LIMITS OF CONFIDENTIALITY

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. Noted exceptions are as follows:

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.

Minors/Guardianship

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

Insurance Providers (when applicable)

Insurance companies and other third-party payers are given information that they request regarding services to clients.

Information that may be requested includes type of services, dates/times of services, diagnosis, treatment plan, and description of impairment, progress of therapy, case notes, and summaries.

I agree to the above limits of confidentiality and understand their meanings and ramifications.

Client Signature (Client's Parent/Guardia	n if under 18)
Today's Date	

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you fail to cancel a scheduled appointment, we cannot use this time for another client and you will be billed for the entire cost of your missed appointment.

A full fee of is charged for missed appointments or no show cancellations with less than a 24 hour notice unless due to illness or an emergency. A bill will be mailed directly to all clients who do not show up for or cancel an appointment.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this important matter.
Client Signature (Client's Parent/Guardian if under 18)
Today's Date

INTAKE FORM

Please provide the following information for our records. Leave blank any question you would rather not answer. Information you provide here is held to the same standards of confidentiality as our therapy.

Please print out this form and bring it to your first session or allow yourself 30 minutes prior to your appointment to complete the form in the office.

							Preferred Pronouns
Name:(Last)			(First)	(M	Middle Initial)	
Name of parent/g	uardia	n (if you a	re a minor):				
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(Last)			(First)	(IV	Iiddle Initial)	
Birth Date:	/_	/_	Age:	Ger	nder: Male	□ Female	
Marital Status: □ Never Married	□ Pa	artnered	□ Married □	□ Separated	□ Divorced	□ Widowed	
Number of Childr	en:						
Local Address: _			(54	1 NJ 1 N			
			(Street ar	ia Number)			
	(City)			(State)		(Zip)	
Home Phone:	()	-	May	we leave a m	sg? □Yes □No	
Cell/Other Phone:	()	-	May	we leave a m	sg? □Yes □No	
E-mail:*Please be aware	that en	nail might	not be confident	ential.	May we ema	il you? □Yes □l	No
Referred by:							_
Are you currently elsewhere? □Yes			atric services,	-		or psychotherap	y

Have you had previous psychotherapy? □No □Yes, at Previous therapist's name
Are you currently taking prescribed psychiatric medication (antidepressants or others)? □Yes □No
If Yes, please list:
If no, have you been previously prescribed psychiatric medication? $\Box Yes \Box No$
If Yes, please list:
HEALTH AND SOCIAL INFORMATION
1. How is your physical health at present? (please circle)
Poor Unsatisfactory Satisfactory Good Very good
2. Please list any persistent physical symptoms or health concerns (e.g. chronic pain, headaches, hypertension, diabetes, etc.):
3. Are you having any problems with your sleep habits? □ No □ Yes If yes, check where applicable:
□ Sleeping too little □ Sleeping too much □ Poor quality sleep
□ Disturbing dreams □ Other
4. How many times per week do you exercise?
Approximately how long each time?
5. Are you having any difficulty with appetite or eating habits? □ No □ Yes
If yes, check where applicable: □ Eating less □ Eating more □ Binging □ Restricting
Have you experienced significant weight change in the last 2 months? □ No □ Yes

In a typical month, how often do you have 4 or more drinks in a 24-hour period?				
7. How often do you engage recreational drug use? □ Daily □ Weekly □ Mont □ Rarely □ Never	hly			
8. Have you had suicidal thoughts recently? □ Frequently □ Sometimes □ Rarely □ Never				
Have you had them in the past? □ Frequently □ Sometimes □ Rarely □ Never				
9. Are you currently in a romantic relationship? □ No □ Yes				
If yes, how long have you been in this relationship?				
On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate the quality of your current relationship?				
10. In the last year, have you experienced any significant life changes or stressors:				
-				
Have you ever experienced:				
Extreme depressed mood yes/no				
Wild Mood Swings yes/no				
Rapid Speech yes/no				
Extreme Anxiety yes/no				
Panic Attacks yes/no				
Phobias yes/no				
Sleep Disturbances yes/no				
Hallucinations yes/no				
Unexplained losses of time yes/no				
Unexplained memory lapses yes/no				
Alcohol/Substance Abuse yes/no				
Frequent Body Complaints yes/no				
Eating Disorder yes/no				
Body Image Problems yes/no				

