

INITIAL PSYCHOTHERAPY INTAKE

Please provide the following information and answer the questions below. Please note: the information you provide here is protected as confidential information. Please fill out this form and bring it your first session.

Part One:

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____ Age: _____
Last First M.I. MM/DD/YYYY

Name of parent or guardian (if under 18 years old): _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

Ethnicity: _____ Marital Status: _____ Sex/Gender: _____

Do have a preferred pronoun? _____ Do you have a preferred name? _____

Highest Level of Education: _____ Referred by: (if any) _____

Home Phone: () May we leave you a message? Yes No
Cell Phone: () May we leave you a message? Yes No

E-Mail: _____ May we email you? Yes No

**Please note: E-Mail correspondence is not considered to be a confidential medium of communication.*

Part Two:

History of Presenting Problem- please describe history of symptoms, onset, previous treatment:

Are you currently experiencing overwhelming sadness, grief or depression? No Yes
If yes, for approximately how long? _____

Are you currently experiencing anxiety, panic attacks, or phobias? No Yes
If yes, for approximately how long? _____

Past Psychiatric History- please describe prior treatment, symptoms, past diagnoses, & hospitalizations:

Have you experienced past suicide attempts? Please state how many times and the year in which it occurred:

If you have experienced a history of abuse, please circle: Verbal Physical Sexual Emotional
(In session with your therapist, you will have an opportunity to discuss the history of abuse you have experienced)

Family Medical & Psychiatric History- please circle and list family member(s):

Alcohol/Substance Abuse	yes/no
Anxiety	yes/no
Depression	yes/no
Domestic Violence	yes/no
Eating Disorders	yes/no
Obesity	yes/no
Obsessive Compulsive Behavior	yes/no
Schizophrenia	yes/no
Personality Disorder(s)	yes/no
Bipolar Disorder	yes/no
Suicide Attempts	yes/no

Medical Conditions and History-

How would you rate your current physical health? Poor / Unsatisfactory / Satisfactory / Good / Very Good

How would you rate your current sleeping habits? Poor / Unsatisfactory / Satisfactory / Good / Very Good

Eating pattern/food issues: _____

Please describe current and past conditions, treatment, allergies, etc.:

Current medications- please describe dosage and frequency:

Substance use past and present- please include alcohol, illicit, prescribed and OTC abuse, withdrawal symptoms, blackouts, longest sobriety, do you drink alcohol more than 1x/week?, how often do you engage in recreational drug use?:

Psychosocial history- please describe past or current school/work issues, family history, relationships, financial, etc.:

Cultural Variables- please describe any cultural variables that may impact the therapeutic process:

Developmental History- please describe development milestones and/or delays:

Educational/Occupational History- please describe level of education, current/past employment:

Legal History- please describe arrest history, sentencing, DUI occurrences, incarceration, etc.:

Are you currently receiving or participating in any community resources? Please explain:

Do you consider yourself to spiritual or religious? Please explain:

What significant life changes or stressful events have you experienced recently?

What do you consider to be some of your strengths?

What do you consider to be some of your limitations?

What you like to accomplish out of your time in therapy?

Privacy and Rights Acknowledgement

Patient Name: _____

Date: _____

Please read the following policies and initial below:

Initial _____ I have read and understand my **Patient Rights**, stating as a patient of Hope for a Better Tomorrow, I have specific rights that are enumerated in Wisconsin Statutes 51.61 and Wisconsin Administrative Code HHS 94.

Initial _____ I have read and understand the **Cancellation Policy** stating that I can be charged a \$50.00 cancellation fee if I cancel my appointment with less than a 24 hour notice. (Unless due to illness or emergency)

Initial _____ I have read and understand my **Limits of Liability Policy** stating therapy services carry both benefits and risks. Therapy sessions can significantly reduce the amount of distress someone is feeling, improve relationships, and/or resolve other specific issues. However, these improvements and any "cures" cannot be guaranteed for any condition due to many variables that affect these therapy sessions. Experiencing uncomfortable feelings, discussing unpleasant situations and/or aspects of my life are considered risks of therapy sessions.

Initial _____ I have read and understand my **Limits of Confidentiality** stating what I discuss during my therapy session are kept confidential. No contents of the therapy sessions, whether verbal or written may be shared with another party without your written consent or the written consent of my legal guardian. The following is a list of exceptions: Duty to Warn and Protect, Abuse of Children and Vulnerable Adults, Prenatal Exposure to Controlled Substances, Minors/Guardianship and Insurance Providers and Hope for a Better Tomorrow Clinician Collaboration

Initial _____ I have read and understand the **HIPAA** stating how therapeutic and medical information about you may be used and disclosed, your rights as a patient and ways for you to get additional information on our policies. Our clinic has always been very protective of your personal information. Under new federal regulations (HIPAA Privacy Act), we have adopted additional guidelines to ensure proper use, confidentiality, and disclosure of your health information.

