

# Sandra E. Hennies

Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist · Columbia, South Carolina

## PROFESSIONAL DISCLOSURE & CONSENT FOR TREATMENT

Most of this document is mandated by both South Carolina State law\* and Public Law 104-191\*\*. This information is provided for your protection. I have tried to anticipate the risks you may face as a result of the therapeutic process. If you have any questions regarding any document you have received, please feel free to discuss them with me.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

My office is located at 906 Burwell Lane in Columbia, SC, 29205. The telephone number is (803) 787-3130 (the voice mail is confidential). Clients are seen by appointment only and office hours are Monday–Thursday.

### PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS

South Carolina Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (License #0056). I received my bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina in English/psychology in 1968, and my Master's Degree from the University of South Carolina in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling in 1971. I am a Family Court Mediator certified by the Supreme Court of South Carolina (ADR#1227). In addition, I am also certified in the following modalities: Emotional Freedom Techniques, Matrix Reimprinting, Meta Consciousness, Hypnotherapy.

### SERVICES

I provide several therapeutic services which include resolving depression, anxiety, panic disorder, addictions, codependency, couple conflict and problem solving, sexuality issues, anger management, adolescent behavior and school related issues, stress, fear, guilt, inner child work, and healing. In addition, Emotional Freedom Techniques, Matrix Reimprinting, Hypnotherapy and Mediation are offered. I offer an independent psychotherapy practice that provides many resources for improving emotional health for individuals, couples and families.

### FEES

It is customary to pay for professional services at the time they are rendered. The fee for individual, couple, and family therapy is \$150 per hour or \$140 if paid in cash. There are additional fees for extensive phone calls, texts, emails, forms, etc.

### CONFIDENTIALITY

The information you share in psychotherapy is generally considered confidential by South Carolina statute law and federal regulations. Your therapy file can be subpoenaed in South Carolina through a court order (signed only by a judge) but is considered privileged in the federal court system. I am mandated by state and federal regulations—through duties to warn—to breach confidentiality if I discover: 1) you are threatening self-harm or suicide; 2) you are threatening to harm another or commit a homicide; 3) a child has been or is being abused; 4) a vulnerable adult has been or is being abused or neglected; and/or 5) you have broken or intend to break a law or laws. If you wish your protected health information (defined by HIPAA) released to someone (attorney, physician, etc.), you must sign a specific Release of Information.

\* Chapter 75, Title 40 of the 1976 Code

\*\* The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

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### LIMITED LITIGATION

Due to the confidential nature of therapy, I do not provide any type of information to be used in legal proceedings.  
*I do not testify in court.*

### ETHICS

I follow the Code of Ethics of the following organizations:

- The South Carolina Board of Examiners for The Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-educational Specialists
- The American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

### INFORMED CONSENT

You will be asked to sign the signature page for this document. Your signature verifies you have been given this document and the HIPAA document, that you have read and understand these documents, and that you consent to treatment. In addition, you need to be aware of the following:

- Treatment is not always successful and may open unexpected emotionally sensitive areas
- I am not a physician and cannot prescribe medications.
- ***Appointments may be successfully canceled as late as 24 hours prior to the scheduled time. If this is not done, you will be charged \$150 for a missed appointment.***
- I am licensed through the South Carolina Board of Examiners for The Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-educational Specialists. This Board is in The Synergy Business Park in the Kingstree Building in Columbia, South Carolina at 803-896-4658. The mailing address is P.O. Box 11329, Columbia, SC 29211-1329.

### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **For me to provide the best possible therapeutic environment, please TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES during the therapy session.**
- **For your safety, after you park on the street, please walk up the driveway to the walkway to the front door. The grass is slippery and there is a sprinkler system that is easy to trip over.**

Thanks for your cooperation!