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Consent to Use or Disclose Clinical Information

I authorize Kathleen Bruhn, Ph.D. to use and disclose the health care information for the purpose of ***Treatment*** (such as coordinating your care with your primary physician or other health care professionals), ***Payment*** (such as billing your insurance company and determining eligibility of your health benefits) and routine ***Health Care Operations*** (such as scheduling appointments or calling to remind you of an appointment).

This consent form is being provided to you with an attached ***Notice of Privacy Practices***. Please review this ***Notice of Privacy Practices*** for additional information about the uses and disclosures of protected health care information described in this Consent prior to signing this Consent.

A summary of the ***Notice of Privacy Practices*** will be posted in my office indicating the effective date of the current copy of this document. As more fully explained in the Notice of Privacy Practices, you have the right to request restrictions on how your health care information may be used for treatment, payment, and routine health care operations. You also have the right to request a review of your records or to amend your records; this is more fully explained in the Notice of Privacy Practices.

Please verify that you received the ***Notice of Privacy Practices*** by initialing here: _____

I understand that I have the right to revoke this Consent, provided that I do so in writing, except to the extent that this office has already used or disclosed information prior to my decision to revoke consent.

Signature of Client

Date

Signature of legal guardian (if client is a minor)

Date

Relationship to client (if client is a minor)

Notice of Privacy Practices

This document describes how clinical and health care information may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please review it carefully. This notice describes the privacy policies followed by this office and any practitioner who might provide “on-call” coverage for me, and applies to the information I have about your health and the services you receive from this office. If you have any questions or requests concerning this notice, please contact me.

I am required by current federal law, effective April 14, 2003, under The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) to give you this notice. It will tell you about the ways in which I may use and disclose protected health information about you and describe your rights and my obligations regarding the uses and disclosure of that information.

How I may Use and Disclose Protected Health Information (PHI):

By State law and the ethics of the mental health profession, I must have your written and signed consent to use and disclose health care information for the following purposes:

For Treatment: I may disclose health care information in order to provide better clinical services, i.e.; discussing your case with your primary physician or another practitioner for consultation purposes.

For Payment: I may use and disclose health information so that services may be billed and paid by you, your insurance company or a third party. It is my policy to release only demographics, diagnosis, date and type of service when I bill third party payers. If more information is required by a payer, I will request your written consent for that disclosure.

For Routine Health Care Operations: I may use health information about you in order to run my practice, i.e., appointment reminders. I may contact you as a reminder that you have an appointment. Please notify me if you do not wish to be contacted for appointment reminders, or if there are restrictions you want to make about such contacts.

You may revoke your Consent at any time by giving written notice. Your revocation will be effective when I receive it, but will not apply to any uses and disclosures that occurred prior to that time.

If you are receiving substance abuse treatment, federal and state law require your written Authorization each time I release information. The Authorization will specify who is to receive the information, the purpose of the release of information, and a time period after which the Authorization will terminate. You may modify or revoke an authorization at any time.

Special Situations:

I may use or disclose health information about you without your permission for the follow purposes, subject to all applicable legal requirements and limitations:

To Avert a Serious Threat to Health or Safety: Based on professional judgment, I may use and disclose information when necessary to prevent a serious threat to your health or safety or the health or safety of the public or another person.

Required by Law: Based on professional judgment, I may disclose health care information about you when required by federal, state or local law.

Lawsuits and Disputes: If you are involved in a lawsuit, I may disclose health information in response to a court order or subpoena, and I will use my professional judgment about the information to be disclosed.

Law Enforcement: I may release health information if required to do so in response to a court order, subpoena, warrant, summons, or similar process, subject to all applicable legal requirements.

Family and Friends: In situations where you might not be capable of giving authorization, because you are not present or due to your incapacity or medical emergency, I may determine that a disclosure to your family member or friend is in your best interest. In that situation, I will disclose only information relevant to the person’s involvement in your care.

Additional disclosures are permitted under HIPAA regulation. These will not be made without your authorization and consent. Once information leaves my office and becomes part of any data resource beyond my control, HIPAA permits disclosure in the following circumstances:

Research: Health information about you may be used for research projects that are subject to a special approval process. You may be asked for your permission, if the researcher will have access to your name, address, or other information that reveals who you are.

