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INFORMATION FOR CLIENTS AND CONSENT TO TREATMENT

FAMILY THERAPY

Family therapy involves a very personal relationship between me and the members of the family but there is also a formal aspect to this relationship in the form of certain obligations we have to each other, and I describe those obligations here. The College of Psychologists recommends that clients for therapy/counselling/consultation be provided with this information in writing and sign a Consent to Treatment form like this to verify that the information has been provided.

Confidentiality

Information that parents and children reveal to me is treated as highly confidential and will not be discussed with anyone else, with the following rare exceptions. If someone is a serious danger to someone's life or if a child is being abused, I am legally required to report these. If I am subpoenaed to appear in court, or my notes are subpoenaed, I must comply with the subpoena. If I am told about another health professional whose behavior constitutes a danger to the public, I must report them to their College. I will provide information about your child to another professional if you request this. I may choose to consult with another professional to aid in my work with your child in which case the use of information that could identify you or your child would be avoided.

When I work individually with a child in therapy I endeavour to provide parents with relevant information about my impressions of your child's psychological functioning, information regarding progress your child is making in therapy, and recommendations for what you may do to facilitate your child's progress. However, it is important that your child have the freedom to express him or herself in the therapy sessions with the knowledge that the specific details of what he or she says or does will remain confidential and not be revealed to anyone. I will certainly inform you about anything that is important to ensure your child's safety or well-being.

Information revealed to me during individual contact with one member of a family will generally not be revealed to the other members of the family. However, it may not be possible for me to recall whether I have learned specific information in the context of a session with a family or it was provided to me in contact with one individual, so I cannot guarantee this. If I am working with a family in the context of a court order or under contract from a government agency, then I may be required to provide my conclusions in a report. The details of this will be discussed with you.

Your Right to Ethical Treatment

I will always endeavor to treat you according to your best interests and according to the Code of Conduct of the College of Psychologists of British Columbia:

<http://www.collegeofpsychologists.bc.ca/docs/10.CPBCCodeofConduct.pdf>.

You are always welcome to ask me any questions about our work together. If you ever believe that you have been treated unethically by any psychologist, contact the College at (604) 736-6164.

Terminating Therapy

I will not ask you to end treatment before you feel ready, except under extraordinary circumstances, and termination is usually a mutual decision. You may, of course, end therapy at any time. It is best

if this is discussed between us so that you have as much information as possible with which to make your decision. If you stop therapy without us having discussed this, I will likely contact you to verify that you are indeed terminating, to ensure that you are doing well, and to allow me to close your file.

Payment

I follow the fee schedule of the BC Psychological Association. The fee is \$225. per hour (50-minute session and 10 minutes for required preparation of session notes and preparation for sessions). Longer 60-minute (\$260.) or 90-minute (\$360.) sessions are also available. This fee will remain fixed throughout your ongoing work with me, regardless of any future increase to my rates. Payment may be made by cheque or in cash at the end of each session, or by e-transfer made prior to the session. Payments through Paypal must be arranged individually. I give you a receipt with my registration number which may be used to make claims on extended medical plans or for income tax deductions (Psychological services are classified as a medical expense.)

Cancelling Appointments

I ask that you cancel appointments with me as soon as you are aware that you need to. If you cancel with 48 hours notice, there is no fee. If you cancel with less than 48 hours notice, for any reason, half of your regular fee will be charged unless another client is able to fill the spot. If you do not call or email to cancel, I will assume that you are late for the appointment, wait for you throughout the appointment time, and the full fee will be charged.

Social Media & Communications Technology:

Psychologists are not permitted to accept “friend” or contact requests from clients or former clients on social media (e.g. Facebook, LinkedIn). Most forms of communication technology (cell phone, email, text, or Skype) are not completely secure. Although unlikely, please be aware of possible risks to your privacy if you communicate personal information through these media. All communications that require 10 minutes or more of my time will be billed at the standard rate.

I understand and accept the above information. I am consenting to Family Therapy for myself and for my non-adult children: (child names)_____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current Medication (self and children): _____

Medical Conditions (self and children): _____

Previous psychological/psychiatric/counselling services (self and children): _____