Initial _____ I have read, understand and acknowledge **DHS 75.25(2) - Data Collection**: A service shall have a process for collecting analyzing and reporting a patient's demographics and outcome data. At minimum, the following data shall be recorded at the Admission Session (the first session/intake) and Discharge (Termination): Living Situation, Current Substance Use, Employment Status, Education Level, Arrests in the past 30 days.

By signing below, I am acknowledging that I have read and understand the above policies. Paper or electronic copies can be obtained per request.

Print Client Name

Date

Client Signature (Client's Parent/Guardian if under 18)

Date

Payment Acknowledgement Agreement

Patient Name: _____ Date: _____

Please read the following statements and initial below:

Initial ____ I understand and agree that my co-payment, co-insurance and deductibles are due and payable at the time of service. I understand that charges not covered by my insurance company as well as applicable co-payments and deductibles are my responsibility and will be subject to the therapists self-pay amount of \$_____. I understand that co-payment and deductible amounts may change depending on my mental health benefits within my insurance policy.

Initial ____ I understand that any unpaid services will be considered delinquent and will be sent to a collection agency.

Initial ____ I understand and agree that I will be charged a \$50.00 cancellation fee if I cancel my appointment with less than a **24 hour notice**. (Unless due to illness or emergency)

Initial ____ I understand and agree to the \$3 fee when using a credit or debit card other than medical cards to pay for any and all services. Cash and check are no charge. There will be a \$20+ fee for any bounced checks.

By signing below, I understand and agree to the above statements. *I authorize my insurance benefits to be paid directly to Hope for a Better Tomorrow.*

Client Signature (Client's Parent/Guardian if under 18)

Date

Administrative use only

By signing below, I, administration, have gone through the above statements with the client or the guardian of the client, in person.

Administrative Signature

Date

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TREATMENT PLAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

At Hope for a Better Tomorrow, you will participate in the development of your treatment plan. The treatment plan is your "map of care" which includes specific goals that you wish to accomplish. With your therapist, you will discuss frequency of treatment and what types of services and modalities will help you reach your goals.

Therapists at Hope for a Better Tomorrow strive to deliver the best possible care for their clients. In order to uphold this high standard, we ask for your signature to acknowledge that you have played an active role in the treatment planning process.

If you have further questions regarding this form, please consult with your therapist.

Client Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Client Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent or Guardian if under 18)

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PRIMARY PHYSICIAN & PSYCHIATRIST-PATIENT CARE COMMUNICATION FORM

Clinicians at Hope for a Better Tomorrow strive to deliver the best possible care for their clients. In order to uphold this high standard, we ask for permission to notify your primary care physician and/or psychiatrist. By signing this form, it gives your Hope for a Better Tomorrow therapist permission to contact your primary care physician and/or psychiatrist to introduce themselves as your behavioral health care practitioner and work directly with them when necessary (for example: strategies for better medication management, coordination of care and treatment recommendations).

If you have further questions regarding this form, please consult with your therapist.

Physician or Psychiatrist Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

- Yes, I want this information released to my Primary Care Physician or Psychiatrist.
 No, I do not want this information released to my Primary Care Physician or Psychiatrist.
 I do not have a Primary Care Physician or Psychiatrist at this time.

Authorization to Disclose Information

To the patient: Disclosure of the above information is for coordination of care between your physician and your behavioral health provider(s). The information released on this form is part of your protected health information and is protected under federal law. Releasing this information to your physician is strictly voluntary and does require your written consent for this form to be sent, it does not allow for any other information to be disclosed nor does it allow for any form of communication to take place. If you want your physician to receive additional information from your confidential records, a release of information for that purpose can be provided to you. To the party receiving the information: This information has been disclosed to you from records whose confidentiality is protected by federal law. Federal regulations prohibit you from making further disclosure of this information.

This authorization can be terminated at any time in writing.
This authorization is valid for the duration of involvement, up to one year.

