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PROFESSIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT & CONSENT FOR TREATMENT

Welcome to Coastal Haven Counseling, LLC and thank-you for choosing to enter treatment with us. This document contains important information about our professional services and business policies. It also contains summary information about the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA). HIPPA is a federal law that provides privacy protections and patient rights with regard to use and disclosure of your Protected Health Information (PHI) for the purpose of treatment, billing, payment and health care operations. HIPPA requires that I provide you with a Notice of Privacy Practices for use and disclosure of PHI for treatment, payment and healthcare operations. The Notice is attached to this agreement and explains HIPPA and its application to your personal health information in greater detail. The law requires that I obtain you signature acknowledging that I have provided you with this information during this session. When you sign this document, it will also represent an agreement between us. You may revoke this agreement in writing at any time. That revocation will be binding us unless we have taken action in reliance on it or if you have not satisfied any financial obligations that you have incurred. **TYPES OF CLIENTS SERVED**: Adults, children and families and couples in an outpatient setting.

THEORETICAL APPROACHES TO COUNSELING USED:

- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy is utilized to change unhealthy thinking pattern and behaviors and develop an awareness of the connection between a person's thoughts, feelings and actions.
- Solution-Focused Brief Therapy may be utilized to provide strength-based counseling focusing on the present and future to obtain goal achievement over a shorter term.
- Existential Therapy may also be utilized to focus on resolving inner conflict in relation to making sense of an individual's human existence.
- Body-oriented models such as Somatic Experiencing may be utilized to encourage harmony of spirit, body, and mind after a traumatic experience or chronic stress.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF COUNSELORS:

Sandra Quast MA, LPC

- M.A. Counseling, Webster University, 12/2014, Licensed Professional Counselor 2/2017
- Certified Career Coach- Center for Executive & Career Coaching 2011
- B.A. Communications, William Paterson University, 5/2007
- National Certified Counselor (NCC), 2018

Jill Anderson MA, LPC

- M.A. Professional Counseling, Liberty University, 12/2008, Licensed Professional Counselor License #6063
- Certified Clinical Trauma Professional, IATP
- B.A. Communications, Catawba College, 6/1897

Jennifer McGonigal BA, LPC

- Licensed Professional Counselor 2/2009
- M.A. Mental Health Counseling, Webster University, 1996
- B.A. Psychology, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 1992

Michael Pickett MA, LPC

- Licensed Professional Counselor License #4576
- M.A. Mental Health Counseling, Webster University, 1999
- B.A. English, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 1996

Tammy Stutler MS, LPC

- Licensed Professional Counselor License #6487
- M.A. Counseling, Webster University, 8/2014

- B.S. Rehab Counseling, West Virginia University, 2009

Sheena Gaddis MA, LISW-CP

- LISW-CP License #12344
- M.A. Social Work, Fayetteville State University, 5/2008
- B.S. Criminal Justice, Fayetteville State University, 5/2004

Wendy Talbert MEd, LPC

- Licensed Professional Counselor, 2002, License # 3981
- Master of Education in Counselor Education, University of South Carolina, 1991
- B.S. Elementary Education, Frances Marion, 1985

Diantha Bovey MSW, LISW-CP

- LISW-CP, License #SW13224 CP
- Master of Social Work, University of Maine, 2012
- B.A. English Lit, University of Illinois, 1996

SERVICES: Therapy is a relationship between people that works in part because of clearly defined rights and responsibilities held by each person. This framework helps to create the safety to take risks and the support to become empowered to make changes in one's life. As a client in psychotherapy, you have certain rights and responsibilities that are important for you to know about. There are also legal limitations to those rights that you should be aware of. As your therapist, we have corresponding responsibilities to you. These respective rights and responsibilities are described in the following section. Psychotherapy has both benefits and risks. Risks sometimes include experiencing uncomfortable feelings such as sadness, guilt, anxiety, anger, frustration, loneliness and helplessness. Psychotherapy often requires discussing unpleasant aspects of your life. However psychotherapy has been shown to have benefits for individual who undertake it such as reduction in experience of discomfort and increased satisfaction in interpersonal relationships, greater intra personal awareness and insight, increased skills for managing stress and resolutions to specific problems. There are no guarantees about outcomes. Psychotherapy requires active effort on your part. In order to be the most successful, you will have to work on things that we discuss outside of sessions. The first session and possible few subsequent sessions will involve a comprehensive assessment of your needs. We will then be able to offer some initial impressions of what our work might include. At that point we will discuss your treatment goals and create an individualized treatment plan, if you decide to continue. You should evaluate this information as well as your own assessment about whether you feel comfortable working with us. Therapy involves a commitment of time, money and effort so you should be careful about the therapist that you select. We will discuss any questions you have about interventions or procedures as they arise.

