



SAFE HARBOR COUNSELING

PARTNERS IN HOPE. SOLUTIONS FOR LIFE.

Main Office: 2213 N. Sunrise Drive Round Lake Beach, IL 60073

Phone: 847-223-2561 Email: robertbennett4180@att.net

Robert J. Bennett, Director

CONFIDENTIAL CLIENT INTAKE FORM

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Sex: Male Female Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Cell phone: _____ Pager number: _____

Any number you do not want to be contacted at: _____

Check here if you want Christian counseling

Do you regularly attend a church, synagogue, or other religious institution? Yes No

If yes, which one? _____

RELATIONAL INFORMATION

Current marital status: Single Engaged Married Separated Divorced Widowed

If engaged, married, separated, divorced, or widowed, for how long? _____

Number of previous marriages for you. _____ For your spouse. _____

If married, spouse's name: _____ Age: _____

Is your spouse supportive of you seeking counseling? Yes No Unsure Spouse doesn't know

Please provide a brief description of your spouse (e.g., angry and controlling; outgoing and supportive):

What is your current occupation? _____

What is your level of satisfaction with your occupation?

Please list your children (including step, adopted, foster) below:				
Name	Sex	Age or yr. of death	Relationship to you	Living with whom?

Who else lives with you? _____



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Please list your father, mother, sisters, brothers, stepfamily relations, or other family members who had a significant effect on your life (either positive or negative). (Use the back of this sheet if necessary.)

Name	Sex	Age or yr. Of	Relationship to	Describe him/her (e.g. angry, outgoing, supportive, controlling)
		death	you	

COUNSELING HISTORY

If you have had any previous counseling, psychiatric treatment, substance abuse treatment, or residential/in-patient care, please list the names of the therapists or programs. (Use the back if necessary.)

Therapist's Name or Program	Major Issue	Dates

Has anyone in your family ever been treated or hospitalized for substance abuse, mental health issues, or psychiatric conditions?

Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

Have any of your family members or friends ever attempted or committed suicide?

Yes No

If yes, who and when: _____

MEDICAL HISTORY

Please list any conditions, illnesses, treatments, or surgeries that might be relevant to your reason for seeking counseling:

Are you currently receiving any medical treatment? Yes No If yes, please describe: _____



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Please list all current medications you are taking and the reasons for taking them. (List even if you seldom use, or take only as needed.)

Name of medications	Dose	Reason for taking

Are you taking these medications according to the doctor's recommendations?

Yes No

If no, please explain: _____



Date and outcome of last physical exam: _____



PRESENT ISSUES AND GOALS

Please describe why you are coming to counseling. (i.e. what are your issues, problems, symptoms, how long, etc. Use the back if necessary.):

Check any of the following symptoms or problems that you currently are or recently have experienced:

List 1	List 2	List 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Stress	<input type="checkbox"/> Marital Problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Compulsive Behaviors
<input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Relational Problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Seeing Things Others Don't
<input type="checkbox"/> Panic	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Voices
<input type="checkbox"/> Depression	<input type="checkbox"/> Emotional Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Racing Thoughts
<input type="checkbox"/> Apathy	<input type="checkbox"/> Verbal Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Eating Problems
<input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue/Lack of Energy	<input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> Drug Use
<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Appetite/Overeating	<input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol Use
<input type="checkbox"/> Trouble Sleeping	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender Identity Issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor Concentration	<input type="checkbox"/> Anger	<input type="checkbox"/> Abortion
<input type="checkbox"/> Feeling Worthless	<input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive Behavior	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Matters
<input type="checkbox"/> Recent Death	<input type="checkbox"/> Bad Dreams	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Stress
<input type="checkbox"/> Grief	<input type="checkbox"/> Unwanted Memories	<input type="checkbox"/> Career Choices
<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Control	<input type="checkbox"/> Indecisiveness



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<input type="checkbox"/> Loneliness	<input type="checkbox"/> Impulsive Behavior	<input type="checkbox"/> Parenting Problems
<input type="checkbox"/> Fears	<input type="checkbox"/> Controlling	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Problems
<input type="checkbox"/> Shyness	<input type="checkbox"/> Controlled by Others	<input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Problems
<input type="checkbox"/> Low Self-Esteem	<input type="checkbox"/> Obsessive Thoughts	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Please use an "X" on the scale below to indicate how distressing your problem(s) are to you.

[-----]

Very
Minimally
Distressed

Moderately
Distressed

Very
Extremely
Distressed

Are you currently experiencing any suicidal thoughts? Yes No

Have you experienced suicidal thoughts in the past? Yes No

Have you attempted suicide in the past?

Yes No

Are you currently experiencing any violent or homicidal thoughts? Yes No

What do you hope to gain from this counseling experience?

Client's Signature

Date



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1. RELEASE OF INFORMATION FORM

All information obtained/derived by the course of treatment is fully confidential; disclosures you share with your therapist are confidential unless you have SIGNED a consent form to release part or all of the information.

