A NEW DAWN PSYCHOTHERAPY

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 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

PHILOSOPHY:

 I am trained in a variety of therapy modalities, including EMDR (eye movement desensitization and reprocessing), CBT (cognitive behavioral therapy), DBT (dialectical behavioral therapy), art therapy, and IMAGO therapy for couples. I find it is important to match appropriate therapeutic techniques to the needs of each individual client. As a client-centered therapist, I will work to create a safe and supportive environment within which you can heal emotional wounds and come to experience more of the joy life has to offer. Our work together can open the door to personal growth, self-discovery and healing. My commitment lies in supporting you as you face life’s challenges, empowering you to step through the barriers of your trauma, depression, anxiety, anger, or fear as you learn to make healthier choices for positive changes in your life.

FEES:

 My standard fee is $120 per 55 minute session. I can discuss a sliding scale in individual cases of need. I am not in-network with any insurance companies. Payment is by check or cash only, and is due at time of service. The hourly rate will be charged for specific report writing, any court appearances, and out of office meetings that are not part of standard client care.

APPOINTMENTS:

 24 hours notice is required for cancellation or change of appointment. Full fee will be charged for missed appointments without 24 hour notice. Overdue bills can be subject to a 5% interest rate, and/or may be submitted to a collections agency. To set or change an appointment, please call me at 303-910-1148. Do not use email for making or cancelling appointments.

PHONE CALLS:

I try to keep phone calls brief and to the point. If calls are more than 10 minutes, the time will be charged at the hourly rate. I am open to occasional phone sessions if necessary, charged at the hourly rate. If you have an emergency, please call 911.

CONFIDENTIALITY:

 Confidentiality of client records is protected by 42CFR Federal Law and HIPPA (Health Insurance

 Portability and Accountability) regulations. Client-therapist confidentiality is maintained except

 1. When there is a signed release of information on file

 2. When issues of child abuse/neglect are suspected as legally mandated

 3. When there are serious and imminent concerns of suicidal or homicidal actions, or if client is

 gravely disabled and unable to care for him/herself

 4. When court ordered

CREDENTIALS, BACKGROUND AND EDUCATION:

 Licensed Professional Counselor, Colorado License # 0011189

 Licensed Addictions Counselor, Colorado License, #0000395

 Master Degree - Guidance and Counseling, University of Colorado, Denver

 Bachelor of Arts Degree - English, Secondary Education, University of Colorado, Boulder

SEXUAL INTIMACY:

 Sexual intimacy within the therapy context between client and therapist is destructive, unethical,

 inappropriate and illegal within the state of Colorado.

SOBRIETY DURING SESSIONS:

I require clients to be clean and sober when they come to a therapy session. That means no mood altering substances in your system for at least 24 hours before. We cannot get real work done if you are in an altered state.

YOUR RIGTS:

 The key to successful treatment is a solid partnership built with trust, honesty and remaining true

 to your therapeutic goals. As part of this partnership, I invite you to ask questions about your

treatment, therapy methods, projected length of treatment and any other questions that may arise as part of our work together. You may also seek a second opinion at any time with whomever you desire.

 You can conclude your work with me at any time. Colorado House Bill #1026 informs you that the

 Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies has the responsibility of regulating the practice of

 licensed psychologists, clinical social workers, professional counselors, addiction counselors and

 unlicensed psychotherapists. The agency within the department that has specific responsibility for

 licensed and unlicensed therapists is:

 State Mental Health Grievance Board: 1560 Broadway, Suite 1340, Denver, Co. 80203

 303-894-7766

 PRACTICE DISCLOSURE:

A New Dawn Psychotherapy is the private practice of Bonnie L. Gertz, MA, LPC, LAC, and has no affiliation with A Peaceful Life Counseling Services or Kat Mindenhall, LCSW. Although we share office space, we are not in partnership together, are not practicing in association with each other, and do not supervise each other’s work.

I have read the attached disclosure statement and have been informed of my therapist’s

credentials and my rights as a client. I understand and agree to all additional provisions and agreements as outlined in this document.

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