Repetitive Thoughts (e.g., Ob	osessions)	yes/no		
Repetitive Behaviors (e.g., Fi	requent Checking, Hand-Washing)	yes/no		
Homicidal Thoughts		yes/no		
Suicide Attempt		yes/no		
OCCUPATIONAL INFORM	MATION:			
Are you currently employed?	o No □ Yes			
If yes, who is your current en	nployer/position?			
If yes, are you happy at your	current position?			
Please list any work-related s	tressors, if any:			
RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL IN	NFORMATION:			
Do you consider yourself to b	Do you consider yourself to be religious? □ No □ Yes			
If yes, what is your faith?				
If no, do you consider yourself to be spiritual? □ No □ Yes				
FAMILY MENTAL HEALTH HISTORY:				
Has anyone in your family (either immediate family members or relatives) experienced difficulties with the following? (circle any that apply and list family member, e.g., Sibling, Parent, Uncle, etc.):				
Difficulty	Family Member			
Depression	yes/no			
Bipolar Disorder	yes/no			
Anxiety Disorders	yes/no			
Panic Attacks	yes/no			

yes/no

Schizophrenia

Alcohol/Substance Abuse	yes/no
Eating Disorders	yes/no
Learning Disabilities	yes/no
Trauma History	yes/no
Suicide Attempts	yes/no
OTHER INFORMATION:	
What do you consider to be y	our strengths?
What do you like most about	yourself?
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What are effective coping stra	ategies that you've learned?
What are your goals for therap	py?

PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST (1/01) Psychotherapy Research Program at HMS, Leigh McCullough Ph.D.

Name	
	Age DOB// Sex M F
No. Years Education Marital Status	
Currently living with	Ins. Group #
Spouse/Partner's Occupation	No. of Children Ages
Person to contact in an emergency	Phone ()
Address	Relation to you
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Not a Problem Mild Problem Moderate Problem Seven 1.	ere Problem Couldn't be worse RATING
2	at this time (rather than some time earlier or later):
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2	at this time (rather than some time earlier or later): eet of paper if you need extra space for answers) by serious medical conditions? (If yes, please describe) No Yes Constipation Circulation Shortness of Breath Frequent Urination a rate your overall health? Excellent Good Fair Poor
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DAILY FUNCTIONING: Please give a rough estimate	LIFELONG FUNCTIONING: Please check the best and			
of how many hours per week you spend doing the	worst times of your life:			
following in a typical week:	Age	Best Times	Average times Worst Times	
Working in your primary job	0-5			
Parenting/Caretaking of others	6-12			
Doing household chores, bills, etc	13-19			
TV, Movies	20-29			
Physical recreation or exercise of some kind	30-39			
Hobbies (crafts, games, music, dancing, reading, etc.)	40-49			
Social activity with friends, family	50-59			
Church, charity, spiritual or inspirational activities	60-69			
Quiet, non-productive, or relaxing time	70-79+			
Average number of hours of sleep per night				
Who helped you through it? Are there things that cause you to feel ashamed or that would BEST TIME IN LIFE (Please briefly describe)				
Was there someone to share it with? Yes No Do you have a close friend who is supportive and someone you can confide in during difficult times?				
What are your STRENGTHS (How do you cope) when times				
Do you feel you are a person of worth at least on an equal		•		
How much enjoyment or pleasure are you currently getting.	_			
What is your income range? Under \$20,000 /\$20-39,0	JUU /\$4		500-80,000/ Over \$80,000	
(Axis V) SELF-ASSESSMENT OF FUNCTIONING: Pleafunctioning in each of the three areas listed below, according 10 5 5 5 5	the following th	ng scale: 2ty Barely able to	·1 function	

AXIS I: DSM-IV: Self-Report Checklist of Preliminary Items for Major C

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	MD	
u were feeling depre	ssed or down	
	No Yes	
ed to enjoy? (Was it	most of the	
	No Vec	

