

Healing Grace Counseling Services

INFORMED CONSENT FOR MARRIAGE COUNSELING

We understand that marriage counseling begins with an evaluation of our relationship, past and present. We understand that because of the commitment of time and money, plus the potential impact on us and others, we need to make an informed choice.

We have read and understand limits of confidentiality, and we have a copy for our records.

We understand that information discussed in couples' therapy is for therapeutic purposes and is not intended for use in any legal proceedings involving the partners. We agree not to subpoena Rob to testify for or against either party or provide records in a court action.

We understand all the policies described on the Consent to Treatment form and accept them as conditions for receiving marriage counseling at Healing Grace Counseling Services. We understand the limits and benefits of using insurance to pay for marriage counseling. If we use insurance, we agree to provide all information needed to comply with insurance regulations. We understand that if we use insurance, Healing Grace Counseling Services will not retain control over information provided to the insurance company.

We have received the opportunity to ask questions and discuss confidentiality and disclosure policies with Rob Brown. **We understand that while working as a couple, anything either of us might say to Rob individually, whether by phone or in an individual session, may be shared with the spouse/partner during a subsequent marital session.**

We agree to share responsibility with our counselor for the counseling process, including goal setting and termination. By entering into marriage counseling, we accept that we both understand that working toward change may involve difficult and intense feelings, some of which may be painful. We understand that the changes one or both of us makes will have an impact on our partner and on others. We accept that such changes can have both positive and negative effects and agree to clarify and evaluate potential effects of changes before undertaking them.

Rob Brown has explained that the therapeutic focus in marriage counseling is preserving and enhancing the relationship rather than focusing on individual happiness.

By signing below, we agree to enter into marriage counseling at Healing Grace Counseling Services and accept full responsibility for the payment for our sessions.

Client's Signature _____ Date _____

Client's Printed Name _____

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