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MANDATORY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (C.R.S. 12-43-214)

Welcome to my practice. I am committed to providing the highest quality psychological services. I believe that concepts, treatment approaches, and research data from many different theoretical schools may be professionally applied to relieve a variety of personal, and relational problems. The resolution of presenting symptoms, an enhancement of interpersonal functioning, and an encouragement of wellness-sustaining spiritual growth are all seen as valid goals of professional counseling.

Summary of Education, Training, and Licensure

Education: Ph.D. in Clinical/Community Psychology, University of South Carolina, 1987
Clinical Psychology Internship, William H. Hall Psychiatric Institute, Columbia, SC, 1985
Graduate Certificate in Biblical Studies, Columbia International University, 1980
B.S. in Psychology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 1976

Licensure: Licensed Psychologist, Colorado State Board of Psychologist Examiners, 1993 - present
Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology (APIT), an interstate agreement from the PSYPACT Commission, which facilitates the provision of telehealth in member states, 2020 - present
Licensed Clinical Psychologist, South Carolina Board of Examiners in Psychology, 1988 - 1993

Certification: Board Certified Professional Christian Counselor, Board of Christian Professional and Pastoral Counselors, 2009 - present

State Regulatory Information

The Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies has the general responsibility of regulating the practice of licensed psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists, certified school psychologists, and unlicensed individuals who practice psychotherapy. The agency within the Department that has responsibility specifically for licensed and unlicensed psychotherapists is the Mental Health Board, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1350, Denver, CO 80202, (303) 894-7800. The Board of Psychologist Examiners regulates licensed psychologists, and can be reached at the above contact information.

As to the regulatory requirements applicable to mental health professionals:

- * A Registered Psychotherapist is a psychotherapist listed in the State's database and is authorized by law to practice psychotherapy in Colorado, but is not licensed by the state and is not required to satisfy and standardized educational or testing requirements to obtain registration from the state.
- * A Certified Addiction Counselor I (CAC I) must be a high school graduate or equivalent, complete required training hours and 1,000 hours of supervised experience.
- * A Certified Addiction Counselor II (CAC II) must be a high school graduate or equivalent, complete the CAC I requirements, 2,000 additional hours of supervised experience, and pass a national exam.
- * A Certified Addiction Counselor III (CAC III) must have a bachelor's degree in behavioral health, complete CAC II requirements, and complete additional required training hours, 2,000 additional hours of supervised experience, and pass a national exam.
- * A Licensed Addiction Counselor must have a clinical master's degree, meet the CAC III requirements, and pass a national exam.
- * A Licensed Social Worker must hold a master's degree from a graduate school of social work and pass an examination in social work.
- * A Licensed Clinical Social Worker must hold a master's or doctorate degree from a graduate school of social work, practiced as a social worker for at least two years, and pass an examination 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 Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist must hold a master's or doctoral degree in professional counseling, have at least two years post-master's or one year post-doctoral practice, and pass an exam in marriage and family therapy.
- * A Licensed Professional Counselor must hold a master's or doctoral degree in professional counseling, have at least two years post-master's or one year postdoctoral practice, and pass an exam in professional counseling.
- * A Licensed Psychologist must hold a doctorate degree in psychology, have one year of post-doctoral supervision, and pass an examination in psychology.

Client Rights and Important Information

You are entitled to receive information from me about my methods of therapy, the techniques that I use, the duration of your therapy (if I can determine it), and my fee structure. I am eclectically trained, and tend to utilize cognitive-behavioral therapy, brief therapy, solution-focused therapy, and faith-based counseling for many issues. You can seek a second opinion from another therapist or terminate therapy at any time. In a professional relationship (such as ours), sexual intimacy between a therapist and a client is never appropriate. If sexual intimacy occurs, it should be reported to the Board of Psychologist Examiners.

Generally speaking, the information provided by and to a client during the therapy sessions is legally confidential in the case of licensed marriage and family therapists, social workers, professional counselors, and psychologists; licensed or certified addiction counselors; and registered psychotherapists. If the information is legally confidential, the therapist cannot be forced to disclose the information without the client’s consent. There are exceptions to the general rule of legal confidentiality. These exceptions are listed in the Colorado statutes (section 12-43-218, C.R.S., in particular, discusses exceptions in the case of a complaint, suit, or grievance). You should be aware that, except in the case of information given to a licensed psychologist, legal confidentiality does not apply in a criminal or delinquency proceeding. There are other exceptions, such as (a) indications of clear and imminent danger to self or others, (b) proper, legal court order directing release of information to a particular court judge, and (c) suspicion of abuse or neglect of a child, elder, or an at-risk adult with intellectual or developmental disabilities, that I will identify to you if the situations arise during therapy.

Records

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.

Marital and/or Family Sessions

Sometimes the client is considered to be more than one person (as in couple or family therapy). Separate sessions for individual members of the couple or family, when held as an adjunct to conjoint treatment, are not considered to be confidential from the other family members.

Collateral Consultation

Sometimes it is helpful to consult with other family members, with the client’s permission, in order to facilitate treatment of the client. These sessions are not confidential and the information may be shared with the client.

Court Proceedings

I am unwilling to be an adverse witness in any child custody, divorce, or other domestic, civil, or criminal court proceedings. My role as a professional psychologist is to provide a therapeutic and neutral environment. Although some legal proceedings cannot be avoided, please note that my practice is limited to psychotherapy.

Emergency Coverage

The instructions for accessing me for life-threatening emergencies are given in my voicemail phone greeting. If I am out of town I arrange for emergency coverage of my caseload with several colleagues.

Counseling Orientation

If desired, I offer an expertise in integrating Christian truths into the therapeutic process. I am trained in Christian counseling, and offer this orientation to those who wish to receive it. I am also sensitive to the client’s right to choose the level of interest in this approach, and am happy to offer professional psychotherapy without this spiritual emphasis. Please note by circling the appropriate phrase whether your (wish to receive) or (do not wish to receive) a Christian orientation in your professional counseling. Please initial here _____

Consultation

I may occasionally find it helpful to consult another mental health professional about a case in order to provide the best treatment possible. During a consultation, I do not reveal the identity of my client. The consultant is also legally bound to keep the information confidential.

Colleagues

I share office space with professional colleagues. We represent separate business entities, and thus do not share records or confidential session information.

I have read the proceeding information and understand my rights and responsibilities as a client.

I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of Practitioner’s Notice of Privacy Practices.

Signature _____ Date _____