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Statement of Clients' Rights

I provide psychotherapy and counseling to all clients without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran status, or any other discriminatory factor recognized by law. When you receive services from me, you also have certain rights, which I have listed below.

RIGHT TO CONFIDENTIALITY. Unless the law requires it, your records and other information about you will not be released without your written permission (or if you are a minor, the written permission of your parent or legal guardian). There are, however, some circumstances under which I may be required by law to share information with others about the services you receive, to include:

- If you give written permission I may share information with any person or agency you identify.
- If I believe that you are in imminent danger to yourself or to others, or if I believe you are likely to commit a crime, I may share information with law enforcement and with threatened individuals.
- To report a crime committed by you on my office premises or against me.
- The court may order me to release your records without your permission
- If I suspect that you have neglected or abused a child or dependent adult, or you are being investigated for child abuse or neglect , I am required by law to share information with county protective services officials.
- If ou are HIV positive and I am aware that you are not following proper control measures, I am required to report this to agents charged with the protection of public health.
- To medical personnel in a medical emergency.

RIGHT TO REFUSE TREATMENT. You have the right to consent to treatment or services and my withdraw your consent at any time. If you refuse a recommended service or treatment, I will attempt to inform you of the consequences for such refusal. The only time that you can be treated without consent is in an emergency situation. When it has been court-ordered, or if you are a minor and your parent or guardian have given consent.

RIGHT TO KNOW THE COSTS OF SERVICES. You should be informed of the costs of our services before the provision of the services. It is your responsibility to arrange for payment of costs, and your services can be terminated for failure to pay for agreed costs.

RIGHT TO PRIVACY. You have the right to be free from any unwarranted search of your person or property.

RIGHT TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY. I do not administer any potentially painful procedures or stimuli to reduce the frequency or intensity of a behavior. I must protect clients from harm and report any form of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.