Informed Consent and Notice of Privacy Practices

This Consent Form is to provide an explanation of treatment, the risks associated with treatment, and The Notice of Privacy Practices for Protected Health Information (PHI) regarding

(Print name of person to receive services)

In addition to the above reasons, this form is to also give consent for treatment at The Northwest Catholic Counseling Center (NCC). When we use the word "I" or "me" below, it will mean yourself, your child, relative, or other person you have legal guardianship of and for whom you can give consent to share information and to receive treatment.

I understand that as a client of NCC, I am eligible to receive a range of services. The type and extent of services that I will receive will be determined following an initial assessment and thorough discussion with me. The goal of the assessment process is to establish the best course of treatment. The information you provide will remain confidential with some exceptions allowed by law and the prescriber and/or counselor code of ethics as described in the remainder of this document.

While getting services at NCC, it may be necessary for staff to communicate, consult, or coordinate with other NCC staff. Written authorization for such communication within NCC will not be requested. Prior to any discussion with other NCC staff, I understand that I will be informed as to what communications will be exchanged. In other circumstances for exchanging information outside of NCC, a written consent to release information will be obtained from you.

I further understand that there are specific exceptions to keeping confidentiality where a clinician is ethically and/or legally bound to take necessary steps to prevent harm to myself or to others:

- 1. When there is risk of harm to myself or someone else.
- 2. When there is suspicion that a child, person with a disability, or an elder is at risk of or is being sexually, physically, or emotionally abused or neglected.
- 3. When a valid court order is issued for disclosure of information or records

I understand that while mental health services, assessments, and/or medication, may provide significant benefits, they may also pose certain risks. Counseling and assessments may elicit uncomfortable thoughts and feelings or may lead to the recall of troubling memories. Change may occur for the individual in treatment. The family or other relationships may resist the changes made. Assessments may reveal the need for more intensive treatment. Medications may have unwanted side effects.

(Signature required on second page)

A State Certified Counseling Agency Donations are tax-deductible. Tax ID 93-1088966 The PHI we collect is used for treatment, consultation, billing, and care coordination, therefore, the law allows us to share this information with others who also provide treatment for you or to arrange payment for your treatment or for other business or government functions such as demographic data collection. The Notice of Privacy Practices explains in more detail your rights and how we are able to use and share this information. You received a copy of The Notice of Privacy Practices with your intake paperwork.

In the future, Federal law may require additional changes to our Notice of Privacy. If so we will notify you if you are still an active client at the Center. Any change will be posted on our web site, www.nwcounseling.org.

If you are concerned about some of your information, you have the right to ask us not to use or share that information for treatment, payment or administrative purposes. You will have to make your request in writing. If it is in regards to sharing information for payment purposes, you may be held responsible for payment. We will attempt to respect your wishes when in compliance with Federal law.

Signature of client or person	onal representative	Date	
Printed name of client or p	ersonal representative		
Please initial:	I received a copy of the No	otice Of Privacy Practices	
For Clinician use only:	I have verbally discu	ssed exceptions to confidentiality	y



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Client Consent and Guide to EMAIL Use

The decision to utilize email is strictly voluntary and your consent may be rescinded at any time. There are risks to using email to communicate with your counselor/prescriber. The risks are but not limited to:

- NCC's Email is not encrypted, therefore, not confidential
- Email may be seen by unintended viewers
- Email may be intercepted by hackers and redistributed
- Someone posing as you could communicate with the counselor and access information
- Email can be used to spread computer viruses
- Email may not be received by either party in a timely matter
- Email is discoverable in litigation and may be used as evidence in court
- Email can be circulated and stored by unintended recipients
- Statements made via email may be misunderstood creating miscommunication and/or negatively effecting treatment

When may I use email to communicate with my counselor?

- · Appointment scheduling or rescheduling
- Clarification on therapeutic homework
- Other matters not requiring an immediate response

When should I NOT use email to communicate with my counselor?

- 1. In an emergency:
 - If you are experiencing any desire to harm yourself or others
 - If you are experiencing a severe medication reaction
- 2. If you need an immediate response about non-emergent issues

What can I expect from my counselor/prescriber around answering my emails?