Print Patient Name: _____

Signed: _____
(Client 12 years of age and older) _____ **Date** _____ **Witness** _____

Signed: _____
(Parent or Guardian Signature, 12 years and younger) _____ **Date** _____ **Witness** _____

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Letter and Form Sent: _____
Date & Initials _____

Health Risk Assessment

Name _____ Date _____

Please circle the number which best identifies your response to each corresponding question-

1. *Never or Almost Never*; 2. *Occasionally*;
3. *Often*; 4. *Very Often*; or 5. *Always or Almost Always*

1. I engage in moderate physical activity outside of work for at least 20 to 30 minutes at least 5 days of the week.

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

2. I enjoy physical activities rather than sedentary activities.

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

3. I eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables every day (one serving equals one half cup).

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

4. I eat at fast food restaurants more than three times per week.

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

5. I avoid the use of tobacco products (cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, cigars, and pipes).

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

6. I limit myself to 5 drinks of alcohol a week (beer, liquor, wine).

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

7. I see my physician for routine check-ups, health screenings, and disease prevention.

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

8. I wear a seat belt when traveling in a vehicle.

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

9. I take time to have meaningful interactions with family and friends.

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

10. I contribute time and/or money to at least one organization that strives to better the community where I live.

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

11. I am able to develop close, personal relationships with others.

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

12. I feel that I am a confident individual.

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

13. I express my feelings of anger and frustration in ways that are not hurtful to myself or others.

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

14. I feel that I have family and friends that I can confide in to assist in managing stress.

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

15. I seek opportunities to learn new things through different mediums such as television, books, newspaper, internet, etc.

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

16. Before making decisions, I gather facts and consider all viable options.

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

17. I am satisfied with the balance between my work time and leisure time.

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

18. The level of stress in my work environment is manageable for me.

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

19. I feel that my life has a purpose.

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

20. My actions are guided by my own beliefs rather than the beliefs of others.

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

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INFORMED CONSENT POLICY

It is the policy of this clinic that each patient, or individual acting on behalf of the patient, will receive specific, complete and accurate information regarding the psychotherapy or other treatment they receive at all of our clinic locations. It is our agency's policy to offer this information in both verbal and written form. All patients will be provided, and should take, the necessary time to review this informed consent policy prior to the onset of treatment. You may also ask for additional information from your therapist regarding any particular treatment at any time during the course of treatment.

Completed and accurate information must be provided concerning each of the following areas:

1. The benefits of the proposed treatment.
2. The way in which the treatment will be administered, the treatment schedule, and my involvement in the development of my treatment plan.
3. The expected side effects from the treatment and/or risks of side effects from medications.
4. Alternative treatment modalities.
5. The probability of consequences of not receiving treatment.
6. The consequences of the continued use of alcohol or other drugs, unauthorized absences or any other evidence of noncompliance.
7. My financial obligations regarding my treatment cost.
8. Information regarding sexually transmitted diseases and communicable diseases.
9. The time period for which the informed consent is effective.
10. Your rights as a patient to withdraw the informed consent at any time in writing.
11. Hope for a Better Tomorrow provides mental health services at our facility. Mental health staff may be involved in your treatment planning and referrals may be made.
12. Client records are kept securely for mental health patients.
13. I understand that this informed consent is good for the course of treatment
14. I understand that this informed consent is to expire in 15 months.
15. I understand that I can withdraw my consent, in writing, at any time.

My signature indicates that (1) I have read and I understand the above policy and procedures pertaining to my granting of informed consent for the treatment which I choose to receive and (2) that I have been presented with the necessary and appropriate information either verbally or in writing, and that I have also had adequate time to consider this information, and that I do hereby give my informed consent to participate in the recommended treatment. I have also received a copy of this document.

NAME (PRINT)

DATE

SIGNATURE

DATE

SIGNATURE (PARENT OR GUARDIAN)

DATE

Informed Consent for Telemental Health Treatment

Definition of Telemental Health

Telemental health services involve the use of electronic communications (telephone, written, text, email, video conference, etc.) to enable counselors to provide services to individuals who may otherwise not have adequate access to care. Telemental health may be used for services such as individual, couples, or family therapy. Telemental health is a relatively recent approach to delivering care and there are some limitations compared with seeing a counselor in person. These limitations can be addressed and may be minor depending on the needs of the client and the care with which the technology (cell phone, computer, etc.) is utilized. It is important that both the client and the counselor be in a place where there is the most privacy as possible during their sessions, and that the security of their technology be as up to date as possible with appropriate security protection.