APPOINTMENTS: We normally conduct an assessment that will last for one to two sessions. During this time we can decide if we are the best person to provide the services you need in aiding you to meet your treatment goals. The initial assessment session lasts approximately 53-60 minutes. After assessments has been completed, we usually schedule individual and/or family sessions for 53-60 minutes. Clients are generally seen weekly or more or less frequently as needed or agreed upon. You may discontinue treatment at any time. The time scheduled for your appointment is assigned to you and you alone. We request that you provide 24 hours of notice if you must cancel or reschedule a session. You will be charged $60 for a missed appointment, if not cancelled within 24 hours. It is important to note that most insurance companies do not provide reimbursement for missed sessions. You are responsible for attending appointments on time, and if you are late your appointment will still likely need to end on time.

TERMINATION OR REFERRAL: A client has the right to terminate services at any time by notifying us by phone or by mail, anytime for any reason. This can be done verbally or in writing. When additional counseling is needed, a referral can be made, upon request. The therapist may terminate sessions with a client if: Client is not progressing, If clients missed 3 sessions, If the therapist feels they are at risk of harm, If the client's needs are outside of the scope and specialty of the therapist, For non-payment of services in a prompt manner.

GREIVANCE AND COMPLIANT CONTACT: South Carolina Dept of Labor, Licensing & Regulation 110 Centerview Dr. P.O. Box 11329 Columbia, SC 29211-1329 Telephone: (803) 896-4470 Fax: (803) 896-4656

PROFESSIONAL RECORDS: We are required to keep appropriate records of therapy services that we provide. Your clinical file consists of legal forms such as this form and your HIPPA notification form, a record of visits and payments, assessment results, individual plan of care, progress summaries, and copies of electronic communications and progress notes. These progress notes will contain enough information about you to justify treatment or support recommendations. Although psychotherapy often includes discussion of sensitive and private information, normally very brief records are kept noting your presence, what was done in session and a general mention of topics discussed. You have a right to look at your chart contents, and copies will be made available to other providers with your written consent for a fee. Your records will be maintained in a secure location in the office. In the event of the death or incapacitation of Sandra Quast, owner of Coastal Haven Counseling, LLC, her Professional Executor as stated in her Professional will, may take control of records and contact clients to make referrals for your benefit.

FEES: Currently our standard fees are as follows: An initial assessment is $120-$160. Individual or family sessions lasting 53-60 minutes are charged $100-$120. All payments are due at the time services are rendered and can be in form of cash, local personal check or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express). There will be a $35.00 fee for checks that are returned for insufficient funds.

INSURANCE: We are on several insurance panels, which means that we are considered an "in-network provider" for those specific panels. For other insurances, we are an "out-of-network provider. "If you expect to use insurance to provide coverage for counseling services, please check your current coverage carefully. Call the phone number on the back of your card and ask about your mental health benefits. Some insurance companies will pay a reduced amount toward services provided by an out-of-network provider. To check on what is covered by your insurance company, it is recommended that you ask your insurance carrier the following questions: 1. Do I have mental health benefits? 2. What is my deductible? 3. Do I have a co-insurance and co-pay and what are these amounts? 4. How many sessions per calendar year does my plan cover? 5. Is Coastal Haven Counseling, LLC on your list of current providers? 6. If the question to no. 5 is no, you may want to ask how much is paid for an out-of-network provider. 7. Do I need a pre-authorization number for sessions to be covered? 8. Is family therapy covered on my plan? If you exceed the amount of sessions that are covered or deemed medically necessary then we must discuss options of paying out of pocket or sessions or discontinuing therapy. Remember that you are responsible or full payment of fees.