- Your email will be read within 48 business hours.
- If the counselor/prescriber deems it to be clinically inappropriate to respond, a conversation about the email will be initiated at your next appointment.
- If the original email initiated by you is cc'd to a third party, NCC may chose not to respond or may not include the third party in the response.
- NCC counselor/prescriber will not initiate emails containing clinical content.
- If you initiate an email with clinical content, you are accepting the risk.

What happens to my messages?

- Email will be printed out and maintained as a permanent part of your medical record
- As part of your permanent record, they will be released along with the rest of the record upon your authorization or when NCC is legally required to do so
- Messages may be seen by staff for the purpose of filing or carrying out requests

CONSENT TO EMAIL USE

By signing below, I consent to the use of email communication between myself and my counselor/prescriber at NCC. I recognize there are risks to its use, and NCC cannot absolutely guarantee confidentiality. I understand and accept those risks. I further understand if I send too many emails, send inappropriate emails, or copy outsiders on the emails, NCC may not respond or cease to allow me to use email to communicate with NCC. I also understand that I may withdraw my consent to communicate via email at any time by notifying my counselor/prescriber in writing.

Print Name of Client	
Typed name of Patient/Guardian valid as signature	Date
Email Address:	
I am choosing to opt out. I do not give consent for NCC to u	
me. I understand that if I change my mind and want to email N	CC, I will need to sign a consent
form (Check box and sign below).	
Sign here if opting out:	

INFORMED CONSENT FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES DURING COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

This document contains important information about in-person services in light of the COVID-19 public health crisis. Please read this carefully and let me know if you have any questions.

Decision to Meet Face-to-Face

We have agreed to meet in person for counseling sessions. If there is a resurgence of the pandemic or if other health concerns arise, however, I may require that we meet via telehealth. If you have concerns about telehealth, we will talk about it try to address any issues. You understand that, if I believe it is necessary, I may determine that we return to telehealth for everyone's well-being. If you decide at any time that you would feel safer staying with, or returning to, telehealth services, I will respect that decision, as long as it is feasible and clinically appropriate. Reimbursement for telehealth services, however, is also determined by the insurance companies and applicable law, so that is an issue we may also need to discuss.

Risks of Opting for In-Person Services

You understand that by coming to the office, you are assuming the risk of exposure to the coronavirus or other public health risk. This risk may increase if you travel by public transportation, cab, or ridesharing service.

Your Responsibility to Minimize Your Exposure

To obtain services in person, Initial each to indicate that you understand and agree to take certain precautions which will help keep everyone safer. Not following safeguards may result in a switch to a telehealth arrangement.

•	You will only keep your in-person appointment if you are symptom free
•	If you have any symptoms of the coronavirus, you agree to cancel the appointment. If you
	cancel for this reason, you will not be charged the normal cancellation fee
•	You will wear a mask in all areas of the office
•	If you are bringing your child, you will make sure that your child follows masking and
	distancing protocols

I may change the above precautions if additional local, state or federal orders or guidelines are published. If that happens, we will talk about any necessary changes.

Our Commitment to Minimize Exposure

Our clinic is taking the following precautions to protect our clients and help slow the spread of the coronavirus.

- Office seating in the waiting and therapy rooms have been arranged for physical distancing.
- All staff wears masks and maintains safe distancing.
- Restroom soap dispensers are maintained and everyone is encouraged to wash their hands.
- We schedule appointments at specific intervals to minimize the number of people in the waiting room.
- Credit card pads, pens and other areas that are commonly touched are thoroughly sanitized after each use.
- Tissues and trash bins are easily accessed. Trash is disposed of on a frequent basis.
- Common areas are thoroughly disinfected at the end of each day.

If You or I Are Sick

You understand that I am committed to keeping us and others safe from the spread of this virus. If you show up for an appointment with any symptoms or believe you have been exposed, I will have to require you to leave the office immediately. We can follow up with services by telehealth as appropriate.

Your Confidentiality in the Case of Infection

If you have tested positive for the coronavirus, I may be required to notify local health authorities that you have been in the office. If I have to report this, I will only provide the minimum information necessary for their data collection and will not go into any details about the reason(s) for our visits. By signing this form, you are agreeing that I may do so without an additional signed release.

