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Welcome to Rochester Center for Sexual Wellness (RCSW)! I hope that we can build a lasting, trusting relationship in which you can accomplish the goals you set. This letter will explain a few things about our work, your rights, and responsibilities, as well as mine.

I am authorized in the state of New York to practice as a Licensed Master of Social Work. I follow the Code of Ethics set forth by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and NY State Board of Behavioral Health. I am a psychotherapist with more than 4 years clinical experience and I am training to become a Certified Sex Therapist under the supervision of Daniel Rosen, LCSW-R, CST, CST-S. I practice under the guidelines set forth by the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT). You can request a copy of those ethics at any time. It is important for you to know that as a client you have certain rights and those rights will be reviewed with you.

It is important to know that treatment at RCSW is confidential and shared as indicated by your Consent for Treatment and Authorization for Release of Health Information. If you enter therapy with your partner(s), each member participating in therapy must consent to a release of information. In accordance with New York state regulation and professional ethics, specific circumstances may require me to break confidentiality and report certain information. Those circumstances may include 1) therapist believes a client may be a danger to self or others 2) therapist believes a child, elderly or disabled person may be subject to abuse or neglect 3) court order exists that information regarding therapy process be provided.

Entering the therapy process may look different to everyone. Similar to any process of change and growth, there can be risks associated with therapy such as powerful insights or feeling overwhelmed with negative, unpleasant emotions; I welcome discussion of this as we progress in the work.

RCSW does not participate on any insurance panels. For those with insurance coverage who would like to submit a statement (often called a Superbill) to your insurance company for out-of-network reimbursement, please request a statement of services at the end of each visit. The fee for services with me is **\$110 per therapy visit (typically a 50 minute session)**.

If you should choose to leave therapy, it is best if we discuss the termination of therapy at a regular therapy session. If there is no session activity or phone contact for a period of 8 weeks, your file may be closed. In most circumstances, your file can be re-opened upon completion of a new intake and payment of any balance due.

At RCSW we strive for the best standard of care, therefore, if you have a crisis and need to reach me between sessions, please contact me at (585) 865-3584 ext 7. **PLEASE NOTE** that text or email are not appropriate means of contact in a crisis situation. I am available for emergent or urgent telephone support. However, I am not able to provide life-saving interventions. Therefore, if you are suicidal or at risk of harming someone else you need to contact 911, the psychiatric emergency department, or other first responders.

It is my pleasure to work with you, and I am happy to discuss any questions you may have regarding your care.

Sincerely,

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