Therefore, to either release or obtain information from a specific individual or agency, a Release of Information must be obtained. Exceptions to this guideline include instances when 1) the patient is a clear danger to (a) themselves or (b) others and, 2) instances when the patient is a minor (under the age of 18) and reports that he or she is or has been a victim of physical or sexual abuse, and 3) there is any suspected abuse to a child or adult. Please sign and date all Release of Information documents.

In addition, cases are occasionally discussed by the clinic's professional staff to obtain feedback and provide alternative treatment plans and continuity of care (e.g. your therapist, if unlicensed, will discuss your case with his or her Clinical Supervisor). Your signature on this form will allow this process to proceed smoothly.

2. TELEPHONE CALLS

Occasionally the need to talk to your therapist may arise between normally scheduled sessions. It is difficult to conduct psychotherapy over the phone but your therapist will respond to your call during his or her normal business hours. A charge will be incurred by the patient for any telephone consultation time between scheduled sessions with his or her therapist or any on-call therapist. If there is an emergency and a therapist or anyone at Safe Harbor Counseling is unable to be reached, call 911 or go immediately to your local Emergency room.

3. LENGTH OF SESSION

The psychotherapy session is about 45-50 minutes in length beginning at our appointed time and concluding 45-50 minutes after (75 minutes sessions may be prearranged with your therapist). Therefore, it is to your benefit to arrive a few minutes in advance of the appointment time. Since your therapist has sessions scheduled after yours, the sessions must end 45-50 minutes after the appointment time regardless of your arrival time (full fee for the session will be charged).

4. FEES AND PAYMENT

All copays are due at the time of service. We accept cash or check made payable to Safe Harbor Counseling. A \$25.00 service charge will be levied on all checks returned by a bank for insufficient funds. Our current fee per session is \$90- \$120 depending on your therapist. If any or all outstanding balances are not paid, Safe Harbor reserves the right to release a client's name and address to a collection agency. Also, a monthly interest fee of 2% will be charged for these balances until they are paid in full.



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5. INSURANCE

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We trust that your involvement within our Clinical System will be helpful and profitable to you. If you have any questions regarding these arrangements or other aspects of your relationship with us, please discuss them with your therapist or his or her Clinical Supervisor.

This is to certify that I have read, understand, and have been given a copy of this document.

Patient's Signature _____ Date _____

Additional Policies and Procedures

If your insurance changes or is terminated: Please notify the Safe Harbor office at 847-223-2561 and let the office staff know all of your new information and have them check out the benefits as the coverage is probably different than your old policy. Please note that you are responsible for the entire fee if the insurance changes and you fail to notify us as this will result in the claim being denied from the insurance company.

Cash-paying clients: Occasionally there are clients who pay out of pocket with a reduced fee due to the fact that it is not expected that insurance will pay. Sometimes the insurance does unexpectedly pay. When this happens, note that these insurance payments will be applied to your balance due to having a reduced fee. Any money still left after Safe Harbor's fee has been totally paid, will be refunded to the client.



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PRIVACY NOTICE OF SAFE HARBOR COUNSELING (SHCC)

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

THIS NOTICE GIVES YOU INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 (HIPAA) that prescribes legal duties and privacy practices to protect the privacy of your individual identifiable health information; this is, *Protected Health Information (PHI)*, as that term is defined in the HIPAA under *Information*.

THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS NOTICE IS APRIL 14, 2003. SHCC is required to follow the terms of this Notice until it is replaced. SHCC may make changes to the terms of this Notice at any time. **Upon your request**, we will provide you with a copy of the current Notice. SHCC reserves the right to make the changes apply to your *Information* maintained in my files before and after the effective date of the new Notice. The following is a general description of how Federal and State law permits me to use and disclose your *Information*.

Purposes for which SHCC May Use or Disclose Your Mental Health Information with your Consent

SHCC may request your consent for the use and/or disclosure of your *Information* for *treatment, payment or health care operations* as described below:

- ***Treatment***. SHCC will use and disclose your *Information* to provide, coordinate, or manage your mental health care and any related services. SHCC may disclose your *Information* to physicians, therapists, other mental health providers, or other health care providers who are treating you or assisting in your diagnosis, treatment, or recovery.
- ***Payment***. Your *Information* will be used and disclosed, as needed, to obtain payment for your mental health care services. This may include certain activities that your health insurance plan undertakes before it approves or pays for the mental health care services we recommend for you, such as making a determination of eligibility or coverage for insurance benefits, reviewing services provided to you for medical necessity, and utilization review activities. If more than one, third party payer is responsible for payment for your health care, SHCC may disclose your *Information* to more than one health plan and those health plans may share your *Information* with each other. Your *Information* may also be used and disclosed as needed to obtain payment for mental health care services rendered to you by other providers.
- ***Mental Health Care Operations***. SHCC may use or disclose, as needed, your *Information* in order to support my delivery of mental health care services. SHCC may call you by name in the waiting room area. SHCC may use or disclose your *Information*, as necessary, to contact you to schedule an appointment or remind you of your appointment.



