(Client fills out in advance)

| Name:   | Date:        | Referr    | ed by:   |
|---|--------------|-----------|----------|
| Home:   |              |           |          |
| Address:  | City:        |           | Zip:     |
| Age: Birthdate: Email: _  |              |           |          |
| Please list how long to all that apply below:   |              |           |          |
| Married: Single:  | _ Separated: | Divorced: | Widowed: |
| Ethnicity:  | Religion:    |           |          |
| Emergency contact:  |              | Phone #:  |          |
| Relationship to client:   |              |           |          |
| Are you currently in other counseling? [ ] Yes [  | ] No         |           |          |
| If yes, name and address:   |              |           |          |
| Prior counseling, name(s) & date(s):  |              |           |          |
| Have you had any problems with medications?  Any difficulty with drugs or alcohol? (legal, relation | If yes, det  | ails:     |          |
| Major reason for seeking help at this time?   |              |           |          |
| How long have you had these problems or sympto  | oms?         |           |          |
| Why did you seek help now?  |              |           |          |
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| Do you have any serious or chronic medical conditions? If yes, dates & details:                 |
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| Do you have any chronic pain, recurring body aches, or soreness? Where is your body distress?   |
| Have you had any serious accidents/head injuries/seizure activity? If yes, dates & details:     |
| Do you have any recurring nightmares? (describe)  |
| Who loved you unconditionally from 0 to 18 years of age? Who gave you positive reinforcement?   |
| Who loves you and supports you in your life now?  |
| What is your spirituality or source of peace, love or joy?                                      |
| What spiritual resources do you have, if any? By what name do you call your spiritual supports? |
| What characteristics do you like most about yourself?   |
| Do you have any performance goals you would like to meet?                                       |
| What states of being do you desire to live in or return to? (peace, joy, creativity?)           |
| Have you lost any parts of yourself you would really like to have back in your life?            |

## THE AMEN CLINIC QUESTIONNAIRE

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|   | 1. Frequent feelings of nervousness or anxiety                             |
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|   | 2. Panic attacks   |
|   | 3. Avoidance of places due to fear of having an anxiety attack             |
|   | 4. Symptoms of heightened muscle tension (sore muscles, headaches)         |
|   | 5. Periods of heart pounding, nausea, or dizziness (not w/ exercise)       |
|   | 6. Tendency to predict the worst   |
|   | 7. Multiple, persistent fears or phobias (dying, doing something crazy)    |
| - | 8. Conflict avoidance  |
|   | 9. Excessive fear of being judged or scrutinized by others                 |
|   | 10. Easily startled or tendency to freeze in intense situations            |
|   | 11. Seemingly shy, timid, and easily embarrassed                           |
|   | 12. Bites fingernails or picks skin  |
|   | Total number of questions with a score of 3 or 4 for questions 1- 12 (GAD) |
|   | 13. Persistent sad or empty mood   |
|   | 14. Loss of interest or pleasure from activities that are normally fun     |
|   | 15. Restlessness, irritability, or excessive crying                        |
|   | 16. Feelings of guilt, worthlessness, helplessness, hopelessness           |
|   | 17. Sleeping too much or too little, or early morning waking               |
|   | 18. Appetite changes/ weight loss or weight gain through overeating        |
| - | 19. Decreased energy, fatigue, feeling "slowed down"                       |
| - | 20. Thoughts of death or suicide, or suicide attempts                      |
| - | 21. Difficulty concentrating, remembering, making decisions                |
| - | 22. Physical symptoms; headaches, chronic pain, digestive problems         |
|   | 23. Persistent negativity or low self esteem                               |
|   | 24. Persistent feeling of dissatisfaction or boredom                       |
|   | Total number of questions with a score of 3 or 4 for questions 13-24 (MDD) |

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| <br>25. Excessive or senseless worrying                                    |
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| <br>26. Upset when things are out of place or don't go according to plan   |
| <br>27. Tendency to be oppositional or argumentative                       |
| <br>28. Tendency to have repetitive negative or anxious thoughts           |
| <br>29. Tendency toward compulsive behaviors                               |
| <br>30. Intense dislike of change  |
| <br>31. Tendency to hold grudges   |
| <br>32. Difficulty seeing options in situations                            |
| <br>33. Tendency to hold on to own opinion and not listen to others        |
| <br>34. Needing to have things done a certain way or you become upset      |
| <br>_ 35. Others complain you worry too much                               |
| <br>36. Tendency to say no without first thinking about the question (OFA) |
| Total number of questions with a score of 3 or 4 for questions 25-36       |
| <br>37. Periods of abnormally happy, depressed or anxious mood             |
| <br>38. Periods of decreased need for sleep, energetic on much less sleep  |
| <br>39. Periods of grandiose thoughts and ideas (feeling very powerful)    |
| <br>40. Periods of increased talking or pressured speech                   |
| <br>41. Periods of too many thoughts racing through your mind              |
| <br>42. Periods of increased energy level                                  |
| <br>43. Periods of poor judgment that leads to risk-taking behaviors       |
| <br>44. Periods of inappropriate social behavior                           |
| <br>45. Periods of irritability or aggression                              |
| <br>46. Periods of delusional or psychotic thinking                        |
| Total number of questions with a score of 3 or 4 for questions 37 – 46 (BD |

