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## **CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT/CONSENT TO TREATMENT**

*Your confidentiality, privacy and ability to speak freely in sessions is extremely important. I will disclose no information obtained from you, will not confirm you are my client, or other services you are receiving, except with your written consent. However, there are some important exceptions to this confidentiality rule, as described below, or as otherwise specified by law.*

**1. I may provide information to others without your consent, in certain circumstances:**

A) HARM TO SELF OR OTHERS: If I believe that you are at imminent risk for harming yourself or someone else, I will disclose information to the extent needed to ensure your safety or the safety of others.  
B) CONSULTATION: To ensure that I am providing quality care, I meet regularly in individual and/or a peer consultation group. I do not reveal identifying information. I will provide the names of my consultant(s) upon request.

**2. State and District law requires the release of information to others in certain circumstances:**

**a) Therapists are required by law to report certain information:**

- (1) Suspicion of abuse or neglect of a child or of an aged or incapacitated adult must be Reported to the Department of Social Services (CPS or APS respectively)
- (2) Information that a Psychologist is engaging in unethical or illegal practice must be reported to the Board of Psychology.
- (3) If you are licensed by a Health Regulatory Board, I am required to report that you are receiving therapy *if I believe that your condition places the public at risk.*

b) Imposes upon therapists the legal duty to protect other members of society from harmful actions by their clients. Voiced threat of intention to directly harm another person can result in notification of the potential victim, law enforcement officers, and/or others as specified by legal statute.

c) In court cases, therapist-client privilege may not apply in certain cases, including the following:

- (1) Criminal cases
- (2) Child abuse cases
- (3) Any court case where your mental health is an issue, and/or
- (4) Any case in which the judge "in the exercise of sound discretion, deems it necessary to the proper administration of justice." This means that information communicated to a therapist can be admitted as evidence in a court case against your wishes if a judge so rules. Others sometimes issue a subpoena seeking either treatment records or testimony from your present or former therapist as evidence in a court case (including child custody cases). If I receive such a subpoena, I will inform you immediately and, with your consent, will cooperate with your attorney in filing motions to quash a subpoena and requesting that the confidentiality of the therapy relationship be protected. However,

only the judge may decide whether or not the requested information may be disclosed.

- d) Certain laws allow certain others to request (or order) access to treatment records in specific circumstances. These include:
- (1) Protective Services Workers to whom I have reported suspicion of abuse or neglect, if they so request;
  - (2) Court-Appointed Special Advocates in child abuse or neglect proceedings, if the court so orders; and
  - (3) Evaluators for minors' Involuntary commitment to inpatient treatment, if they so request. In such cases, I will make every effort to attempt to limit the information disclosed by substituting an oral or written report rather than submit actual treatment records.

#### **DOCUMENTATION OF CLIENT AUTHORIZATION**

I understand that if I receive mental health services from Lauren Dukes, LCSW, LICSW through Therapy with LnDukes, LLC the above limitations may be imposed on confidentiality. I hereby accept those limits of confidentiality and consent to receive services under those conditions.

Client Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Client: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_