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THERAPY GROUP
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OTHER IMPORTANT MANDATED RESPONSIBILITIES

If you are a client seeking treatment for compulsive sexual behaviors and/or pornography addiction, it is important that you read the following and sign below:

As of January 2015, please note that Marriage and Family Therapists practicing in the state of California, in addition to the other mandated reporting responsibilities as outlined in the other informed consent documents you have received, are now mandated reporters of child pornography. This means that we are required by law to report to law enforcement and/or child protective services those who knowingly download, stream, or access through any electronic or digital media, film, photograph, videotape, video recording, negative, or slide in which a child is engaged in an act of obscene sexual conduct. This includes any sexual images, child pornography, child sexual abuse, child sexual exploitation, or any images that could legally be considered as child pornography. A child includes all persons, regardless of gender, under the age of 18.

If you have been or currently are viewing or exchanging internet child pornography or any other form of child pornography that falls into this category, and you are seeking support for sexual or pornography addiction with any therapist in our practice, it is important for you to understand that all therapists are now mandated by law to report this and to include a client's name, phone number and identifying information with the report. Potential avenues of disclosure that would be reportable include but are not limited to: disclosure in an individual, group, or couples therapy session with any therapist in our practice, disclosure via an assessment tool that is administered as part of your treatment, such as the SDI (e.g., Sexual Dependency Inventory) or the SAST (i.e., Sex Addiction Screening Test), or disclosure via email, text, phone, or mail out of session. It is your right to know this prior to beginning treatment if you are seeking support for sex or pornography addiction in the state of California.

Please sign and date here if you are seeking treatment and understand the above stated law and mandated reporting responsibilities as they relate to child pornography:

Signature _____

Date _____

Important for Partners, Spouse and/or Family Members of Sex and/or Pornography Addicts:

If you are a spouse, partner, family member, friend, or child of a sex and/or pornography addict who may or may not be seeking counseling here or elsewhere, and you choose to disclose to any therapist in our practice via individual, group, and/or couples therapy, or via an out of session communication including email, text, letter, or phone call that your spouse, partner, family member, or friend has viewed or downloaded child pornography, or acted out sexually with a minor (i.e., any person under the age of 18), please understand that due to changes in California State Law as outlined above, that a Marriage and Family Therapist is a mandated reporter and must report this information to the appropriate authorities.

Signature _____

Date _____