CONFIDENTALITY: The confidentiality of all communications between a client and a therapist is generally protected by law and us as your therapists cannot and will not tell anyone else what you have discussed or even that you are in counseling services without your written permission. In most situations we can only release information about your treatment to others if you sign a written authorization form that meets certain legal requirements imposed by HIPPA. With the exception of certain situations described below, you have the right to confidentiality of your therapy. You may request that information be shared with whomever you choose and you may revoke that permission at any time. There are some exceptions to confidentiality in which we are legally bound to take action even though that requires revealing some information about a client's treatment. If at all possible, we will make every effort to attempt to inform you when these will have to be put into effect. The legal exceptions to confidentiality include but are not limited to the following: 1. If there is good reason to believe you are threatening serious bodily harm to yourself or others. If we believe a client is threatening serious bodily harm to another we may be required to take protective action which may include notifying the potential victim, notifying the police or seeking appropriate hospitalization. If a client threatens to harm him/herself or another we may be required to seek hospitalization for the client or contact family members or others who can provide protection. 2. If there is good reason to suspect or evidence of abuse or neglect toward children, the elderly or disabled persons. In such a situation, we are required by law to file a report with the appropriate state agency. 3. In response to a court order or where otherwise required by law. 4. To the extent necessary to make a claim on delinquent account via collection agency. 5. To the extent necessary for emergency medical care to be rendered. 6. When your insurance company is involved, such as making a claim, insurance audits, case reviews or appeals. 7. In a natural disaster whereby protected records may be exposed. 8. For professional supervision consultation purposes. **Policy on restraints and seclusion:** We do not use restraints or seclusion interventions in this practice. If someone on the premises believes their physical safety to be threatened, the police will be called and a report made.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF E-MAIL, CELL PHONE, TEXT AND FAXES COMMUNICATION: It is very important to be aware that e-mail or cell phone communication or texting can be relatively easily accessed by unauthorized people and hence the privacy and confidentiality of such communication can be compromised. E-mails in particular are vulnerable to such unauthorized access due to the fact that servers have unlimited and direct access to all e-mails that may go through them. Faxes can easily be sent erroneously to the wrong address. Please notify us at the beginning of treatment if you decide to avoid or limit in any way the use of all of the above mentioned communication devices. Please do not use e-mail or faxes in the case of an emergency.

CONSENT FOR TREATMENT: Client acknowledges that I have received, have read or have had read to me (if requested), and understand information provided to me about the therapy I am considering and have asked and had answered any questions regarding treatment. I do hereby seek and consent to take part in the treatment by the therapist named below. I understand that developing a treatment plan with this therapist and regularly reviewing our work toward meeting the treatment goals are in my best interest. I agree to play an active role in this process. I understand that no promises have been made as to the results of the treatment or any of the procedures provided by this therapist. I understand sexual and/or romantic counselor interactions or relationships with current clients, their romantic partners, or their family members are prohibited. (American Counseling Association Code of Ethics, 2014; A.5.a) I am aware that I may stop my treatment with this therapist at any time. The only services that I will be responsible for paying are the services that I have already received. I understand that I may lose other services or may have to deal with other consequences if I stop treatment. I know that I must cancel a scheduled appointment within at least 24 hours before the time of the appointment. I understand that if I do not cancel or come to a scheduled appointment, I will be charged for that appointment. I am aware that a third party payer/insurance company may be given information about the types, costs, dates and providers of any services I receive. This form authorizes Coastal Haven Counseling, LLC and contracted therapists to release information from my/the patient's records maintained while I was treated by this provider. This information may include but is not limited to intake summaries, clinical records, summaries, treatment plans, diagnoses, progress, recommendations, discharge summaries and other clinical documents. HIV- related information and drug and alcohol information contained in these records will be released in these records under this consent unless indicated here. _____ do not release. This information may be sent to a third party payer or its agents and is needed for the following purposes: -Receiving health insurance benefits, reimbursements, payments for services and other similar services. Re-disclosure or re- transfer of these records is expressly prohibited and such re-disclosure may subject you to civil and criminal liability. Federal and State laws restrict the use of the information to criminally investigate or prosecute any alcohol or drug abuse patient.

My signature below authorizes the payment directly to Coastal Haven Counseling, LLC of benefits payable under our policy. I understand that such payments will be credited to my account with this provider. I further understand that I am financially responsible to this provider for charges not covered or reimbursed by my policy, up to the fee the provider has agreed to accept.

