no degree, training or experience is required.
4. You are entitled to receive information from me about my methods of therapy, the techniques I use, the duration of your therapy, if known, and the fee structure. You can seek a second opinion from another therapist or terminate therapy at any time.
5. In a professional relationship, sexual intimacy is never appropriate and should be reported to the board that licenses, registers, or certifies the licensee, registrant or certificate holder.
6. As a psychotherapist, I may consult with a variety of experts on treatment issues in a manner that protects confidentiality.
7. Generally speaking, the information provided by and to the client during therapy sessions is legally confidential and cannot be released without the client's consent. There are exceptions to this confidentiality, some of which are listed in Section 12-43-218 of the Colorado Revised Statutes and the

HIPAA Notice of Privacy Rights you were provided, as well as other exceptions in Colorado and Federal law. Some of the circumstances where disclosure is required by the law are: reporting suspected child, dependent, or elder, abuse or neglect; and where a client presents a danger to self or others. If a legal exception arises during therapy, if feasible, you will be informed.

8. With regard to maintenance of records of a client, any person who alleges that a mental health professional has violated the licensing laws related to the maintenance of records of a client eighteen years of age or older, must file a complaint or other notice with the licensing board within seven years after the person discovered, or reasonably should have discovered this. Pursuant to law, this practice will maintain records for a period of seven years commencing on the date of termination of services or on the date of last contact with the client, whichever is later.

9. Specific information related to meeting for a free initial consultation:

A 30-minute consultation is offered pro-bono to assist in determining whether you and I agree to proceed and for you to receive therapy services from this office. If we agree that it is a good fit, and you chose to enter into therapy, that therapy relationship will begin upon your first paid appointment and not before. Otherwise any therapy relationship implied or explicit from this free consultation shall be considered terminated at the end of our 30-minute consult. Please note that during this 30 minute consult, any statements made that indicate possible child or elder abuse, and/or suicidal or homicidal risk, may require action on this therapists' part as described above in #7 of this document.

I have read this information and I understand my rights as a client or as the client's responsible party.

Print Client's Name

Client or Responsible Party's Signature

Date _____

Client or Responsible Party's Signature

Date _____

If signed by Responsible Party, please state relationship to client and authority to consent

Therapist Signature

Date _____