

## Professional Disclosure Statement and Consent For Treatment



***Both South Carolina State law and Public Law 104-191 mandate the majority of this document. It is provided for your protection.***

### **Confidentiality:**

The information you share in psychotherapy is protected health information and is generally considered confidential by both South Carolina statute law and federal regulations. Please note, however, that your therapy file **can** be subpoenaed in South Carolina through a court order **signed only by a judge**. It is considered privileged in the federal court system.

Johannah Hornak is mandated by standards through the “Duty to Warn” statute to breach confidentiality if she discovers:

- You are threatening self-harm (suicide)
- You are threatening to harm another (homicide)
- A child has been or is being abused or neglected, and/or
- A vulnerable adult has been or is being abused or neglected.  
If you wish for your protected health information to be released to another party, you must sign a specific “Release of Information” intended for this purpose.

### **Ethics:**

Johannah Hornak follows the Code of Ethics of the following organizations:

- The South Carolina Board of Examiners for the Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists

### **Informed Consent:**

You will be asked to sign the last page of this document. Your signature verifies that (1) you have read this document and the HIPAA

document that follows, and (2) you consent to treatment. You also need to be aware of the following:

- Counseling is not always successful and may open unexpected emotionally sensitive areas,
- Johannah Hornak is not a physician and cannot prescribe medications, and
- Johannah Hornak is not available 24 hours a day

Johannah Hornak is licensed through the SC Board of Examiners for the Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists. This Board is located in The Synergy Center (Kingstree Building) in Columbia, South Carolina. The Board's mailing address is P.O. Box 11329, Columbia, SC, 29211-1329. The phone number is 803-896-4652.

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Signature Date

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Printed Name