Military, National Security, and Intelligence: If you are a member of the armed forces, or part of the national security or intelligence communities, military command, or other government authorities may require the release of health information about you. HIPAA also permits the release of information about foreign military personnel to the appropriate foreign military authority.

Workers Compensation: Health information may be released for workers compensation or similar programs. These programs provide benefits for work-related injuries.

Public Health Risks: Health information may be released in order to prevent or control disease, injury or disability; report births, deaths, suspected abuse or neglect, non-accidental injury, reactions to medications or problems with products.

Health Oversight Activities: Health information may be disclosed to a health oversight agency for audits, investigations, inspections, or licensing purposes. These disclosures may be necessary for certain state and federal agencies to monitor the health care system, government programs, and compliance with civil rights laws.

Information Not Personally Identifiable: Health information may be disclosed in a way that does not personally identify you or reveal who you are.

Other Uses and Disclosures of Health Information:

This office will not disclose your health information for any purpose other than those identified in the previous sections without your specific written Authorization. You may also revoke your Authorization in writing, at any time. If you revoke your Authorization, I will not disclose any further information, but I cannot take back any disclosures already made with your permission. A separate written authorization is required for the release of information regarding HIV or substance abuse treatment. In order to disclose these types of records, I will provide a separate written release that complies with the law governing HIV or substance abuse records.

Your Rights Regarding Protected Health Information:

Right to Review Records: You have the right to review your clinical, medical and billing records. You must submit a written request to me, the designated privacy officer, in order to inspect your health information. If you request a copy of the records, I may charge a fee for the costs of copying and/or mailing the records. I may deny your request to inspect, review or copy records in certain limited circumstances, such as when I believe exposure to this information may be detrimental to your mental health. If you are denied access to your health information, you may ask that the denial be reviewed. If such a review is required by law, I will select a licensed mental health care professional to review your request and my denial. The person who conducts this review will not be the person who denied the request, and I will comply with the outcome of the review. You do not have the right to review or copy private psychotherapy notes or information compiled in anticipation of, or for use in, a civil, criminal or administrative proceeding.

Right to Amend: If you believe the health records about you are incomplete or incorrect, you may ask me to amend the information. You have the right to request an amendment when the information is kept by this office. To request an amendment, you must submit a clear statement of the requested amendment to the designated privacy contact. I may deny your request for an amendment if it is not in writing or does not include a reason to support the request. In addition, I may deny your request if you ask to amend information that:

- I did not create.
- Is not part of the health information that I keep.
- You would not be permitted to review, inspect, or copy.
- Is accurate and complete.

Right to an Accounting of Disclosures: You have the right to request an "accounting of disclosures". This is a list of the disclosures I have made of clinical information about you for purposes other than treatment, payment, and routine health care operations. To obtain this list, you must submit your request in writing. Your request must state a time period, which may not be longer than six years and may not include dates before April 14, 2003. Your request should indicate in what form you want the list (for example, on paper or electronically). I may charge you for the costs associated with providing the list. I will notify you of the cost involved and you may choose to withdraw or modify your request at that time before any costs are incurred.

Right to Request Restrictions: You have the right to request a restriction or limitation on the health care information disclosed about you for treatment, payment or health care operations. You have the right to request limits on disclosures, such as asking that I not call you at your office, or that I not communicate with family members.

Right to Request Confidential Communications: You have the right to request that I communicate with you about clinical matters in a confidential way, such as asking that I only contact you at home.

Right to a Paper Copy of this Notice: You have the right to a paper copy of this privacy notice. Even if you agreed to receive it electronically, you are entitled to a paper copy.

Changes to this Notice:

I reserve the right to change this privacy notice, and to make the revised notice effective for any medical or clinical information I receive in the future. I will post a summary of the current privacy notice, including its effectiveness date, in my office. You are always entitled to a copy of the notice currently in effect.

Complaints:

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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INFORMED CONSENT FOR TELEPSYCHOLOGY

This Informed Consent for Telepsychology contains important information focusing on doing psychotherapy using the phone or the Internet. Please read this carefully and let me know if you have any questions. When you sign this document, it will represent an agreement between us.

