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INFORMED CONSENT ABOUT THE LIMITS OF CONFIDENTIALITY

We at Dr. Kelly Associates, LLC, believe confidentiality is very important in order to understand and help people. Contents of all therapy sessions are considered to be confidential. Both verbal information and written records about a client cannot be shared with another party without the written consent of the client or the client's legal guardian. However, in some circumstances, your clinician will not be able to maintain confidentiality. Noted exceptions are as follows:

Couples/Families – When we have contracted to work with you as a couple or family, if in our judgment it is appropriate to speak with one of you on an individual basis, the material discussed in an individual session may be shared with both of you or the rest of the family when we believe it to be in everyone's best interest. In this circumstance we would encourage the individual to initiate sharing this information, but we reserve the right to bring up information if we think it is useful for both or all of you to do so. This is how we believe we can be most helpful to everyone.

Minors/Guardianship – Parents or legal guardians of non-emancipated minor clients have the right to access the clients' records.

Duty to Warn and Protect – When a client discloses intentions or a plan to harm another person, the mental health professional is required to warn the intended victim and report this information to legal authorities. In cases in which the client discloses or implies a plan for suicide, the health care professional is required to notify legal authorities and make reasonable attempts to notify the family of the client.

Abuse of Children and Vulnerable Adults – If a client states or suggests that he or she is abusing a child (or vulnerable adult) or has recently abused a child (or vulnerable adult), or a child (or vulnerable adult) is in danger of abuse, the mental health professional is required to report this information to the appropriate social service and/or legal authorities.

Prenatal Exposure to Controlled Substances – Mental Health care professionals are required to report admitted prenatal exposure to controlled substances that are potentially harmful.

In any of the above cases we would tell each of you why we must share what we were told. Should this occur, we will encourage you to take the initiative and call for yourselves. We will also be your advocate and give you as much support and assistance throughout this process as possible, so that we can continue to work together in a therapeutic manner. Information that may be requested includes, but is not limited to: types of service, dates/times of service, diagnosis, treatment plan, description of impairment, progress of therapy, case notes, and summaries.

I agree to the above limits of confidentiality, have had my questions answered, and understand their meanings and ramifications.

Client signature

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