	last month has there been a period of time (of 2 weeks or not of the day nearly every day?	,	No Yes
	you felt a lot less interested in things or unable to enjoy the		140 1 63
	nearly every day for at least two weeks?)		No Yes
day	ilearly every day for at least two weeks:		DYS
For tv	vo years or more, have you been bothered by depressed mod	od most of the day, more days than not?	
	Have you felt any of the following	owing? Please check:	
	Pronounced weight loss or weight gain	Difficulty concentrating/indecisive	
	Sleeping too much or too little	Recurrent thoughts of death, dying	_
		or hurting yourself	
	Fidgety/Agitated or restless behavior	Making a plan for suicide	
	Feeling slowed down, sluggish	Taking some action toward suicide	
	Feelings of worthlessness or excessive guilt	Fatigue or loss of energy	_
	<u> </u>		PMD
Have	you ever before had a 2 week period when you were feeling	g depressed or down more days than not?	No Yes
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			MN
oth	last month, has there been a period of time when you were er people thought you were not your normal self or you got	into trouble? (Did anyone say you were manic?	N. V.
	s that more than just feeling good?)		
Has t	nere been a period of time when you felt so irritable that you	i shouted at people or started fights/arguments?	
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	you ever had a time when you were feelings so good or hyprorum r normal self or you were so hyper that you got into trouble		No Voc
you	ir normal sell of you were so hyper that you got into trouble	: (Did anyone say you were manic, then?)	No res
			DEL
Have	you had any unusual experiences, for example did it ever se	eem like people were talking about youor taking	
	cial notice of you?		No Yes
What	about receiving special messages from people or from the v	vay things were arranged around you, or from	
the	newspaper, radio, or TV?		No Yes
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	than when you were depressed or feeling high, has there be		NI W
	aw or smelled things that others couldn't see or smell?		
Or die	l you do something to call attention to yourself like dressing	g in some odd way or doing something strange?	No Yes
			ALC
Was t	here ever a period in you life when you drank too much? (H	Has alcohol ever caused problems for you?)	No Yes
	nyone ever objected to your drinking - or a doctor told you		

Was there ever a period in you life when you drank too much? (Has alcohol ever caused problems for you?)	No	Yes
Has anyone ever objected to your drinking - or a doctor told you to stop drinking?	No	Yes
Have you gone 'on the wagon' or ever tried to cut down on your drinking?	No	Yes
		DRG
Have you used any street drugs, or used prescription drugs in an amount or way that wasn't prescribed?	No	Yes
If street drug: Has there ever been a time when you took it at least ten times in a one month period of time?	No	Yes
If prescribed: Did you ever get hooked/dependent?	No	Yes

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	PAN
Have you ever had a panic attack, when you felt frightened, anxious, uncomfortable, worried about going crazy	
or suddenly developed a lot of physical symptoms (e.g., heart-pounding, trembling, dizziness)?	. No Yes
If yes, has the panic attack been followed by persistent concern about having additional attacks, worry about the	
implications or consequences of the attack, or a significant change in behavior related to the attacks?	No Yes
	OC
Have you ever been bothered by thoughts, impulses or images that caused anxiety and kept coming back even	
when you tried not to have them?	. No Yes
What about awful thoughts, like hurting someone against your will, or being contaminated by germs or dirt?	. No Yes
Was there ever anything that you had to do over and over again and couldn't resist doing, like washing your	
hands again and again, counting up to a certain number or checking something several times to make sure	
you'd done it right?	. No Yes
	PTSD
Is there a traumatic event or memory that keeps coming back in nightmares, flashbacks or thoughts—that you	
can't put out of your mind, & which continues to cause you great distress?	. No Yes
	AGR
Have you been afraid of leaving the house alone, being in crowds, standing in line, or traveling on buses or	
trains?	. No Yes
Have you felt any of the following? Please check:	
Pounding, racing heart Chest pain or discomfort Fear of losing control, going crazy _	
Sweating Nausea/abdominal distress Fear of dying	
Trembling, shaking Dizzy, lightheaded or faint Numbness or tingling sensation	
Shortness of breath Feelings of unreality or Chills or hot flushes	
Feelings of choking detached from oneself	
	SOC
Is there anything that you were ever afraid of or uncomfortable doing in front of other people like speaking,	
eating or writing?	. No Yes
	PHB
Are there any other things that you have been especially afraid of such as flying, snakes, seeing blood, getting	
a shot, heights, closed places or certain kinds of animals or insects?	. No Yes
	GAD
In the last six months, have you been particularly nervous or anxious?	. No Yes
Do you worry a lot about terrible things that might happen?	. No Yes
Have you felt any of the following? Please check:	
Restlessness or feeling keyed up or on edge Irritability	
Being easily fatigued	_
Difficulty concentrating or mind going blank Difficulty sleeping or restless sleep	
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	SM/HY
Over the last several years, have you had to go to the doctor often because you weren't feeling well?	
Have you worried that something was wrong, even when a doctor told you there was nothing the matter?	No Yes
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Have you ever had a time when you weighed much less than other people thought you ought to weigh?	
At that time were you very afraid that you could become fat?	
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Have you often had times when your eating was out of control?	
Have you ever made yourself throw-up, used laxatives or exercised a lot to prevent weight gain?	. No Yes
	ADD
Have you had trouble concentrating on things or paying attention for at least 6 months?	