Benefits and Risks of Telepsychology

Telepsychology refers to providing psychotherapy services remotely using telecommunications technologies, such as video conferencing or telephone. One of the benefits of telepsychology is that the client and clinician can engage in services without being in the same physical location. This can be helpful in ensuring continuity of care if the client or clinician moves to a different location, takes an extended vacation, or is otherwise unable to continue to meet in person. It is also more convenient and takes less time. Telepsychology, however, requires technical competence on both our parts to be helpful. Although there are benefits of telepsychology, there are some differences between in-person psychotherapy and telepsychology, as well as some risks. For example:

- Risks to confidentiality. Because telepsychology sessions take place outside of the therapist's private office, there is potential for other people to overhear sessions if you are not in a private place during the session. On my end I will take reasonable steps to ensure your privacy. But it is important for you to make sure you find a private place for our session where you will not be interrupted. It is also important for you to protect the privacy of our session on your cell phone or other device. You should participate in therapy only while in a room or area where other people are not present and cannot overhear the conversation.
- Issues related to technology. There are many ways that technology issues might impact telepsychology. For example, technology may stop working during a session, other people might be able to get access to our private conversation, or stored data could be accessed by unauthorized people or companies.

- Crisis management and intervention. Usually, I will not engage in telepsychology with clients who are currently in a crisis requiring high levels of support and intervention. Before engaging in telepsychology, we will develop an emergency response plan to address potential crisis situations that may arise during our telepsychology work.
- Efficacy. Most research shows that telepsychology is about as effective as in-person psychotherapy. However, some therapists believe that something is lost by not being in the same room. For example, there is debate about a therapist's ability to fully understand non-verbal information when working remotely.

Electronic Communications

I have a preferred telehealth platform which will be used. At this point in time, I prefer to use Doxy.me, but I may use other platforms or services on a case by case basis.

For communication between sessions, I only use email communication and text messaging with your permission and only for administrative purposes unless we have made another agreement. This means that email exchanges and text messages with my office should be limited to administrative matters. This includes things like setting and changing appointments, billing matters, and other related issues. You should be aware that I cannot guarantee the confidentiality of any information communicated by email or text. Therefore, I will not discuss any clinical information by email or text and prefer that you do not either. Also, I do not regularly check my email or texts, nor do I respond immediately, so these methods **should not** be used if there is an emergency.

Treatment is most effective when clinical discussions occur at your regularly scheduled sessions. But if an urgent issue arises, you should feel free to attempt to reach me by phone. I will try to return your call within 24 hours except on weekends and holidays. If you are unable to reach me and feel that you cannot wait for me to return your call, contact your family physician or the nearest emergency room and ask for the psychologist or psychiatrist on call. If I will be unavailable for an extended time, I will provide you with the name of a colleague to contact in my absence if necessary.

Confidentiality

I have a legal and ethical responsibility to make my best efforts to protect all communications that are a part of our telepsychology. However, the nature of electronic communications technologies is such that I cannot guarantee that our

communications will be kept confidential or that other people may not gain access to our communications. I will try to use updated encryption methods, firewalls, and back-up systems to help keep your information private, but there is a risk that our electronic communications may be compromised, unsecured, or accessed by others. You should also take reasonable steps to ensure the security of our communications (for example, only using secure networks for telepsychology sessions and having passwords to protect the device you use for telepsychology).

Appropriateness of Telepsychology

From time to time, we may schedule in-person sessions to “check-in” with one another. I will let you know if I decide that telepsychology is no longer the most appropriate form of treatment for you. We will discuss options of engaging in in-person counseling or referrals to another professional in your location who can provide appropriate services.

Assessing and evaluating threats and other emergencies can be more difficult when conducting telepsychology than in traditional in-person therapy. To address some of these difficulties, we will create an emergency plan before engaging in telepsychology services. I will ask you to identify an emergency contact person who is near your location and who I will contact in the event of a crisis or emergency to assist in addressing the situation. I will ask that you sign a separate authorization form allowing me to contact your emergency contact person as needed during such a crisis or emergency.

If the session is interrupted for any reason, such as the technological connection fails, and you are having an emergency, do not call me back; instead, call 911, or go to your nearest emergency room. Call me back after you have called or obtained emergency services.

If the session is interrupted and you are not having an emergency, disconnect from the session and I will wait two (2) minutes and then re-contact you via the telepsychology platform on which we agreed to conduct therapy.

If there is a technological failure and we are unable to resume the connection, you will only be charged the prorated amount of actual session time.