Informed Consent

This agreement supplements the general informed consent/business agreement that we agreed to at the start of our work together.

Your signature below shows that you agree to these terms and conditions.					
Client Name	Date				
Clinician Name	 Date				



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Adult Psychosocial History

Date_	Date		Client ID		
	provide the following information. It will assist us in oncerns. It will be held to the same standards of conf	n getting t	•	ou and	
Name _					
	First M.I.	La	st		
Addres	s				
	City State			Zip	
Birth d	ate/				
	Home Phone:	_		٦	
	May we leave a message?	□Yes	\square No		
	Do you prefer calling for appointment reminders?	□Yes	□No		
	Cell Phone:				
	May we leave a message?	□Yes	\square No		
	Do you prefer texting for appointment reminders?	□Yes	\square No		
	Email:				
	May we email you?	□Yes	\square No		
	Do you prefer emailing for appointment reminders?	□Yes	□No		
Gender	nship Status: Single Married Partnered Separate: Female Male Transgender Other Pronounsency contact-please list the name, telephone number and re-	:		dowed	
Referre	d by				
	uld like to periodically send you newsletters and other info		-	e Center	

Diambility.						
Disability						
Defined as substantially limiting movement, sensory, social, employment, or learning activities.						
□Yes □No						
Ethnicity (Choose all that a	oply)					
☐ American Indian or Alaska Nat ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Native H ☐ Multi-Ethnic ☐ Other ☐ Prefer not to answer	Hawaiian or					
Social Information						
•	ort system	(family, friends, support groups, church community, etc)				
Do you identify as LGBTQ?	Yes	No				
Education/Occupation Info	rmation	<i>:</i>				
Are you currently employed?	Yes	No				
If yes, name of current employer/p	osition:					
Please indicate highest level of edu	ication:					
Degree, if applicable:						
Are you happy in your current pos	ition?					
Please list any work-related stresso	ors:					
If unemployed, how long have you	been unem	nployed?				

 ${\it Religious/Spiritual\ Information}:$

Do you consider yourself to be a religious person? Yes No

Do you consider yourself to be a spiritual person? Yes No

If yes, what is your faith/religious/spiritual path?

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Legal History Are you currently or have you ever been involved in any legal proceedings (SSD, traffic, divorce, civil, criminal)? If yes, please describe
Are you preparing for any legal proceedings? □Yes □No If yes, please explain
Are you presently on probation or parole? □Yes □No If yes, please explain
Mental Health History Are you currently receiving any mental health treatment or prescribing services elsewhere? □Counseling: Name of counselor/agency:
☐ Medications: Name of Prescriber:
Have you had previous counseling? □Yes No If yes, previous therapist's name:
How long ago did you receive these services?
Have you ever engaged in self-harming behavior? Yes No
Describe when and the last time:
Have you ever attempted suicide: Yes No When:
Were you hospitalized for either self-harm or for an attempted suicide in the past? Yes No What hospital:
In the last year, have you experienced any significant life changes or stressors (death of a loved one, divorce, loss of job, etc.)?
Have you experienced any traumatic events?
What coping strategies do you currently use and how effective are they?

What do you consider to b	be your strengths?	
Family Mental Health	n History	
		ly or relative) experienced difficulties with the member (sibling, parent, uncle, etc).
□ Depression □ Anxiety □ Schizophrenia □ Eating Disorder □ Trauma □ Bipolar Disorder □ Panic Attacks □ Alcohol/Substance □ Completed Suicide □ ADHD Health Information	Abuse	
Allergies: (List any meds,	100us, cic.,	
How would you describe y	our physical health at pr	resent?
Poor Unsatis	sfactory Satisfactory	Good Very Good
Primary Care Provider		Phone #
Date of last physical:		
	orionee new er in vour	history any of the following medical issues:
Heart disease	Seizures	Pregnancy Issues
Chronic Pain	☐ Diabetes	Fibromyalgia
Cancer	Stroke	Chronic Fatigue
Thyroid Problems	☐ Hepatitis	Urinary Tract Infections
High Blood Sugar	☐ Migraines	Binging/purging/food restriction
Sleen Disturbances	Premenstrual	issues

Have you ever been hospitalized for any of these conditions and when:

What are your goals or concerns for therapy?