9. Do you depend on other people to handle important areas in your life such as finances, child care or living arrangements? No Yes 16. Are you the kind of person who focuses on details, order, organization or likes to make lists and schedules? .. No Yes 17. Do you have trouble finishing jobs because you spend so much time trying to get things exactly right? No Yes 18. Do you (or others) feel that you are so devoted to work (school) that you have no time for others or for fun? . No Yes 21. Is it hard for you to let other people help you unless they agree to do things exactly the way you want? No Yes 25. When someone asks you to do something that you don't want to do, do you then work slowly or do a bad 28. Are you often grumpy and likely to get into arguments? 29. Have you found that most of your bosses, teachers, doctors, and others who are supposed to know what 34. Do you believe that you are basically an inadequate person and often don't feel good about yourself? No Yes

		SDF
X1.	Have you repeatedly been involved with friends or lovers who have taken advantage of you or let you down?	No Yes
X2	Have you sometimes gotten into bad situations where you wound up being taken advantage of?	
	Do you often refuse help from other people because you don't want to bother them?	
	When people try to help you, do you find it hard to accept or do you make it hard for them to help you?	
	When you are successful, do you feel depressed or like you don't deserve it, or do something to spoil it?	
X6.	Do you often turn down the chance to do things that you really enjoy?	No Yes
		PAR
	Do you often have to keep an eye out to stop people from using you or hurting you?	
42.	Do you spend a lot of time wondering if you can trust your friends or the people you work with?	No Yes
43.	Do you find that it is best not to confide in others because they will use it against you?	No Yes
	Do you often pick up hidden threats or insults in what people say or do?	
	Are you the kind of person who holds grudges or takes a long time to forgive when insulted or slighted?	
	Are there many people that you can't forgive because they did or said something to you a long time ago?	
	Do you often get angry or lash out when someone criticizes or insults you in some way?	
	Have you often suspected that your spouse or partner has been unfaithful?	
10.	Trave you often suspected that your spouse of parties has been unfaithful.	
49	When you are out in public and see people talking, do you often feel that they are talking about you?	No Ves
	Do you often feel that things that have no special meaning to most people are really meant to give you a	110 103
	message?	
51.	Do you often detect hidden messages in seemingly unrelated events?	No Yes
	Have you ever felt that you could make things happen just by making a wish or thinking about them?	
53.	Have you had personal experiences with the supernatural?	No Yes
54.	Do you believe that you have a 'sixth sense' that allows you to know or predict things that others can't?	No Yes
55.	Do you often think that objects or shadow are really people or animals or that noises are actually voices?	No Yes
	Have you had the sense that some person or force is around you, even though you cannot see anyone?	
	Do you often see auras or energy fields around people?	
	Are there very few people that you are really close to outside of your immediate family?	
	Do you often feel nervous when you are with other people?	
60	Is it NOT important to you whether you have any close relationships, including being part of a family?	No Yes
	Would you almost always rather do things alone than with other people?	
	Could you be content without ever being sexually involved with another person?	
	Are there really very few things that give you a lot of pleasure?	
	Does it not matter to you what people think of you?	
	Do you find that nothing makes you very happy or very sad?	
03.	Do you find that nothing makes you very happy of very sau?	NO 1 es
		HIS
66.	Are you uncomfortable if you are not the center of attention?	No Yes
	Do you flirt a lot?	
68.	Do you often find yourself "coming on" to people?	No Yes
	Do you try to draw attention to yourself by the way you dress or look?	
	Do you often make a point of being dramatic and colorful?	
71.	Do you often change your mind about things (opinions) depending on the people you're with or what you	
	have just read or seen on TV?	No Yes
72.	Do you have lots of friends that you are very close to?	No Yes

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80. Do you think that it's not necessary to follow certain rules or social conventions when they get in your 82. Do you often find it necessary to step on a few toes to get what you want? 87. Do you feel that others are often envious of you? BOR 89. Have you often become frantic when you thought that someone you really care about was going to leave 97. Are you a 'moody' person? No Yes 98. Do you often feel empty inside? 102. When you are under a lot of stress, do you get suspicious of other people or feel especially spaced out? No Yes