Fees

The same fee rates will apply for telepsychology as apply for in-person psychotherapy. However, insurance or other managed care providers may not cover sessions that are conducted via telecommunication. If your insurance, HMO, third-party payor, or other managed care provider does not cover electronic psychotherapy sessions, you will be solely responsible for the entire fee of the session. Please contact your insurance company prior to our engaging in

telepsychology sessions in order to determine whether these sessions will be covered.

Records

The telepsychology sessions shall not be recorded in any way unless agreed to in writing by mutual consent. I will maintain a record of our session in the same way I maintain records of in-person sessions in accordance with my policies.

Informed Consent

This agreement is intended as a supplement to the general informed consent that we agreed to at the outset of our clinical work together and does not amend any of the terms of that agreement.

Your signature below indicates agreement with its terms and conditions.

Client or Minor who is 13 or older

Parent

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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

I am a licensed Clinical Psychologist in the State of Washington (PY2970). I am a solo practitioner, one of a number of independent mental health professionals who are tenants in a common facility at 7600 NE 41st St., Ste. 310, Vancouver, WA 98662. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fine Arts from the University of California, Irvine, and a Masters' degree in Clinical Art Therapy from Immaculate Heart College, Los Angeles, CA and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from California Graduate Institute, Los Angeles, CA. Before relocating to the State of Washington, I practiced as a licensed Marriage, Family and Child Therapist and a licensed Clinical Psychologist in the State of California. I have 35 years of expertise in the field. I have received additional training in child and adolescent psychology, psychodiagnostic assessments, family therapy, cognitive-behavioral approach and psychodynamic treatment.

APPOINTMENTS

Therapy sessions are usually arranged on a weekly or biweekly basis and are usually 45 minutes long. When we agree to an appointment time, that time is reserved for you and it is your responsibility to keep that appointment. If you need to change or cancel an appointment, please give me 24 hours notice, otherwise you will be charged for the missed appointment. Missed sessions cannot be billed to your insurance company. You may change or cancel an appointment by leaving a message on my voice mail number (360-571-2044).

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FEES

Payment is expected at the time of your appointment. The usual and customary fees are:

- Initial appointment and evaluation - \$ 200.00
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INSURANCE

Some but not all insurance plans cover mental health services. If you are unsure or have questions, call your insurance company to inquire if your plan covers OUTPATIENT PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES. If you chose to use your health insurance coverage, it is your responsibility to obtain eligibility information pre-authorization for treatment, co-pay and deductible information. You are responsible for payment of your account. Under certain circumstances, I will send a statement to your primary insurance carrier for you so that reimbursement may be obtained. In order for me to do this you will need to provide me with your claim form and a mailing address for your insurance company. Claims are mailed at the beginning of each month for the previous month.

If your insurance company is involved with a managed health care plan, the plan could require access to your records and in that case, they will likely ask me to furnish regular reports on your status. Managed care plans evaluate each case separately and by their nature, managed health care plans focus on symptom reduction and relief. Therefore, they emphasize brief therapy. You cannot assume the maximum mental health benefit will be attainable through your managed care insurance plan. Managed health care plans often do not view therapy that focuses on personality change, quality of life, personal growth or couple/family problems as part of the covered services.

EMERGENCY CALLS

A receptionist answers the office phone during normal business hours or you can leave a confidential message on my voice mail number. If you are calling after hours you may leave a message on my voice mail and if your call is marked urgent, I will attempt to call you back in a timely manner. If you need faster assistance you may call any of the following crisis numbers: 911, Columbia River Mental Health at 360-993-3000 or go to your local emergency room.

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INTAKE EVALUATION (ADULT)

To be completed by client

Your information is important. Please answer as completely as possible.

Client's name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Partner's name (if being seen as a couple): _____

Address: _____ City, State, ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

home _____ May we leave messages? Y/N _____

cell _____ May we leave messages? Y/N _____

work _____ May we leave messages? Y/N _____

Gender (M/F): ____ Age: ____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Marital Status: _____

Others living in the home (name, birth date, relationship to client):

_____/____/____, _____/____/____

_____/____/____, _____/____/____

_____/____/____, _____/____/____

Education – Self: _____ Education – Partner: _____

Occupation – Self: _____ Occupation – Partner: _____

Employer – Self: _____

Social Security # – Self: _____ Social Security # – Partner: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Telephone: _____

Referred by: _____

Insurance Information

Name of Insured: _____ Insured date of birth: _____

Address of Insured: _____ City, State, ZIP: _____

Relationship of client to Insured: _____ Employer of Insured: _____

Primary insurance company: _____ Phone: _____

Insurance company address: _____ City, State, ZIP: _____

Insurance identification number: _____ Group number: _____

Secondary insurance company: _____ Phone: _____

Name of secondary insured: _____ Date of birth: _____

Secondary insurance address: _____ City, State, ZIP: _____

Secondary identification number: _____ Group number: _____

PATIENT OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE

I authorize the release of any medical or other information necessary to process a claim. I also request payment of government benefits either to myself or to the party who accepts assignment. I authorize payment of medical benefits to the provider of services.