Additional Points for Client Understanding:

1. I understand that telemental health services are completely voluntary and that I can choose not to do it or not to answer questions at any time.
2. I understand that none of the telemental health sessions will be recorded or photographed without my written permission.
3. I understand that the laws that protect privacy and the confidentiality of client information also apply to telemental health, and that no information obtained in the use of telemental health that identifies me will be disclosed to other entities without my consent.
4. I understand that telemental health may be performed over a communication that is not encrypted (e.g. Skype, Facetime). My counselor and I will work together to choose the telemental health communication system/program that will work best for my needs. I do accept the risk that this could affect confidentiality.
5. My counselor has explained to me how video conferencing technology and telephone procedures will be used. I understand that any telemental Health sessions will not be exactly the same as an in-person session due to the fact that I will not be in the same room as my counselor.
6. I understand there are potential risks to this technology, including interruptions, unauthorized access, and technical difficulties. I understand that I or my counselor may discontinue the telemental sessions at any time if it is felt that the videoconferencing, text, email, or telephone connections are not adequate for the situation.
7. I understand that I may experience benefits from the use of telemental health in my care, but that no results can be guaranteed or assured.
8. I understand that if there is an emergency during a telemental health session, as with an in-person session, my counselor will call emergency services and my emergency contacts if needed clinically necessary.
9. I understand that in advance of the telemental health session a plan will be in place about how to re-connect if the connection drops while I am in a session.
10. I understand that my counselor and I will create and have in place a safety plan in case of an emergency (see below).
11. I understand I have the right to withhold or withdraw this consent at any time.

12. I understand the laws that protect the confidentiality of my personal health information also apply to telemental health, as do the limitations to that confidentiality discussed in the Information, Authorization, and Consent to Treatment document. I also understand that the dissemination of any personally identifiable images or information from the telemental health interaction will not be shared without my written consent.

Payment for Telehealth Services

Hope for a Better Tomorrow will bill insurance for telehealth services when these services have been determined to be covered by an individual's insurance plan. In the event that insurance does not cover telehealth, the individual wishes to pay the self-pay rate associated with their specific counselor.

Client Consent to the Use of Telehealth

I consent to engaging in telemental health as part of my treatment with Hope for a Better Tomorrow. I understand that "telemental health" includes the practice of health care delivery, diagnosis, transfer of personal health information via conversation, and psychoeducation using interactive audio, video, or data communications.

I understand the information provided above regarding telemental health. I have discussed the consent with my counselor and all of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I hereby give my informed consent for the use of telemental health in my care.

Print Name

Client's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

TELEMENTAL HEALTH SAFETY PLAN ADDENDUM

Client Name (first and last): _____

Physical Address of Client during telemental health sessions (primary address):

Street: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

*(It is preferred that the client be asked their location at each session when using telemental health)

Client's Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact (1): _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact (2): _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

- I have provided two emergency contact numbers.
- If there is an emergency during a session, my counselor has permission to contact my emergency contacts.

Signatures:

Client Date

Counselor Date

Acknowledgement and Consent to Use Electronic Communication

What is Electronic Communication? Electronic communication is any form of email, text messaging, and digital communication of any form to and from an individual utilizing a telephone, cellphone, computer, tablet, digital camera or any other form of digital technology.

Confidentiality and Electronic Communication

Hope for a Better Tomorrow (HFABT) understands that you may choose to use electronic communication, such as text messaging, to communicate with your therapist. This consent has been created to outline the potential benefits and risks to confidentiality when communicating with a therapist via. E-mail, text message, or any form of digital communication.

Confidentiality: The United States legislation passed the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) to provide data privacy and security provisions for safeguarding medical information. In utilizing electronic communication, one's privacy and security may be at risk. HFABT is ethically and legally obligated to maintain records of all correspondence whether in person, by phone, or via electronic communication such as email or text messaging. HFABT will use reasonable means to protect the security and confidentiality of email and text information sent and received. However, because of the risks outlined below, HFABT cannot guarantee the security of email and text communication, and is not liable for improper disclosure of confidential information that is not caused by HFABT intentional misuse.

Limits to Confidentiality: Any matters of safety, such as reports of abuse, neglect, or "duty to warn" situations, are not covered under the laws of confidentiality outlined above. HFABT therapists are legally required to make reports to the Child Protective Services (CPS) or local law enforcement in the event such disclosures are made, whether in person or through electronic communication.