Meds	Dosage
	_
	_
What do you do for physical activity:	
Substance Use	
	How much per day:
	How much per day:
•	How much per week:
Do you engage in recreational/street dr What kind?	rugs? □Daily □Weekly □Monthly □Rarely □Never
Describe any history with recreational/	street drugs:
If applicable, describe any treatment of	btained for addiction:

Name:

Please check behaviors and symptoms that happen more often than you would like them to occur.

Aggression	Mood shifts
Angry	Nightmares
Concentration issues	Obsessions
Crying spells	Panic attacks
Depressed Mood	Persistent urges or thoughts
Disorientation	Physical discomfort
Distractibility	Pornography concerns
Dizziness	Racing thoughts
Elevated mood	Reckless or self-destructive
Excessive purchasing	Repetitive behaviors
Exposure to traumatic event(s)	Restless or keyed up
Fatigue/low energy	Revengeful
Fearful	Sadness
Gambling concerns	Sexual addictions
Grief	Sexual difficulties
Hallucinations	Shame/Guilt
Heart palpitations	Shortness of breath
Homicidal thoughts	Socially avoidant or isolating
Hopelessness	Stomachaches
Indecisiveness	Suicidal thoughts
Isolating from friends/family	Suspicious of others
Jealousy	Tics
Judgment errors	Trembling
Loneliness	Trauma
Loss of interest in activities	Worrying excessively
Memory impairment	
Inadequacy	Other
Insecurity	
Irritability	



PTSD Checklist for DSM-5 (PCL-5)

Version date: 11 April 2018

Reference: Weathers, F. W., Litz, B. T., Keane, T. M., Palmieri, P. A., Marx, B. P., & Schnurr, P. P. (2013). The PTSD Checklist for DSM-5 (PCL-5) – Standard [Measurement instrument]. Available from https://www.ptsd.va.gov/

URL: https://www.ptsd.va.gov/professional/assessment/adult-sr/ptsd-checklist.asp

Note: This is a fillable form. You may complete it electronically.

Instructions: Below is a list of problems that people sometimes have in response to a very stressful experience. Please read each problem carefully and then circle one of the numbers to the right to indicate how much you have been bothered by that problem in the past month.

	In the past month, how much were you bothered by:	Not at all	A little bit	Moderately	Quite a bit	Extremely
1.	Repeated, disturbing, and unwanted memories of the stressful experience?	0	1	2	3	4
2.	Repeated, disturbing dreams of the stressful experience?	0	1	2	3	4
3.	Suddenly feeling or acting as if the stressful experience were actually happening again (as if you were actually back there reliving it)?	0	1	2	3	4
4.	Feeling very upset when something reminded you of the stressful experience?	0	1	2	3	4
5.	Having strong physical reactions when something reminded you of the stressful experience (for example, heart pounding, trouble breathing, sweating)?	0	1	2	3	4
6.	Avoiding memories, thoughts, or feelings related to the stressful experience?	0	1	2	3	4
7.	Avoiding external reminders of the stressful experience (for example, people, places, conversations, activities, objects, or situations)?	0	1	2	3	4
8.	Trouble remembering important parts of the stressful experience?	0	1	2	3	4
9.	Having strong negative beliefs about yourself, other people, or the world (for example, having thoughts such as: I am bad, there is something seriously wrong with me, no one can be trusted, the world is completely dangerous)?	0	1	2	3	4
10	. Blaming yourself or someone else for the stressful experience or what happened after it?	0	1	2	3	4
11	. Having strong negative feelings such as fear, horror, anger, guilt, or shame?	0	1	2	3	4
12	. Loss of interest in activities that you used to enjoy?	0	1	2	3	4
13	. Feeling distant or cut off from other people?	0	1	2	3	4
14	. Trouble experiencing positive feelings (for example, being unable to feel happiness or have loving feelings for people close to you)?	0	1	2	3	4
15	. Irritable behavior, angry outbursts, or acting aggressively?	0	1	2	3	4
16	. Taking too many risks or doing things that could cause you harm?	0	1	2	3	4
17	. Being "superalert" or watchful or on guard?	0	1	2	3	4
18	. Feeling jumpy or easily startled?	0	1	2	3	4
19	. Having difficulty concentrating?	0	1	2	3	4
20	. Trouble falling or staying asleep?	0	1	2	3	4

