Mental Health First Responders Authorization and Confidentiality Agreement

(Updated 1-18-2023)

1. CONSENT FOR TREATMENT. You consent to behavioral health care, including crisis services, individual or group therapy, peer groups, case/care management, and skills seminars, by the Mental Health First Responders (MH1) team. University of Utah Graduate Social Work students may be present and assist with your care, regardless of completion of Department of Human Services background check. The MH1 team may contact you about opportunities to participate in research. You understand that the practice of behavioral health care is not an exact science and that diagnosis and treatment may involve risk of injury. You acknowledge that no one has made any guarantee to you about the result of treatment or examination by MH1. MH1 may use photography or video of patient care for quality assurance or educational purposes consistent with applicable privacy laws.

2. FINANCIAL AGREEMENT. Services provided by MH1 are free of charge for students residing in campus housing. At no point will the MH1 team ask for payment for services.

3. GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY. All claims for negligence, and other claims against MH1, including therapists, crisis workers, and students, may be governed by the provisions of the Governmental Immunity Act of Utah, Utah Code Section 63G-7-101 et seq., as amended, a special law restricting how and when a claim must be presented and limitations on the amount recovered.

4. USE AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION. MH1 may use and disclose your protected information as permitted or required by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). MH1 will share necessary information with the University of Utah Housing and Residential Education (HRE) and may share information with the University of Utah University Counseling Center (UCC) and the Women’s Resource Center (WRC) at the University of Utah for continuity of care. MH1 may share de-identified data with the Huntsman Mental Health Institute (HMHI) for research, analysis, and reporting purposes.

5. NON-DISCRIMINATION. MH1 does not exclude, deny services to, or otherwise discriminate against any person on the ground of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, genetic information, protected veteran status, or on the basis of disability or age in admission to, participation in, or receipt of the services and benefits under any of its programs and activities. For further information about this policy, contact the University’s ADA/Section 504 Coordinator at: Director, Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, (801) 581-8365 (Voice/TTY), (801) 585-5746 (Fax), or through Relay Utah at 711 or toll free: (800) 735-2258 or Spanish Relay Utah at: (888) 346-3162.

BY SIGNING, YOU INDICATE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THESE TERMS, THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT, AND THAT YOU ARE THE PATIENT, GUARANTOR, THE PATIENT’S LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, OR LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS AGREEMENT AND ACCEPT THESE TERMS. THIS FORM IS VALID FOR 120 DAYS.

CLIENT NAME: ____________________________
CLIENT UNIVERSITY ID: ______________________
CLIENT EMAIL: ____________________________
CLIENT PHONE NUMBER: ______________________
CLIENT RESIDENT HALL AND NUMBER: ________

CLIENT SIGNATURE: ________________________ DATE: _______ TIME: _______