BEF	ORE THE AGE OF 15 DID YOU EVER DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:	
103.	Did you bully or threaten other kids?	No Yes
104.	Did you start fights?	No Yes
105.	Did you hurt or threaten someone with a bat, brick, broken bottle, knife or a gun?	No Yes
106.	Did you ever deliberately try to cause someone physical pain and suffering?	No Yes
107.	Did you torture or hurt animals on purpose?	No Yes
108.	Did you ever rob, mug or forcibly take something from someone by threatening him or her?	No Yes
109.	Did you ever force someone to have sex with you?	No Yes
110.	Did you set fires?	No Yes
111.	Did you deliberately destroy things that weren't yours?	No Yes
112.	Did you ever break into a house, other buildings, or cars?	No Yes
113.	Did you lie a lot or "con" other people?	No Yes
114.	Did you sometimes steal, shoplift things or forge someone's signature?	No Yes
115.	Did you run away from home and stay away overnight?	No Yes
116.	Would you often stay out very late, long after the time you were supposed to be home?	No Yes
117.	Did you often skip school?	No Yes

Larissa Humiston, LCSW Office Policies & Procedures

Appointments/ Office Hours

- Office hours are Monday thru Friday 7am-7pm.
- Appointments will be scheduled in 50-minute increments during the above times. Please be advised that weekend appointments are not available.
- Walk-in appointments are not available.

Cancellation

- Because your appointment time is set aside specifically for you, please notify me by telephone (407-415-1175) at least 24 hours in advance if you need to cancel or reschedule an appointment. Without such notice I will charge your regular session fee for the missed appointment. I do not accept text or e-mail cancellations at this time. Appointments scheduled for Mondays will need to be cancelled no later than 5pm on the Friday before or will be subject to full fee.
- I will wait 15 minutes into a scheduled session before it is considered a "no show". Full charge will be due.

Fees/ Insurance

- Fees are \$120 per 50-minute session for individual sessions. My rate is \$200 per session for all couples and families. All fees are due at the beginning of your session and can be paid in cash or Venmo. Major credit cards are able to be accepted for an additional \$5 per transaction fee. Checks are not accepted.
- I do take some insurances. You will be responsible for your copay, and if for any reason your insurance does not cover the sessions, you will be responsible for the full rate.
- At this time I am in-network for a limited number of insurance companies. If I am in-network for your insurance company, I will submit the paperwork for reimbursement for your treatment. I will collect any co-pays that you have at each session. If for any reason your insurance company does not pay, you are responsible for full payment. If I am out-of-network for your Insurance Plans, I will provide a receipt that you may submit to your insurance company for reimbursement, or you may want to inquire about "out of network" benefits, which some insurance companies provide. If you are covered for mental health services with out-of-network benefits you will be responsible to pay your fees in full and submit your paid bill to your insurance provider for reimbursement to you.
- I do not offer a sliding scale fee.
- If you are using your insurance EAP, I am happy to see you for two cycles of sessions. After that, you will either need to be referred out, or pay my full rate or your insurance rate if I accept your insurance. If you choose to continue getting EAP sessions, you will need to pay the difference in cost (ie, Aetna EAP pays \$60 to the therapist for the session, if the full fee is \$120, you will be responsible for \$60).

Telephone/Email

- Telephone calls are returned during normal business hours. I do not answer the phone if I am with another client, colleague, or if I am in a meeting or conference. I check my voicemail frequently and

am usually able to answer phone calls within in 24 hours if during normal business hours. I generally do not return phone calls after 8pm on business days or on weekends. I do not provide emergency services, if you are in need of emergency services, please dial 911 or go to your nearest Emergency Room. If I am unavailable for any extended period of time, I will provide the name and number of another clinician whom you may contact if need be.

- Please keep in mind that email does not always protect your confidentiality. I do not accept cancellations or changes to your appointment via email or text, only phone calls.