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| <br>47. Short fuse or periods of extreme irritability                                   |
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| <br>48. Periods of rage without being provoked  |
| <br>49. Often misinterprets comments as negative when they are not                      |
| <br>50. Periods of spaciness or confusion   |
| <br>51. Periods of panic or fear for no specific reason                                 |
| <br>52. Visual or auditory changes (seeing shadows or hearing sounds)                   |
| <br>53. Frequent periods of déjà vu (feeling you've been somewhere you have never been) |
| <br>54. Sensitivity or mild paranoia  |
| <br>55. Headaches or abdominal pain or uncertain origin                                 |
| <br>56. History of head injury or family history of violence/ explosiveness             |
| <br>57. Dark thoughts, may be homicidal or suicidal                                     |
| <br>58. Periods of forgetfulness or memory problems                                     |
| Total number of questions with a score of 3 or 4 for questions 47- 58 (TL)              |
| <br>59. Trouble staying focused   |
| <br>60. Spaciness or feeling like you're in a fog                                       |
| <br>61. Overwhelmed by tasks of daily living  |
| <br>62. Feels tired, sluggish, or slow moving   |
| <br>63. Procrastination, failure to finish things                                       |
| <br>64. Chronic boredom   |
| <br>65. Loses things  |
| <br>66. Easily distracted   |
| <br>67. Forgetful   |
| <br>68. Poor planning skills  |
| <br>60. Difficulty expressing feelings  |
| 69. Difficulty expressing feelings  |
| <br>70. Difficulty expressing reenings  |

### **Mood Disorder Questionnaire (MDQ)**

| Name:   | Date:                                    |     |    |
|---|--|-----|----|
| Check ( $\checkmark$ ) the answer that best applies to you.   | Answer each question as best you can.    | Yes | No |
| 1. Has there ever been a period of time when  | you were not your usual self and         |     |    |
| you felt so good or so hyper that other ponormal self or you were so hyper that you                                     |  |     |    |
| you were so irritable that you shouted a  | t people or started fights or arguments? |     |    |
| you felt much more self-confident than u  | ısual?                                   |     |    |
| you got much less sleep than usual and  | found you didn't really miss it?         |     |    |
| you were much more talkative or spoke   | faster than usual?                       |     |    |
| thoughts raced through your head or you   | u couldn't slow your mind down?          |     |    |
| you were so easily distracted by things a concentrating or staying on track?  | round you that you had trouble           |     |    |
| you had much more energy than usual?  |  |     |    |
| you were much more active or did many   | more things than usual?                  |     |    |
| you were much more social or outgoing telephoned friends in the middle of the n   |  |     |    |
| you were much more interested in sex th   | nan usual?                               |     |    |
| you did things that were unusual for you thought were excessive, foolish, or risky'                                     |  |     |    |
| spending money got you or your family in  | n trouble?                               |     |    |
| 2. If you checked YES to more than one of the happened during the same period of time?                                  |  |     |    |
| 3. How much of a problem did any of these can having family, money, or legal troubles; go Please check 1 response only. | -  |     |    |
| ○No problem ○ Minor problem ○   | Moderate problem Serious problem         |     |    |
| 4. Have any of your blood relatives (ie, childre aunts, uncles) had manic-depressive illnes                             |  |     |    |
| 5. Has a health professional ever told you that bipolar disorder?   | nt you have manic-depressive illness or  |     |    |
|   |  |     |    |

This questionnaire should be used as a starting point. It is not a substitute for a full medical evaluation. Bipolar disorder is a complex illness, and an accurate, thorough diagnosis can only be made through a personal evaluation by your doctor.

### **CREDIT CARD AGREEMENT**

**Please note:** New clients are required to keep a valid credit card number on file. Please complete the following information and provide your credit card to the therapist at your initial session.

| Paym   | nent information:                                    |                          |                 |                                    |
|--------|--|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
|        | Card type (circle one): MC Vis                       | sa Amex                  | Other           |                                    |
|        | Name as shown on card:                               |                          |                 |                                    |
|        | CC number:   |                          | <del> </del>    |                                    |
|        | 3-digit security code on back of the card            | d:                       |                 | -                                  |
|        | Billing zip code associated with the card            | l:                       |                 |                                    |
|        | Expiration date:                                     | _                        |                 |                                    |
|        |  |                          |                 |                                    |
| This c | card may be charged for:                             |                          |                 |                                    |
|        | Regular session fees (at your red                    | quest, as a c            | onvenience to   | you)                               |
|        | Fees for cancellation without 24                     | l hours' noti            | ce              |                                    |
|        | Delinquent session fees (fees r                      | nore than 30             | O days overdu   | e)                                 |
| Agree  | ement:   |                          |                 |                                    |
| "I     |  | (pri                     | int name) have  | e read and understand the terms of |
|        | ding my credit card to                               |                          |                 |                                    |
| •      | be charged for the reasons indicated abov<br>rered." | e. Any ques <sup>-</sup> | tions I have ab | out this practice have been        |
|        |  | <b>,</b>                 |                 | <i>7</i> = -                       |
|        |  | (Sig                     | gnature)        | (Date)                             |

#### INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT

Therapy involves both benefits and risks. Risks include the possibility of experiencing uncomfortable levels of feelings like sadness, guilt, anxiety, anger, loneliness, and helplessness. Therapy often requires recalling experiences, some of which may be unpleasant. Therapy may involve making changes that can feel uncomfortable to you and those close to you. Should you notice any negative effects, please tell me immediately.

I will make every effort to remedy the situation or provide you with names of other therapists should you prefer a referral. Psychotherapy has been shown to have benefits for those who undertake it. It often leads to reduction of feelings of distress, and to better relationships and resolution of specific problems. The objective is to find more peace, joy, and healthier relationships.

#### **CONFIDENTIALITY:**

As part of the counseling process, I am bound by ethical responsibilities to keep confidential the information shared during the sessions, and I will not release any information without your written permission. There are important **exceptions to the confidentiality** of the counseling relationship. I am required by law to reveal certain information under the following circumstances:

- a) Disclosure of serious intent to do harm to self or others
- b) Disclosure of child abuse or my suspicion of child abuse, elder abuse, or dependent adult abuse
- c) If a court of law orders the release of specific information

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

| The length of a usual appointment is        | $_{	t L}$ minutes. Appointments are usually scheduled weekly and on a |
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| regular basis until you have accomplished m | ost of your goals and other arrangements are made.                    |

#### CANCELLATIONS AND MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

Cancellation of appointments must be made at least 24 hours in advance. A credit card number will be taken at the onset of your counseling. Late cancellations will be charged at the regular hourly fee to your credit card. If you have a true emergency your credit card will not be charged.

#### **PAYMENT:**

| Payment is expected at each session unless other arrangements     | have been made in advance. You are             |
|---|--|
| responsible for payment for all services rendered either by debit | t card, credit card, check or cash. All checks |
| and credit cards will be paid to                                  |  |
|   | <del></del>                                    |

#### **CHECKS/OVERDUE ACCOUNTS:**

| There is a | service charge for | r all checks returned b | y tne bank |
|------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------|
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#### **THERAPEUTIC TOUCH:**

On occasion, and only with your permission, I may use therapeutic touch during trauma therapy sessions. The touch may involve you remaining sitting on your chair or couch and receiving a supportive hand to hold,

or the grounding touch of a hand on your shoulder, neck, or back. It is understood that therapeutic touch and the client-therapist relationship is always non-sexual and only happens if you as the client want or need it.

#### **TELEPHONE, TEXT, AND EMAIL POLICY:**

Generally, I ask that clients reserve discussing problems that arise between sessions for the next scheduled appointment time. I encourage you to use resources you have and to reach out to your support system. Unless there is an emergency, my schedule does not permit me to talk on the phone, respond to lengthy texts or answer lengthy emails in between sessions. If you feel the need to text or email information beyond the routine scheduling of appointments, I will wait to discuss the content in our next scheduled session. If telephone calls are necessary for a client emergency, please schedule a time for a telephone consultation, which will be charged at my regular rate (In 15-minute segments). Please do not text anything other than appointment times as confidentiality is not secure with texting.

#### **INSURANCE:**

Services may be covered in full or in part by your health insurance company or employee benefit plan. It is my suggestion that you contact your insurance for questions regarding benefits. I will make every effort to check your benefits prior to your first appointment.

#### **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:**

I strongly recommend that each client obtain a thorough physical exam prior to commencing therapy. This is especially important if you are suffering symptoms of anxiety or depression, headaches, and/or weight gain/loss. Symptoms may be biologically caused or may be there for a protective reason.

#### **EMERGENCIES:**

Counseling services are available only during scheduled office hours. In a crisis, you may utilize the San Diego crisis line at (888) 794-7240. The Board of Behavioral Sciences receives and responds to complaints regarding services provided within the scope of practice of (marriage and family therapists, licensed educational psychologists, clinical social workers, or professional clinical counselors). You may contact the board online at www.bbs.ca.gov, or by calling (916)574-7830.

If you have any questions about policies or about psychotherapy, please ask before signing below. Your signature indicates that you have read policies and agree to enter therapy under these conditions. Further, it indicates your understanding that we may terminate therapy if you do not comply with the policies or if we feel you are not benefiting from treatment.

| Client signature: | Date: |
|-------------------|-------|
|                   |       |
| Client signature: | Date: |