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P & P 310-A SCV-CAMFT SUPPORT GROUP PARTICIPANT'S RIGHTS

The following information outlines your rights as a participant. Please read it carefully.

PARTICIPANT'S RIGHTS

1. You have the right to receive a copy of this document.
2. You have the right to know that there is no monetary fee paid to support group facilitators and that you are not required to pay a fee to attend an SCV-CAMFT support group.
3. You have the right to stop attending the group at anytime, as your participation is voluntary.
4. You have the right to contact the board about your experience with this group and its facilitator and we encourage you to do so. Your contact person is the director of support groups.

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GOALS FOR THE SUPPORT GROUPS

To provide professional and personal support to our members through networking, camaraderie, and sharing experiences. Topics may include matters relating to personal and professional goals, and establishing social and referral networks.

CONFIDENTIALITY

SCV-CAMFT expects support group participants to adhere to the AAMFT code of ethics, which states in part:

“Marriage and family therapists, when consulting with colleagues or referral sources, do not share confidential information that could reasonably lead to the identification of a client, research participant, supervisee, or other person with whom they have a confidential relationship unless they have obtained the prior written consent of the client, research participant, supervisee, or other person with whom they have a confidential relationship. Information may be shared only to the extent necessary to achieve the purposes of the consultation.”

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The support groups are led by experienced volunteer licensed chapter members wanting to share their expertise and give back to their profession.
- Our support groups do not discuss or provide any PHI, therefore HIPAA compliant platform is not essential.
- Our support groups are not consultation groups - if you need to discuss difficult cases, ethical dilemmas, or client-specific situations please seek professional consultation.
- Our support groups are not supervision groups - our support group leaders are not acting in a supervisory role.
- Our support groups are not a psychotherapy group.
- The board allows non-chapter members the opportunity to participate in no more than two (2) group meetings before joining the SCV-CAMFT chapter.

If you have questions, please email the Junko Yamauchi, the director of support groups @ support-groups@scv-camft.org or junkoyamauchilmft@gmail.com.

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