Record Keeping/Legal Proceedings

- I am required both by law and by the standards of my profession to keep appropriate treatment records. These include diagnosis, therapy goals, progress in treatment, documentation of mandated disclosures (child abuse etc.) and any other information. You have the right to review and/or receive a copy of your records at any time unless I feel that by doing so, may cause substantial emotional harm, endanger your life in any way, or pose a significant risk or harm to another individual. Alternatively, I can prepare a treatment summary of these records. Due to language used in these records, if you would like to review your records or treatment summary, I suggest you do so in my presence, so that I can clarify or answer any questions you may have. Records can only be released to another individual, therapist, doctor etc. with your written permission. If you were involved in couple of family therapy, all adults involved would also have to sign the release.
- If you ever become involved in a custody or other legal dispute, I do not provide evaluations or expert testimony in court. You should hire a different mental health professional for any evaluations or testimony you require. This position is based on two reasons: (1) My statements will be seen as biased in your favor because we have had a therapy relationship, and (2) The testimony might affect our therapy relationship, and I must put this relationship first. For any legal preparation my fee is \$250/hour.

Miscellaneous

- All files are confidential and are kept in a locked file cabinet. Even after the end of your treatment, files will be kept for at least 7 years as stated by Florida Department of Health Statutes.
- Any electronic files will be password protected to keep confidentiality.

I have read and understand the above	e policies and agree to them as stated above.
Client Name (Print):	Client Signature:
Date:	Therapist Reviewed

Larissa Humiston, LCSW 1414 Gay Rd Suite 205 Winter Park, FL 32789 122 N. 4th Street Suite 2006 Lake Mary, FL 32746 NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

I am required by law to maintain the privacy of your health information. I am also required to give you this Notice about my privacy practices, legal obligations, and your rights concerning your health information ("Protected Health Information" or "PHI"). I will follow the privacy practices that are described in this Notice. If I amend this Notice, I will provide you with the amended Notice for your information and signature.

For more information about my privacy practices, or for additional copies of this Notice, please let me know your questions as soon as they arise.

I. USES AND DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

- A. **Permissible Uses and Disclosures Without My Written Authorization.** I may use and disclose your PHI without your written authorization for certain purposes as described below. The examples provided in each category are not meant to be exhaustive, but instead are meant to describe the types of uses and disclosures of your mental health information that are legally permissible.
 - 1. **Treatment:** I may use and disclose your PHI to other clinicians involved in your care in order to better provide integrated treatment to you. For example, I may discuss your diagnosis and treatment plan with your psychiatrist or nurse practitioner. In addition, I may disclose your PHI to other health care providers in order to provide you with appropriate care and continued treatment.
 - 2. **Payment:** I may use or disclose your PHI for the purposes of determining coverage, billing, claims management, and reimbursement. For example, a bill sent to your health insurer may include some information about our work together so that the insurer will pay for the treatment. I may also inform your health plan about a treatment you are going to receive in order to determine whether the plan will cover the treatment.
 - 3. **Health Care Operations:** I may use and disclose your PHI in connection with health care operations, including quality improvement activities, training programs, accreditation, certification, licensing or credentialing activities. For, example, I may disclose disguised information about our work for training purposes.
 - 4. Required or Permitted by Law: I may use or disclose your PHI when I am required or permitted to do so by law. For example, I may disclose your PHI to appropriate authorities if I reasonably believe that you are a possible victim of abuse, neglect, domestic violence, or the possible victim of other crimes. In addition I may disclose your PHI to the extent necessary to avert a serious threat to your health or safety or the health or safety of others. Other

disclosures permitted or required by law include the following: disclosures for public health activities; health oversight activities including disclosures to state or federal agencies authorized to access your PHI; disclosures to judicial and law enforcement officials in response to a court order or other lawful process; disclosures for research when approved by an institutional review board; disclosures for workers' compensation claims, and disclosures to military or national security agencies, coroners, medical examiners, and correctional institutions as authorized by law.

B. Permissible Uses and Disclosures That May Be Made Without My Authorization, But For Which You Have An Opportunity to Object.

- Fundraising: I may use your PHI to contact you in an effort to offer you new services. I
 may also disclose PHI to any foundation with which I am connected so that the foundation
 may contact you in an effort to raise money for its operations. Any fundraising
 communications with you will include a description of how you may opt out of receiving
 any further fundraising communications.
- 2. Family and Other Persons Involved in Your Care. I may use or disclose your PHI to notify, or assist in the notification of (including identifying or locating) your personal representative, or another person responsible for your care, location, general condition, or death. If you are present, then I will provide you with an opportunity to object prior to such uses or disclosures. In the event of your incapacity or emergency circumstances, I will disclose your PHI consistent with your prior expressed preference, and in your best interest as determined by my professional judgment. I will also use my professional judgment and my experience to make reasonable inferences of your best interest in allowing another person access to your PHI regarding your treatment with me.
- 3. **Disaster Relief Efforts.** I may use or disclose your PHI to a public or private entity authorized by law or its charter to assist in disaster relief efforts for the purpose of coordinating notification of family members of your location, general condition, or death.