I affirm that everything in this form that was not clear has been explained to my satisfaction.

Print Client Name: ____ Signature ______________________________ Date_____________

Signature of Therapist ____ Date ________________

YOUR INFORMATION. YOUR RIGHTS. OUR RESPONSIBITLIES: This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please review it carefully. **YOUR RIGHTS** When it comes to your health information, you have certain rights. This section explains your rights and some of our responsibilities to help you. You can ask to see or get an electronic or paper copy of your medical record and other health information we have about you. We will provide a copy or a summary of your health information, usually within 30 days of your request. We may charge a reasonable, cost-based fee. You can ask us to correct health information about you that you think is incorrect or incomplete. We may say "no" to your request, but we'll tell you why in writing within 60 days. You can ask us to contact you in a specific way (for example, home or office phone) or to send mail to a different address. You can ask us not to use or share certain health information for treatment, payment, or our operations. We are not required to agree to your request, and we may say "no" if it would affect your care. If you pay for a service or health care item out-of-pocket in full, you can ask us not to share that information for the purpose of payment or our operations with your health insurer. We will say "yes" unless a law requires us to share that information. You can ask for an accounting of the times we've shared your health information for six years prior to the date you ask, who we shared it with, and why. We will include all the disclosures except for those about treatment, payment, and health care operations, and certain other disclosures (such as any you asked us to make). We'll provide one accounting a year for free but will charge a reasonable, cost-based fee if you ask for another one within 12 months. You can ask for a paper copy of this notice at any time, even if you have agreed to receive the notice electronically. We will provide you with a paper copy promptly. If you have given someone medical power of attorney or if someone is your legal guardian, that person can exercise your rights and make choices about your health information. We will make sure the person has this authority and can act for you before we take any action. File a complaint if you feel your rights are violated. You can complain if you feel we have violated your rights by contacting us using the information on page 1. You can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights by sending a letter to 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201, calling 1-877-696-6775, or visiting www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/. We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint. **YOUR CHOICES** For certain health information, you can tell us your choices about what we share. If you have a clear preference for how we share your information in the situations described below, talk to us. Tell us what you want us to do, and we will follow your instructions. In these cases, you have both the right and choice to tell us to: Share information with your family, close friends, or others involved in your care. Share information in a disaster relief situation. If you are not able to tell us your preference, for example if you are unconscious, we may go ahead and share your information if we believe it is in your best interest. We may also share your information when needed to lessen a serious and imminent threat to health or safety.

In these cases we never share your information unless you give us written permission: Marketing purposes, Sale of your information, **OUR USES AND DISCLOSURES** How do we typically use or share your health information? We typically use or share your health information in the following ways: We can use your health information and share it with other professionals who are treating you. For example: A doctor treating you for an injury asks another doctor about your overall health condition. To run our organization. We can use and share your health information to run our practice, improve your care, and contact you when necessary. Example: We use health information about you to manage your treatment and services. To bill for our services. We can use and share your health information to bill and get payment from health plans or other entities. Example: We give information about you to your health insurance plan so it will pay for your services. How else can we use or share your health information? We are allowed or required to share your information in other ways – usually in ways that contribute to the public good, such as public health and research. We have to meet many conditions in the law before we can share your information for these purposes. For more information see: ww.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/index.html. To help with public health and safety issues. We can share health information about you for certain situations such as: •Preventing disease, •Reporting suspected abuse, neglect, or domestic violence, •Preventing or reducing a serious threat to anyone's health or safety. We can use or share your information for health research. To comply with the law. We will share information about you if state or federal laws require it, including with the Department of Health and Human Services if it wants to see that we're complying with federal privacy law. To work with a medical examiner or funeral director. We can share health information with a coroner, medical examiner, or funeral director when an individual dies. To address workers' compensation, law enforcement, SSI, disability and other government requests. We can use or share health information about you: For workers' compensation claims, For law enforcement purposes or with a law enforcement official, For special government functions such as military or national security and presidential protective services, To respond to lawsuits and legal actions. We can share health information about you in response to a court or administrative order, or in response to a subpoena. **OUR RESPONSIBILITIES**: We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your protected health information. We will let you know promptly if a breach occurs that may have compromised the privacy or security of your information. We must follow the duties and privacy practices described in this notice and give you a copy of it. We will not use or share your information other than as described

here unless you tell us we can in writing. If you tell us we can, you may change your mind at any time. Let us know in writing if you change your mind. For more information see: www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/noticepp.html.

