Client Name:		
DOB:		

CLIENT'S RIGHTS

Each client has the right to:

- 1. Receive considerate and respectful care. Each client has the right to be treated with respect, dignity, and concern.
- 2. Receive services, which are sensitive to his or her age, gender, race, cultural orientation, psychological characteristics, sexual orientation, physical health and spiritual beliefs.
- 3. Reasonably expect complete and current information concerning his/her diagnosis, treatment and prognosis in terms that he/she can understand from his/her counselor. When it is not advisable to give information to the client, it may be made available to an appropriate person/legal guardian within the confines of client confidentiality on his/her behalf.
- 4. Have his/her relatives or authorized representative regularly informed by the facility of activities related to care and supervision including but not limited to modifications to the needs and services plan. Each client also has the right to object to information being exchanged with specified individuals including his/her relatives.
- 5. Know by name and specialty, if any, the professional responsible for coordination of his/her care.
- 6. Every consideration of his/her privacy and individuality as it relates to his/her social, religious or psychological well being.
- 7. Expect that case discussion, consultation, examination and treatment are confidential and will be conducted discreetly.
- 8. Know how their information is maintained and used. Dr. Castillo Sumi keeps a record of each client's treatment, which contains (Protected Health Information) PHI. All PHI is considered confidential, and is maintained and used according to state and Federal laws.
- 9. Request an accounting of certain disclosures, as specified on our "Notice of Information/Privacy Practices".
- 10. Request an amendment of their PHI, as specified on our "Notice of Information/Privacy Practices".
- 11. Request an alternative means of communication, as specified on our "Notice of Information/Privacy Practices".
- 12. Have Dr. Eleanor Castillo Sumi reasonably respond to his/her requests.
- 13. Obtain information about the relationship between Dr. Eleanor Castillo Sumi and other health care and/or related institutions regarding their collaboration with respect to his/her care.
- 14. Reasonable continuity of care. This shall include, but not be limited to, information about appointment times and when counselors are available.
- 15. Be fully informed of Dr. Eleanor Castillo Sumi's continuum of services (applicants for services also have this right).
- 16. Have an opportunity to participate in the planning of his/her treatment.
- 17. Refuse to participate in any outcome evaluation or observational study.
- 18. Assistance and encouragement throughout his/her treatment to understand and exercise his/her rights as a client (and as a citizen). To this end, he/she may voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services to Dr. Eleanor Castillo Sumi and outside representatives of his/her choice free from restraint, interference, coercion, disaffirmation or reprisal.
- 19. Be free from mental and physical abuse. Each client shall be free from therapeutic holds, except in emergencies, when it is necessary to protect him/her from injury to himself/herself or others. An emergency is defined as a situation in which action to impose treatment over a client's objection is immediately necessary for the preservation of life or the prevention of serious bodily harm to the client or others, and it is impracticable to first gain consent.
- 20. Be free from performing services for Dr. Eleanor Castillo Sumi that are not included for therapeutic purposes in his/her plan of care.
- 21. Associate and communicate privately with persons of his/her choice. Each client may have visitors, including advocacy representatives; visit privately during waking hours provided such visitations do not infringe upon the rights of other clients, unless prohibited by court order.
- 22. Be fully informed of the rights and responsibilities set forth in this section, as well as other rules governing client conduct and responsibilities.

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"Good Cause" for denying a right exists when Dr. Castillo Sumi and staff have a good reason to believe:

- That allowing a client to exercise the right would be injurious to the client;
- That there is evidence that the specific right, if exercised, would seriously infringe on the rights of others; or
- That Dr. Eleanor Castillo Sumi and other personnel would suffer serious damage if the specific right is not denied; and
- That there is no less restrictive way of ensuring that the client will not be injured, or the rights of others will not be infringed upon, or that the facility will not suffer serious damage.

TO: CLIENT OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

Please complete the following acknowledgement ONLY upon satisfactory and full disclosure of your personal rights as explained in this notice.

Dr. Eleanor Castillo Sumi, Ph.D.					
Print the Name of the Client					
Signature of the Client, if over age 12		Date			
Signature of the Representative/Parent/Legal Guardian	Relationship to Client	Date			

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