

CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I, _____ [Name of Patient/Client], whose Date of Birth is _____,

authorize MINDFUL THERAPY PRACTICE treating therapist Melissa Barsotti, LCSW to disclose

to and/or obtain information from:

Name of Agency/Organization/Provider:

Address:

Contact Information/Phone and email:

Attention to:

_____ -
the following information:

Description of Information to be Disclosed

(Patient/Client should initial each item to be disclosed)

Assessment	_____ Educational Information
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diagnosis	_____ Discharge/Transfer Summary
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Psychosocial Evaluation	_____ Continuing Care Plan
_____ Psychological Evaluation	_____ Progress in Treatment
_____ Psychiatric Evaluation	_____ Demographic Information
_____ Treatment Plan or Summary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Psychotherapy Notes*
_____ Current Treatment Update	(*Cannot be combined with any other disclosure)
_____ Medication Management Information	_____ Other <u>This clinician previously worked at said</u>
_____ Presence/Participation in Treatment	<u>group practice and would like to retrieve process note folder left behind, in an effort to ensure continuity of care.</u>
_____ Nursing/Medical Information	_____ Other _____

Purpose

This information may be used or disclosed in connection with mental health treatment, payment, or healthcare operations.

If the purpose is other than as specified above, please specify:

_____ Check here if patient/client refuses to sign authorization

Revocation and Expiration

I understand that I have the right to cancel this consent for release of information at any time, except when my therapist has already taken action on it. If I wish to cancel this consent, I need to ask my therapist for instructions. Otherwise, this consent will end one year from the date of my signature.

Conditions

I further understand that MINDFUL THERAPY PRACTICE will not condition my treatment on whether I give authorization for the requested disclosure.

Form of Disclosure

Unless you have specifically requested in writing that the disclosure be made in a certain format, we reserve the right to disclose information as permitted by this authorization in any manner that we deem to be appropriate and consistent with applicable law, including, but not limited to, verbally, in paper format or electronically.

Redisclosure

I understand that there is the potential that the protected health information that is disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be redisclosed by the recipient and the protected health information will no longer be protected by the HIPAA privacy regulations, unless a State law applies that is more strict than HIPAA and provides additional privacy protections.

Informed risks to privacy and limitations on confidentiality

I have been informed of the risks to privacy and limitations on confidentiality of the use of facsimile machines and electronic means of information transfer, and I accept these.

I have had the provision of this form explained to me and believe that I will be given a copy of this authorization for my records.

Signature of Patient/Client

Date

Signature of Parent, Guardian or Personal Representative

Date

If you are signing as a personal representative of an individual, please describe your authority to act for this individual (power of attorney, healthcare surrogate, etc.).

I, a mental health professional, have discussed the issues above with the patient and/or his or her parent or guardian. My observations of behavior and responses give me no reason to believe that this person is not fully competent to give informed, competent, and willing consent.

Signature of Staff Witness

Date