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- SHCC may share your *Information* with third party ABusiness Associates@ who perform various administrative services. For example, those within SHCC, or with whom SHCC contracts, who perform billing services, transcription services, record retention, or other professional consultants. Whenever an arrangement between a Business Associate and me involves the use or disclosure of your *Information*, we will have a written contract that contains terms that will protect the privacy of your *Information*.
- Health Care Services. Your *Information* may be used and disclosed to contact you and to give you information about treatment alternatives or other health benefits and services that may be of interest to you.

Uses and Disclosures With Your Verbal Consent

Your *Information* may be disclosed to a family member, friend, or other person designated by you or as designated by the law, if you verbally agree.

Uses and Disclosures with Your Written Authorization

Except as provided below, your *Information* will not be used for any non-routine purposes unless you give your written authorization to do so. If you give written authorization to use or disclose your *Information* for a purpose that is not described in this Notice, then, with certain exception, you may revoke it in writing at any time. Your revocation will be effective for the *Information* SHCC maintains, unless SHCC has taken action in reliance on your authorization.

Uses and Disclosures Without Your Consent

As required by law;

- To comply with legal proceedings, such as a court or administrative order or subpoena;
- To law enforcement officials for limited law enforcement purposes;
- To a coroner, medical examiner, or funeral director about a deceased person;
- To avert a serious threat to your health or safety or the health or safety of others;
- To a governmental agency authorized to oversee the mental health care system or government programs;
- To federal officials for lawful intelligence, counterintelligence, and other national security purposes; and
- To public mental health authorities for public health purposes.

Your Rights

You may make a written request to me to do one or more of the following concerning your *Information*:

- Put additional restrictions on use and disclosure of your *Information*.
- Communicate with you in confidence about your *Information* by a different means than SHCC is currently doing.
- See and get copies of your *Information*.
- Receive a list of disclosures of your *Information* that SHCC has made for certain purposes for six (6) years prior to your request (after April 14, 2003), with certain exceptions permitted by law, which includes exceptions for disclosure made directly to you or made pursuant to your authorization.

If you want to exercise any of these rights or require further information about privacy practices, please contact me at the address below. In certain instances, SHCC is not required to agree to your request. SHCC will give you the necessary information and forms for you to complete and return to request your *Information*. SHCC is



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permitted, by law, to charge you a fee for copying any documents requested in accordance with your rights as listed above. (Fee \$1.00 per page.)

Complaints

If you believe that SHCC violated your privacy rights, you have the right to complain to me or to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). You may file a written complaint with me at the address below. An individual must file a complaint within 180 days of when he/she knew or should have known that the act or omission occurred, unless the time limit is waived by the Secretary of DHHS. SHCC will not retaliate against you if you choose to file a complaint.

Contact Address

Safe Harbor Christian Counseling

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Client Name or Guardian _____

Client Signature _____ Date _____



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Safe Harbor Counseling Financial and Scheduling Policy/Agreement

(Client Copy)

Financial:

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For insurance payments:

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- I/we understand that by signing this form, I/we agree to pay Safe Harbor Counseling any unpaid balance on my/our account in a prompt manner.

Scheduling:

Normally our counselors schedule clients into a particular time slot, which is either a weekly or every other week time slot.

It is our policy to allow one cancellation for every six months that you occupy a particular spot.

The second time that you cancel an appointment you have an option: you can either risk losing your spot or by another client. This would mean that in order to reschedule, you would need to take another spot.

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- Note: Everything on this form pertains to keeping your normal spot. If you cancel with less than 24 hours notice, the cancellation fee always applies.

I, _____, have read the Safe Harbor Financial/Scheduling Policy in its entirety and agree to it.

Date: _____

Signature: _____



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CREDIT/DEBIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

Client Name: _____

Name on Card: _____

Cardholder's Phone Number: _____

Type of Card: Credit Card _____

(only MC or VISA) Debit Card _____

Flex Spending/HSA Card _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Counselor: _____

Date of Service:

Charge Amount:

I, _____, authorize Safe Harbor Counseling to bill my credit card for the amount indicated above and/or for any ongoing balances on my account.



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Consent For Treatment of a Minor

I, _____, give Safe Harbor Counseling and _____
Therapist

Permission to provide treatment for _____.

Confidentiality Statement

I, _____, and _____ understand limits to confidentiality and have
parent child
been provided with a copy of this statement.

For the Parent/Guardian: The right to confidentiality is maintained with two exceptions:

1. The professional has reason to believe that you will harm yourself.
2. The professional has reason to believe that you will harm others, including your child.

For the Child: The right to confidentiality is maintained with three exceptions:

1. The professional has reason to believe that you will harm yourself.
2. The professional has reason to believe that you will harm others.
3. The professional has reason to believe that someone or something is harming you including your parents.

Additional Disclosures at the Parent's Request:

Therapist

Parent/Guardian

Date

Child