Code of Ethics

1. I protect the confidentiality and personal boundaries of my clients.

1.1 I keep all client’s files behind locked doors.

1.2 I will not disclose any clients personal information provided by clients through intake forms or any communicated information by phone, treatments, email, online services, advertisement, or any other manner; unless it’s medically necessary, disclosure of the information is requested by the client in writing, or within the constraints of the law.

 2. I administer non-sexual, therapeutic massage to every client.

2.1 Provide each client with proper draping that ensures the safety, privacy, and comfort of every client. Areas of the body not receiving treatment will remain draped.

2.2 In any case that the client institutes any sexual behavior, stop the therapeutic massage temporarily to explain the direction of the session. If clients behavior continues the session will be terminated and payment by customer will still be due.

 3. Persistently retain and enhance professional knowledge and sufficiency.

3.1 Exemplify my professional ability by consistent self-assessment of my limitations, strengths, and effectiveness with continued training and education.

3.2 Sincerely reflect on my experiences by caring for my deep-rooted desire for continued growth toward optimal health and to integrate appropriate improvements to my professional work.

 4. Handle my business and qualified activities with honesty and integrity,

and respect the essential value for all clients.

4.1 I will not work outside my scope of practice; which retains to massage therapists and bodywork professionals.

4.2 Recognize the restrictions and contraindications for massage and bodywork and refer clients to proper health professionals.

 5. I will provide a safe, warm, clean, comfortable surrounding for clients in the giving and receiving of services and information.

5.1 After each massage session I will disinfect massage tables and massage chairs, along with any other materials used during the session.

5.2 Maintain a safe work environment by conducting routine area inspections.

 6. Refuse to unjustly discriminate against other health professionals.

6.1 I will commute with other health professionals with appropriate respect and within the guideline of acknowledged ethical standards.

6.2 Make referrals to other professionals when clients needs are not within my scope of practice as a massage therapist.

7. Comply with all the legal requirements in suited jurisdictions

 regulating the profession of therapeutic massage and bodywork.

7.1 Refrain from any behavior that results in illegal, discriminatory, or unethical actions.

7.2 Obey all local, state, and federal laws.

8. Respect the client’s right to treatment with informed and voluntary

 consent.

8.1 By obtaining and recording the informed consent of the client, or client’s advocate, before providing treatment. This consent may be written or verbal.

8.2 I will monitor feedback from clients throughout each session.

9. Ensure that clients are fully informed of the costs of any treatment

 prior to the treatment occurring and cancellation policies to safeguard clients interests.

9.1 Disclose a schedule of fees in advance of the session.

9.2 There is no charge for cancellations received at least 24 hours in advance. If clients cancel with less than 24 hours notice, there will be a charge for the full session.

10. Promote her business with integrity and avoid potential and actual

 conflicts of interest.

10.1 Advertise in a manner that is honest, dignified, accurate and representative of services provided.

10.2 Advertise in a manner that is not misleading to the public and shall never use sensational, sexual or provocative language and/or pictures to promote his/her business.

11. Demonstrate commitment in giving the highest quality massage therapy to every client.

11.1 Take responsibility to do no harm or cause suffering to the emotional, physical, mental well-being of clients, associates, and myself.

12. I will conduct my business and professional activities with integrity and honesty, and regard the inherent worth of every person.

12.1 I will refuse to unfairly discriminate against clients and/or health professional.

12.2 I will respect each clients boundaries and personal property in regards to their disclosure, privacy, beliefs, emotional expression, exposure, and the clients rational expectations of professional conduct.

13. Recognize the clients right to decline, modify or dismiss treatment even if prior consent was given.

13.1 I will respect clients right to decide what happens to his or her body. I understand that a client can undergo physical and emotional harm if a therapist fails to listen to the client and inflicts her or his own principles about a circumstance. I will inform my clients of the choices associated with their care, and disclose policies and limitations that may affect their care.

14. I employ the ability to refuse to tend to any person or part of the body for fair and suitable cause.

14.1 I will collect health history for each client to determine if massage may be contraindicated, if a referral is needed, or to determine the best massage treatment plan for the client and/or if any modifications are needed.

14.2 I will uphold respect, compassion, and tolerance for others. I will strive to decrease prejudice, discrimination, and misunderstandings. I recognize that there are circumstances when it is relevant to decline treatment to a client since it is in the best regard for the client's health, or for my personal well-being, but I will not decline treatment to any client based on ethnicity, gender, disability, physical build, marital status, or sexual orientation; national, religious, or political affiliation; economic or social status.

15. I will decline any gifts or benefits that are deliberate in influencing a referral, decision or service, or that are solely for personal advantage and not for the benefit of the client.

15.1 I will set fair prices and practice sincerely through all marketing materials.

16. I will never intentionally attempt to take someone else’s clients, disregard a client or colleague, or freely harm another therapist or other allied professional.

16.1 I will respect all ethical practitioners rights and work with all health care professionals in a friendly and professional manner.

Massage Clients Responsibilities and Rights

As a massage client, it is your responsibility to:

1. Communicate your preferences, expectations, and concerns;
2. Communicate complete and accurate health information and reasons for your visit; and
3. Treat staff and other guests with courtesy and respect.

As a massage client, you have the right to:

1. A clean, safe, and comfortable environment;
2. Stop a treatment at any time, for any reason;
3. Be treated with consideration, dignity, and respect;
4. Confidential treatment of your disclosed health information;
5. Ask questions about your massage experience; and
6. Information regarding my training, licensing, and certification.