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DEGREES AND CREDENTIALS

MSW, University of Denver, 1992
B.A. Sociology, Coe College, 1979
Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Colorado, #991400
Licensed Independent Social Worker, Iowa #006872
Certified Critical Incident Stress Debriefing

The practice of licensed persons in the field of psychotherapy is regulated by the Iowa Department of Public Health. Questions or complaints may be addressed to:

Iowa Department of Public Health
Professional Licensure Bureau
Lucas State Office Building 5th Floor
321 E. 12th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075
515-281-4422

A client is entitled to receive information about the methods of therapy; the techniques used; the duration of therapy (if known); and the fee structure. A client may seek a second opinion from another therapist or may terminate therapy at any time. In a professional relationship sexual intimacy is inappropriate and should be reported to the grievance board.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS – The information provided by a client during therapy sessions is legally confidential in the case of licensed independent social workers.

There are legal exceptions to this:

- 1.) The patient authorizes a release of information with a signature,
- 2.) The patient's mental condition becomes an issue in a lawsuit,
- 3.) The patient presents as a physical danger to self,
- 4.) The patient presents as a danger to others,
- 5.) Child or elder abuse and/or neglect is suspected or reported.

In the latter two cases, the practitioner is required by law to inform potential victims and legal authorities so that protective measure can be taken.

I have been informed of my therapist's degrees, credentials, and licenses. I have also read the preceding information and understand my rights as a client.

Client Signature (guardian for minor)

Date

Therapist's Signature

Date