General Anxiety Disorder (GAD-7)

NAME

Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by the following problems?	Not at all sure	Several days	Over half the days	Nearly every day
Feeling nervous, anxious, or on edge	□ o	□ 1	□ 2	□ 3
Not being able to stop or control worrying	О	□ 1	□ 2	□ 3
Worrying too much about different things	□ o	□ 1	□ 2	□ 3
Trouble relaxing	□ o	□ 1	☐ 2	□ 3
Being so restless that it's hard to sit still	□ o	□ 1	□ 2	□ 3
Becoming easily annoyed or Irritable	□ o	□ 1	□ 2	□ 3
Feeling afraid as if something awful might happen	□ o	□ 1	□ 2	□ 3
Add the score for each column				
TOTAL SCORE (add your column scores)				
	Not difficult at all	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Extremely difficult
If you checked off any problem on this questionnaire so far, how difficult have these problems made it for you to do your work, take care of things at home, or get along with other people?	□ 0	□ 1	☐ 2	□ 3

Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)

Date: _____

Patient Name:

	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
1. Over the <u>last 2 weeks</u> , how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?				
a. Little interest or pleasure in doing things				
b. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless				
c. Trouble falling/staying asleep, sleeping too much				
d. Feeling tired or having little energy				
e. Poor appetite or overeating				
f. Feeling bad about yourself or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down				
g. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television.				
h. Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or the opposite; being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual.				
 Thoughts that you would be better off dead or of hurting yourself in some way. 				
2. If you checked off any problem on this questionnaire so far, how difficult have these problems made it for you to do your work, take care of things at home, or get along with other people?	Not difficult at all	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Extremely difficult



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Insurance Payments (EAP, HMO, etc.):

FEE POLICY

The Northwest Catholic Counseling Center's primary interest is to provide you with quality and affordable care. For counseling our fee is \$160.00 for the first session and \$140.00 thereafter. In the event of financial difficulty, your fee can be negotiated to an amount you are more comfortable paying. For this reason, we wish to clarify the following policy regarding your fee.

Your fee is due and payable at the time of each session. If payment is not made at the time of the counseling session, your balance is not to exceed 30 days. If your balance reaches four sessions, you will not be allowed to schedule additional sessions until there is some payment activity on your account. There is a \$20.00 service charge for all returned checks.

As a courtesy, we will make every effort to bill your insurance company. You are responsible for your deductible as well as any remaining balance the insurance company does not pay. If an overpayment is made to your account from an insurance payment, your account will be credited.

If cancellation of your appointment is not received 24 hours in advance you will be charged \$60.00 for your missed appointment. Insurance cannot be billed for missed appointments.

I agree to the following (check all that apply):

I understand and agree to pay \$ as myour insurance benefits.	ny co-pay for each session. Co-pays are based on				
Self-Pay: Counseling Session:					
For the initial appointment, I agree to pay \$	appointment, I agree to pay \$ This is a one-time fee due at time of service.				
For follow up appointments I agree to pay\$	This is due at time of service.				
Third-Party Payer (insurance excluded). It has been	n arranged that:				
Name:	Phone: ()				
Address:					
City:	State: Zip:				
I understand if they do not pay, I am responsible HAVE READ THIS FEE POLICY AND AGREE TO PAY UNDERSTAND THAT, REGARDLESS OF MY INSURANCESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF MY ACCOUNT.					
Client Signature	Date				



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*Only fill out this form if you are using insurance. NCC does not accept Medicaid or Medicare

*Please include a copy of the front & back of your insurance card.

Assignment of Medical Benefits

Client Name:
Date of Birth:
Primary Insurance Co:
Policyholder Name:
Date of Birth:
Member ID#:
Group #:
Insurance phone number for eligibility/benefits:
I authorize payment of medical benefits to The Northwest Catholic Counseling Center for any services rendered to me or my dependents while a client at the Center. This assignment will remain in effect until revoked by me in writing. I hereby authorize The Northwest Catholic Counseling Center to release all information necessary to secure the payment of my benefits.
Signature of client or their representative Date