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POLICIES

COVID As a participant in this program, you understand and agree:

If you test positive for COVID, you will inform your clinician at Path to Healing and avoid returning until you show no signs of illness and can show proof of a negative COVID test result.

If you come in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID, you will inform your clinician at Path to Healing and abstain from returning to the program until you can show proof of a negative COVID test result.

You will be asked to give as much information as possible regarding contact tracing, such as if and when you first showed any signs of illness, when you tested positive and/or when you came in contact with someone who tested positive. All other participants and instructors will be informed if any participant or Path to Healing instructors test positive for COVID or has come in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID.

ALCOHOL/DRUGS The expectation is that you arrive clean and sober from alcohol, cannabis and non-prescription drugs. You should also be aware of your reaction to prescription drugs and avoid taking prescription drugs that cause drowsiness or other impairments before you attend. If you are asked to leave as a result of your appearing under the influence, you may be asked to hand over your car keys and/or to call a friend, relative or taxi/uber/lyft to bring you home.

If you cannot abstain from the use of alcohol and/or drugs before and during Path to Healing, you are not ready to attend. We can provide you with referrals to support you in abstaining or decreasing your use of alcohol and/or drugs such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Smart Recovery.

There is also an expectation that you refrain from bringing alcohol, cannabis and non-prescription drugs into Path to Healing.

WEAPONS The expectation is that you refrain from bringing weapons (guns, mace, pepper spray, stun guns, pocket knives, etc.) into Path to Healing.

CRISIS OR MEDICAL EMERGENCY Please inform your clinician if you experience a crisis or medical emergency during Path to Healing programming. If you are sent to the hospital as a result, your emergency contact may be notified.

If you are in crisis or there is a medical emergency outside of program hours, please dial 911, contact your local Crisis Center or proceed to the nearest Emergency Room.

Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255, Press 1, 24 hour suicide/crisis hotline

Brockton Multi-Service Center, 24 hour crisis services, 508-897-2000, 165 Quincy St, Brockton, MA 02302

Brockton VA Medical Center, 508-583-4500, 940 Belmont St, Brockton, MA 02301

Good Samaritan Medical Center, 508-427-3000, 235 North Pearl St, Brockton, MA 02301

CRITICAL INCIDENT REPORTING In the case of a crisis, medical emergency or any minor injury incurred during Path to Healing, you may be asked to complete a Critical Incident Form. This form requires your identifying information, a brief description of what happened and whether or not you chose to seek medical attention. This may be shared with our Board of Directors to review any safety issues and our insurer.

GENERAL CONFIDENTIALITY Path to Healing applications will only be reviewed by behavioral health clinicians at Path to Healing. Copies of the forms completed for participation in collaboration with Wild Hearts Therapeutic Equestrian Program, Inc. and Winsome Riding Academy, Inc. will be given to the appropriate organization; these forms are required for safety and insurance purposes.

If you chose to consent to having your photographs and any other audio/visual materials, these may be shared for promotional purposes, educational activities or for any other use for the benefit of Path to Healing.

If you chose to participate in songwriting, everyone involved in producing the song, including you, your songwriting instructor and Path to Healing will own copyrights.

Group discussion content and written materials relevant to your participation will not be shared with any other person or organization outside of Path to Healing, unless a participant has signed a written release to have all or portions of such content released to a specifically named person/persons.

Limitations of such client held privilege of confidentiality exist and are itemized below:

1. If a client threatens or attempts to commit suicide or otherwise conducts themselves in a manner in which there is a substantial risk of incurring serious bodily harm.
2. If a client threatens grave bodily harm or death to another person. This clinician then has a duty to warn the threatened person and inform the authorities.
3. If the clinician has a reasonable suspicion that a client or other named victim is the perpetrator, observer of, or actual victim of physical, emotional or sexual abuse of children under the age of 18 years, and the clinician is legally compelled to cooperate with such investigations within a certain time frame.
4. Suspicions as stated above in the case of an elderly person who may be subjected to these abuses, which also includes financial abuse.
5. Suspected neglect of the parties named in items #3 and # 4.
6. If a court of law issues a legitimate subpoena for information stated on the subpoena.
7. If a client is participating by order of a court of law or if information is obtained for the purpose of rendering an expert's report to an attorney.

Occasionally I may need to consult with other professionals in their areas of expertise in order to provide the best treatment for you. This may be in the form of speaking with clinicians on Path to Healing's Clinical Advisory Committee. This may also be in the form of a peer consultation group or an individual consultant; information

about you may be shared in this context without using identifying information such as your name and date of birth.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION I cannot ensure the confidentiality of any form of communication through electronic media, including emails and text messages. Please keep in mind that while my e-mail is secure and encrypted, I cannot ensure security if your e-mail is not.

Services by electronic means, including but not limited to telephone communication, the Internet, facsimile machines, and email is considered telemedicine by the State of California. Under the California Telemedicine Act of 1996, telemedicine is broadly defined as the use of information technology to deliver medical services and information from one location to another. If you and your therapist chose to use information technology for some or all of your treatment, you need to understand that: (1) You retain the option to withhold or withdraw consent at any time without affecting the right to future care or treatment or risking the loss or withdrawal of any program benefits to which you would otherwise be entitled. (2) All existing confidentiality protections are equally applicable. (3) Your access to all medical information transmitted during a telemedicine consultation is guaranteed, and copies of this information are available for a reasonable fee. (4) Dissemination of any of your identifiable images or information from the telemedicine interaction to researchers or other entities shall not occur without your written consent. (5) There are potential risks, consequences, and benefits of telemedicine, such as easy access to care and the therapist not being aware of what he or she would consider important information, that you may not recognize as significant to present verbally the therapist.

COMPLAINTS If you have a complaint about your treatment, you have a right to address the problems with your group leader/instructor and work together to attempt to resolve the problem. If you believe your complaint was not rectified satisfactorily, you may bring this to the attention of the President of Path to Healing.

INCLEMENT WEATHER In the case of cancellation or closure, you will be contacted by a Path to Healing clinician; you may also call to inquire at 508-219-2904.