Potential Risks and Limitations of Electronic Communication

- A. **Risks and Limitations:** Electronic Communication has a number of risks that clients should consider before using e-mail or text messaging to communicate with your therapist. The following is a list of the potential risks and limitations to using electronic communication.
- a. At HFABT, we have secure encrypted e-mails and systems. However, outside entities apart from HFABT may not.
 - b. The use of electronic communication **does not** provide crisis intervention, therapy sessions or any form of clinical assistance to the client.
 - c. No technology is 100% secure and HFABT cannot guarantee protection from unauthorized attempts to access, use, or disclose personal information exchanged electronically.
 - d. Third-party services that feature text messaging or other direct electronic messaging may provide limited security and protection of confidential information.
 - e. HFABT is ethically and legally obligated to maintain records of all correspondence whether in person, by phone or via electronic communication such as email or text messaging.
 - f. Information regarding treatment or other personal information should not be communicated through text messaging or email.
- B. **Emergencies:** I have been advised and understand any form of electronic communication is to be used for simplifying and expediting scheduling/administrative matters only.
- a. Email & texting should NOT be used to communicate:
 - i. Suicidal or homicidal; thoughts or plans
 - ii. Urgent or emergency issues (psychiatric or medical)
 - iii. Serious or severe concerns or matters of safety
 - iv. Rapidly worsening symptoms
 - v. Changes to treatment plan
 - b. In a crisis or life threatening emergency clients should:
 - i. Call 911, go to your nearest emergency room or contact the following 24/7 hotline
 1. National Suicide Hotline : 1-800-273-8255
 2. Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: Dial 988
 3. Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741
- C. **Electronic Communication Agreement** – The types of information that can be communicated via email/text with your clinician during business hours includes:
- a. Appointment Confirmation
 - b. Late arrival to regularly scheduled appointment
 - c. Appointment Cancellation/Rescheduling

Consent

A. By signing this consent, I agree and understand the following:

- a. I agree to the use of email/cell phone texting as needed and understand that electronic communication should only be used for scheduling and administrative purposes, within the guidelines above.
- b. If more urgent assistance is needed, I will utilize the crisis services listed under "In a life-threatening emergency."
- c. By signing, I, the client (parent/guardian) is not permitted to disclose or post digital or other electronic communications from social workers or other recipients of services without proper consent.
- d. I understand that the use of email, cell phone or other forms of technology does not eliminate the option to provide verbal and/or face-to-face communication when checking in briefly with their therapist, changing appointments, last minute updates, or cancellations.
- e. I understand that electronic communication is not to be used in place of therapeutic services, and clinical services can only be provided during scheduled in-person sessions.
- f. If at any time my therapist or I believe email/texting is interfering in my therapeutic process, being used ineffectively, or in the event of inappropriate conduct (such as threats made towards staff), either party can revoke this consent. Termination of consent must be completed in writing and include the date consent is being terminated as well as signatures of both parties.

Please initial one of the two following choices:

_____ I have opted not to provide consent for electronic communication. I will schedule appointments via phone contact or in person during scheduled sessions.

_____ I have chosen to use electronic communication to coordinate scheduling with my therapist and administrative staff. I have read and fully understand the information provided to me. I have had the opportunity to discuss my questions and concerns with my therapist and/or HFABT administrative staff. I have provided my preferred form of electronic communication in my initial intake packet. I understand that standard messaging rates may apply, and that I am responsible for all fees related to use of electronic communication.

Client Name: _____

Client's Signature: _____

Date: _____

If client is under 18 years old-

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ *f* Date: _____

Patient Health Questionnaire and General Anxiety Disorder (PHQ-9 and GAD-7)

Date _____ Patient Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

**Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?
Please circle your answers.**

PHQ-9	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
1. Little interest or pleasure in doing things.	0	1	2	3
2. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless.	0	1	2	3
3. Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much.	0	1	2	3
4. Feeling tired or having little energy.	0	1	2	3
5. Poor appetite or overeating.	0	1	2	3
6. Feeling bad about yourself – or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down.	0	1	2	3
7. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television.	0	1	2	3
8. Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or the opposite – being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual.	0	1	2	3
9. Thoughts that you would be better off dead, or of hurting yourself in some way.	0	1	2	3
Add the score for each column				

Total Score (add your column scores): _____

If you checked off any problems, how difficult have these made it for you to do your work, take care of things at home, or get along with other people? (Circle one)

Not difficult at all **Somewhat difficult** **Very Difficult** **Extremely Difficult**

**Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?
Please circle your answers.**

GAD-7	Not at all sure	Several days	Over half the days	Nearly every day
1. Feeling nervous, anxious, or on edge.	0	1	2	3
2. Not being able to stop or control worrying.	0	1	2	3
3. Worrying too much about different things.	0	1	2	3
4. Trouble relaxing.	0	1	2	3
5. Being so restless that it's hard to sit still.	0	1	2	3
6. Becoming easily annoyed or irritable.	0	1	2	3
7. Feeling afraid as if something awful might happen.	0	1	2	3
Add the score for each column				

Total Score (add your column scores): _____

If you checked off any problems, how difficult have these made it for you to do your work, take care of things at home, or get along with other people? (Circle one)

Not difficult at all **Somewhat difficult** **Very Difficult** **Extremely Difficult**

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