



Limits of Confidentiality – Cathryn Paton, LCSW

Contents of all therapy sessions are confidential. Canopy Relational Care, LLC will not share any verbal information and written records about a client 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.

In this case, Canopy Relational Care, LLC will disclose the client communications only to the extent necessary to communicate the threat to a law enforcement agency.

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 to the unborn child’s growth and/or development.

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, but is not limited to: types of service, dates/times of service, diagnosis, treatment plan, description of impairment, progress of therapy, case notes, and summaries. However, when a client does not submit a claim for payment to an insurance provider, the insurance provider is not given access to any records generated in the cash-pay visit.

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

Client Signature (Client’s Parent/Guardian if under 18)

Today’s Date