Changes to the Terms of this Notice: We can change the terms of this notice, and the changes will apply to all information we have about you. The new notice will be available upon request, in our office, and on our web site. Other Instructions for Notice: • Effective Date of this Notice – 3/1/2017 • Name or title of the privacy official Sandra Quast, MA, LPC (843) 945-0346. The Privacy Rule requires therapist to describe any state or other laws that require greater limits on disclosures. For example, "We will never share any substance abuse treatment records without your written permission. If your entity is part of an OHCA (organized health care arrangement) that has agreed to a joint notice, use this space to inform your patients of how you share information within the OHCA (such as for treatment, payment, and operations related to the OHCA). Also, describe the other entities covered by this notice and their service locations. For example, "This notice applies to Sandra Quast, LPC, Coastal Haven Counseling, LLC and other practitioners enrolled as private contract labor under group entity.

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES of COASTAL HAVEN COUNSELING, LLC: Effective date: March 1, 2017 THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. This practice provides many types of services, such as individual, family and group counseling sessions, referrals to treatment services and communication with the courts. Information about you must be collected to provide these services. Information collected about you and your health is private. We are required to protect this information by Federal and State law. This information is called "protected health information" and referred to as PHI. This Notice of Privacy Practices tells you how protected information about your health may be used or disclosed in the normal course of business. Not all situations will be described. We will always disclose only the minimum amount of PHI necessary. I agree to follow these policies. However, if there is a need to change these policies you will be notified of any changes. Your Protected Health Information may be Used and Disclosed without Your Authorization. For Safety- If you are considered to be a threat to yourself or others or if a minor, disabled or elderly if you are being hurt. For payment: PHI may be disclosed to obtain payment, or as required by law and for law enforcement. PHI will be used or disclosed when required or permitted by federal or state law or by a court order. For abuse reports and investigations: I am required to report and disclose any PHI that indicates child abuse. To avoid harm: I may disclose PHI to law enforcement in order to avoid a serious threat to the health and safety of a person or the public. In an emergency or for reasons of national security: For example, if you fell and were unconscious, I would tell an EMT what I knew about your medical condition even if I were not able to get your consent. **Other Uses and Disclosures Require Your Authorization:** Mental Health and drug and alcohol treatment records: You must give your written authorization before your mental health treatment records can be disclosed to anyone. **Unusual use:** I will ask for your written authorization before using or disclosing PHI in unusual situations that are not covered by these guidelines. You may cancel this authorization at any time in writing. **Your PHI Privacy Rights:** Right to see and get copies of your records: In most cases, you have the right to look at or get copies of your records. You must make this request in writing. You may be charged a fee for the cost of copying your records. Right to request to correct or update your records: You may ask to change or add missing PHI to your record if you think there is a mistake. You must make the request in writing and provide a reason for the request. Right to request limits on uses or disclosures of PHI. You have the right to ask to limit how your PHI is used or disclosed. You must make the request in writing and tell what PHI you want to limit and to whom you want the limits to apply. Right to get a list of disclosures: You have the right to ask for a list of disclosures made after March 1, 2017. You must make the request in writing. This list will not include the times that PHI was disclosed for treatment, payment or health care operations or as required by law. The list will not include information provided directly to you or your family or information that was sent with your authorization. Right to choose how we communicate with you: You have the right to ask that PHI be shared with you in a certain way or in a certain place. For example, you may that information be sent to your work address instead of your home address. You must make this request in writing and do not need to provide a reason. Right to file a complaint: You have the right to file a complaint if you do not agree with your PHI was used or disclosed. **My signature affirms I understand and will comply with all these policies.**

Print Name of Client/Guardian ____ Date: _____________

Client/Guardian Signature & Date ____ Date: _____________

Therapist Signature & Date ____ Date: _____________

Authorization to Use and Disclose Specific Protected Health Information

By signing this Authorization, I (client) ______________________, hereby direct the use or disclosure by *Coastal Haven Counseling, LLC and/or A*ssociates of certain medical and/or mental health information pertaining to my health, my health care, or myself.