C. Uses and Disclosures Requiring Your Written Authorization.

- 1. **Psychotherapy Notes.** I will not disclose the records of our work that I keep separate from the medical record for my personal use, known as psychotherapy notes, except as permitted by law.
- 2. **Marketing Communications; Sale of PHI.** I must obtain your written authorization prior to using or disclosing your PHI for marketing or the sale of your PHI, consistent with the related definitions and exceptions set forth in HIPAA.
- 3. Other Uses and Disclosures. Uses and disclosures other than those described in this Notice will only be made with your written authorization. For example, you will need to sign an authorization form before I can send your PHI to your life insurance company or to your attorney. You may revoke any such authorization at any time by providing me with written notification of such revocation.

II. MY INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

- A. **Right to Inspect and Copy.** You may request access to your medical records and billing records maintained by me in order to inspect and request copies of the records. All requests for access must be made in writing. Under limited circumstances, I may deny access to your records. I may charge a fee for the costs of copying and sending you any records requested.
- B. **Right to Alternative Communications.** You may request, and I will accommodate, any reasonable written request for you to receive your PHI by alternative means of communication or at alternative locations.
- C. Right to Request Restrictions. You have the right to request a restriction on your PHI that I use or disclose for treatment, payment or health care operations. You must request any such restriction in writing addressed to Larissa Humiston, LCSW- 1414 Gay Rd. Suite 205, Winter Park, FL 32789. I am not required to agree to any such restriction you may request, except if your request is to restrict disclosing your PHI to a health plan for the purpose of carrying out payment or health care operations, the disclosure is not otherwise required by law, and the PHI pertains solely to a health care item or service which has been paid in full by you or another person or entity on your behalf.
- D. **Right to Accounting of Disclosures.** Upon written request, you may obtain an accounting of disclosures of your PHI made by me in the last six years, subject to certain restrictions and limitations.
- E. **Right to Request Amendment:** You have the right to request that I amend your PHI. Your request must be in writing, and should explain why the information should be amended. I may deny your request under certain circumstances.
- F. **Right to Obtain Notice.** You have the right to obtain a paper copy of this Notice by submitting a request to **Larissa Humiston, LCSW- 1414 Gay Rd Suite 205 Winter Park, FL 32789** at any time.
- G. **Right to Receive Notification of a Breach.** I am required to notify you if I discover a breach of your unsecured PHI, according to requirements under federal law.
- H. **Questions and Complaints.** If you desire further information about your privacy rights, or are concerned that I have violated your privacy rights, please contact me at **407-415-1175.** You may also file a written complaint with the Director, Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. I will not retaliate against you if you file a complaint.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND CHANGES TO THIS NOTICE

A.	Effective Date.	This Notice is effective on	
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B. <u>Changes to this Notice</u>. I may change the terms of this Notice at any time. If I change this Notice, I may make the new notice terms effective for all PHI that I maintain, including any information created or received prior to issuing the new notice. If I change this Notice, I will post the revised notice in the waiting area of my office and on my website at LarissaHumiston.com You may also obtain any revised notice by asking me directly.

Larissa Humiston, LCSW 1414 Gay Rd Suite 205 Winter Park, FL 32789 122 N. 4th Street Suite 2006 Lake Mary, FL 32746 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

	, acknowledge that I received a copy of her Notice of Pri		
Practices.			
Printed name of client			
Signature of client	Date		
Signature of LCSW	Date		
If this acknowledgment is signed by following:	a personal representative on behalf of the client, complete the		
Personal Representative' Name:			
Relationship to Client:			
	For Office Use Only		

I attempted to obtain written acknowledgement of receipt of our Notice of Privacy Practices, but acknowledgement could not be obtained because:

- 1. Individual refused to sign
- 2. Communications barriers prohibited obtaining the acknowledgement
- 3. An emergency situation prevented us from obtaining acknowledgement
- 4. Other (Please Specify)

This form will be retained in your medical record by Larissa Humiston, LCSW