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**Should any communications be Electronic:**

**CONSENT TO TREAT AND COMMUNICATE ONLINE OR BY PHONE**

Although every effort is made to safeguard the private and personal information of clients, long-distance service recipients should be informed of the potential hazards of long-distance communication.

Clients are hereby warned about entering private information when using a public access or computer that is on a shared network. Please exercise caution against using "auto remember" user names and passwords. Also remember employers' policies in relation to the use of work computers for personal communications. End-to-end encryption with conventional email cannot be guaranteed. The limitations of confidentiality due to hacking and other forms of illegal gathering of information on line and through the phone, the possibility of technological failure, anticipated response time to electronic communication and other considerations regarding confidentiality that may be out of both parties control are the nature of using the technology and are to be considered when entering into electronically transmitted or phone generated communications.

It is the responsibility of the client to safeguard the privacy of information on his computer from outside interference. Please secure your correspondence and provide a place of privacy for your sessions.

It is the responsibility of distance clients to provide a detailed list of adjunct services with names and contact information that may be used by the client including local emergency facilities, hospitals and doctors as well as other important names and information that could be necessary in case of an emergency or loss of contact. If any interruption of services in an emergency situations the client should immediately call 911 for assistance.

**It is agreed that;**

All sessions are private with full disclosure as to who is present and within hearing range.

No sessions are recorded.

All services are considered to be rendered in the state of New Mexico; and

Any complaints about services should be directed to the New Mexico counseling and therapy board

Encryption and other technologies alone do not insure confidentiality of communications.

I have read the above and I consent to counseling or coaching online with Vergal C. Dawson, LMFT although it cannot be guaranteed that total security and total privacy are possible through internet, phone communication, correspondence email or electronic means.

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