Date: _____

Client's Name: _____

Presenting Problem

Describe the problem(s) that brought you here today:

Check any of these symptoms you are having:

- Depression
- Extreme sadness
- Trouble concentrating
- Memory problems
- Change in eating habits
- Extreme happiness
- Trouble performing job
- Lack of enjoyment of usual activities
- Self esteem problems
- Perfectionism
- Obsessions or compulsions
- Feeling fearful
- Physical complaints of pain
- Problems with anger
- Thoughts of hurting yourself or others
- _____
SYMPTOM

- Feeling hopeless
- Feeling tearful
- Change in sleeping habits
- Lack of energy
- Weight changes
- Change in sexual interest or function
- Conflicts with friends or family
- Feeling stressed
- Easily irritated
- Feeling guilty
- Feeling nervous
- Sudden feelings of panic
- Muscle tension
- Acting violently
- Thoughts of killing yourself or others
- _____
SYMPTOM

This space reserved for additional comments by clinician:

Client's Name: _____

Have you ever been in counseling before? Yes ___ No ___

If you have been in counseling before, please describe it below. Start with the most recent time first.

When? (dates): _____ Who did you see? _____
Explain what happened:

When? (dates): _____ Who did you see? _____
Explain what happened:

Have you ever been psychiatrically hospitalized? Yes ___ No ___

For what reason?

When and where? _____

Have you been treated for a drug or alcohol problem? Yes ___ No ___

When and where? _____

Medical information

Have you seen a doctor within the last year? Yes ___ No ___
Why have you seen a doctor?

Who is your doctor? _____ Phone: _____
Are you taking any medications, prescription or over-the counter? Please list them:

Do you have any allergies? Yes ___ No ___ Please describe them:

Substance use history	Current	Past	No
Do you use/have you used tobacco (any form)?	___	___	___
Do you use/have you used alcohol?	___	___	___
Do you use/have you used caffeine (any form, including cola drinks)?	___	___	___
Do you use/have you used recreational drugs?	___	___	___

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Kathleen Bruhn, Ph.D.
Tracy Clason, ARNP
Carla Crockford, ARNP
Harry Dudley, Psy.D.
Megan Dye, ARNP

Shelley Geil, ARNP
Jack Litman, Ph.D.
Jacqueline Moore, ARNP
Vicki Paulus, ARNP
Walter Spafford, LCSW

From I-5 (either direction) take the Orchards, SR 500 Exit (Exit 2). Go approximately 4 miles east on SR 500, then take the Andresen Exit. Go LEFT (north) on Andresen. After going under the overpass (see below)*

From I-205 coming from the SOUTH take EXIT 30C (Orchards, Vancouver, SR 500). Bear LEFT on the exit so you end up on SR 500, heading west towards Vancouver, not Orchards. After passing Vancouver Mall, take the Andresen exit; and turn RIGHT (north) on Andresen (see below).*

From I-205 coming from the NORTH take Exit 30 (Orchards, Vancouver, SR 500). Bear RIGHT onto SR 500, heading west towards Vancouver. After passing Vancouver Mall, take the Andresen exit; and turn RIGHT (north) on Andresen (see below).*

***From Andresen Road, turn RIGHT (east) onto NE 40th Street, which is clearly marked with a traffic light (US Bank and Comcast Cable are on the corners). The road will curve left and change into 72nd Avenue. Take the FIRST RIGHT onto NE 41st Street. We are in the fourth building on the left side. A marker at the street says "One Park Place". The awning at the front entrance says "One Park Place" and "7600". We are on the third floor in Suite 310.**

Parking: Use any available space (except "disabled"). Several one-hour "Visitor" spaces are available in the front of the building. There is also plenty of parking on the top level of the parking structure immediately to the west, behind "Two Park Place". (Enter the lot on the west side of that building).