This Authorization concerns the following medical/mental health information about myself:

_____ **Check here for all mental health information to release,**

Or specify which information specifically to release:

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This information may be used or disclosed by *Coastal Haven Counseling LLC and/or Associates* and may be disclosed to/received from:

Name doctor's office/doctor name, or pertaining party below:

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[LIST NAME OR SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION OF THE PERSON(S) OR CLASS OF PERSONS TO WHOM YOU MAY MAKE THE REQUESTED USE/DISCLOSURE]

I understand that I have the right to revoke this Authorization at any time except to the extent that *Coastal Haven Counseling LLC and/or Associates* has already acted in reliance on the Authorization. To revoke this Authorization, I understand that I must do so by written request. I understand that information used or disclosed pursuant to this Authorization may be subject to redisclosure by the recipient and no longer subject to privacy protections provided by law. I understand that my written authorization is not required for *Coastal Haven Counseling LLC and/or Associates* to use my protected health information for treatment, payment and health care operations. I understand that I have the right to inspect and copy the information that is to be used or disclosed as part of this Authorization. The Authorization is being requested by *Coastal Haven Counseling LLC and/or Associates* for the following purpose(s): Mental Health Therapy & Coordination of Care

I acknowledge that I have read the provisions in the Authorization and that I have the right to refuse to sign this Authorization. I understand and agree to the terms as stated in this form.

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Patient Signature (or authorized person)	Witness/Therapist	Date

This authorization expires on one year from date signed, unless otherwise noted: ___________________

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF MEDICAID AND/OR PRIVATE INSURANCE INFORMATION: MEDICAID & BCBS/EAP: I authorize release of any medical information necessary to process MEDICAID, BCBS or other accepted insurance I have provided for claims and request payments of benefits to: Coastal Haven Counseling, LLC/Sandra Quast, LPC 220 Ronnie Ct Suite 2 Myrtle Beach, SC 29579 for services provided by them.

_______________________________________ _______________________________________ ______________

Patient Signature (or authorized person) Witness/Therapist Date

SELF PAY WITH or WITHOUT INSURANCE

I understand that while I am a beneficiary of health insurance coverage, I am choosing to pay out of pocket for counseling services at this time. I agree to the following self-pay rates. OR I am choosing to pay for counseling services by check, cash or credit card because I don't have insurance. I agree to the following self-pay rates. $120.00 – 53-60 Minute assessment $100.00 – 53-60 Minutes therapy session

Client/Guardian Signature: ____ Date: ______________

Therapist Signature: ____ Date: ______________

CRISIS & EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Mental Health Crisis: A mental health crisis is a non-life threatening situation in which an individual is exhibiting extreme emotional disturbance or behavioral distress, considering harm to self or others, disoriented or out of touch with reality, has a compromised ability to function, or is otherwise agitated and unable to be calmed. **Examples of a Mental Health Crisis include:** Talking about suicide threats, Talking about threatening behavior, Self-injury, but not needing, immediate medical attention, Alcohol or substance abuse, Highly erratic or unusual behavior, Eating disorders, Not taking their prescribed psychiatric medications, Emotionally distraught, very depressed, angry or anxious. **What to Do in Case of a Mental Health Crisis:** 1.Call Coastal Haven Counseling / Sandra Quast, LPC (843) 945-0346 or your therapist immediately to share the crisis with client's therapist.

After Hours and Weekends: 1.Take client to your local hospital emergency room for evaluation or call 911. 2. Make client's therapist aware of the situation as soon as possible after taking to the emergency room at their phone number above.

Mental Health Emergency: A mental health emergency is a life threatening situation in which an individual is imminently threatening harm to self or others, severely disoriented or out of touch with reality, has a severe inability to function, or is otherwise distraught and out of control. **Examples of a Mental Health Emergency include:** Acting on a suicide threat, Homicidal or threatening behavior, Self-injury needing immediate medical attention, Severely impaired by drugs or alcohol, Highly erratic or unusual behavior that indicates very unpredictable behavior and/or an inability to care for themselves.

What to Do in Case of a Mental Health Emergency: 1. Call 9-1-1 and/or take client immediately to your local hospital emergency room for evaluation. 2. Make client's therapist aware of the situation as soon as possible.

My signature affirms I understand and will comply with all these policies.

Client's Signature: ____ Date: __________________

Therapist's Signature: ____ Date: __________________