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## Disclosure Statement

As a psychotherapist practicing in the State of Colorado, I am required to inform you of my level of training and academic credentials. I am a Licensed Professional Counselor (#LPC.0011208) and a Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC). I have earned a Ph.D. from The University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology in Religious and Psychological Studies. To enhance the quality of my work, I consult with colleagues at PCD and engage in 20 hours of continuing education each year.

In the State of Colorado the practice of psychotherapy is regulated by the Mental Health Licensing Section of the Division of Registrations. The State Board of Licensed Professional Counselor Examiners can be reached at 1560 Broadway, Suite 1350, Denver, Colorado 80202, (303) 894-7800.

## Your Rights as a Client include the following:

- A client is entitled to receive information about the methods of therapy, the techniques used, the duration of therapy if known, and the fee structure.
- The client may seek a second opinion from another therapist or may terminate therapy at any time.
- In a professional relationship, sexual intimacy is never appropriate and should be reported to the State Board of Licensed Professional Counselor Examiners.
- Generally speaking, private communication in therapy is legally confidential and cannot be released without the client's consent.
- There are exceptions to the rule of confidentiality included in Section 12-43-218 of Colorado Revised Statues and HIPAA Notice of Privacy Rights. Legal confidentiality does not apply in the case of serious potential for suicide; possible physical harm or violence to another person; any known or suspected instance of child abuse (which by law must be reported to the Dept. of Social Services); When a court orders information be disclosed; and when an insurance company seeks information regarding therapy. If any other legal exception arises in the course of therapy, if feasible, you will be informed by your therapist. (Read and sign the HIPPA Notice of Privacy Rights included with this disclosure form.)

## **Additional Policies:**

<u>E-communications</u>: Due to the unsecure nature of e-mails and text messaging, I use these means of communications primarily for appointment related concerns.

<u>Timeliness</u>: You can expect to start and end sessions within the allotted time for the scheduled appointment. If I am delayed I will seek to inform you as soon as possible.

<u>24 Hour Coverage</u>: I am <u>unable</u> to provide 24 hour coverage. However, I am committed to returning messages within a reasonable amount of time.

<u>Cancellations</u>: Please allow at least 24 hours ahead of the appointment when cancelling or rescheduling. Appointments not cancelled 24 hours in advance may be charged. I cannot charge insurance for missed appointments.

<u>Termination</u>: I would like to have a final in-person session, to facilitate adequate closure.

<u>Insurance and billing</u>: Clients are responsible for their bill. In situations where an insurance company does not pay, you may negotiate with the therapist for payment on the balance of your bill.

<u>Payment</u>: Unless other arrangements are made, co-pays or out of pocket payment is expected at the time of service. PCD reserves the right to make use of collection agencies to retrieve payments due past 90 days, if not otherwise negotiated.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to ask.

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Please print your name and sign below that you have read this disclosure statement. (Upon request, you may have a copy of the disclosure statement for your files)

Name: (Printed)		
Signed:	Date:	



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The Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies requires that mental health professionals inform their clients of their client's options for mental health services in our state.

- A Licensed Clinical Social Worker, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and a Licensed Professional Counselor must hold at least a masters degree in their profession and have two years of post-masters supervision.
- A Licensed Psychologist must hold a doctorate degree in psychology and have one year of post-doctoral supervision.
- A Licensed Social Worker must hold a masters degree 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 Certified Addiction Counselor I (CAC I) must be a high school graduate, and complete required training hours and 1,000 hours of supervised experience.
- A CAC II must complete additional required training hours and 2,000 hours of supervised experience.
- A CAC III must have a bachelors degree in behavioral health, and complete additional required training hours and 2,000 hours of supervised experience.
- A Licensed Addiction Counselor must have a clinical masters degree and meet the CAC III requirements.
- A Registered Psychotherapist is registered with the State Board of Registered Psychotherapists, is not licensed or certified, and no degree, training or experience is required.