

TRN Therapist Volunteer Services Agreement

The following agreements exist between Trauma Recovery, EMDR Humanitarian Assistance Programs, hereafter referred to as HAP, and

_____, hereafter referred to as the Clinician, (street address) _____
(city) _____ (state) _____ (zip) _____
(telephone numbers) _____
(e-mail address) _____

1. The Clinician affirms that

- s/he is a licensed mental health professional, who has completed an EMDRIA-approved Level II EMDR training program and is knowledgeable, by training and experience, in providing mental health trauma services; and
- s/he has registered on the HAP website (www.emdrhap.org) as a volunteer, has provided current information required to serve as a TRN clinician, and agrees to update volunteer registration information as his/her circumstances change.
- As a Volunteer Therapist, the Clinician agrees to maintain professional malpractice/ liability insurance (\$1 million/ 3 million) throughout the time of participation in the TRN program and to provide written evidence of said insurance to the TRN Coordinator, as well as notice of any change in said insurance coverage. All services provided will be the responsibility of the Volunteer Therapist and will be covered under the Therapist's insurance.

2. HAP agrees to act, within the limits of its resources, to

- Maintain an active updated list of Volunteer Therapists and TRN affiliated groups under this program.
- Provide technical support to local TRN groups in their coordination of services provided by individual TRN volunteer clinicians.
- Convene and support a TRN Advisory Committee on Standards and Practices (composed of TRN volunteers recruited and appointed by HAP for stated terms of office) to :
 - Receive, seek out, and consider information and questions bearing on the work of TRN groups or volunteers.
 - Formulate recommended standards and practice guidelines on both clinical and non-clinical aspects of the TRN's work.
 - Disseminate to all TRN groups and volunteers their own recommendations, as well as, notable practices and resources developed by others.
- Support TRN groups and individual volunteers by providing resources such as Manuals, Fact Sheets, business cards , assistance in grant writing and by serving as a fiscal agent to safeguard tax deductible donations to TRN projects

HAP may modify or add new standards and expectations for TRN volunteers, with notice, to ensure the quality of the program. The Clinician shall have the right to accept or refuse to provide services as a TRN volunteer at any time, provided that commitments already undertaken are completed in accordance with these conditions. The Clinician shall also have

the right to terminate his/her affiliation as a TRN clinician by written notice to HAP.

Best Practice Recommendations for Pro Bono Clinical Treatment

____1. The Clinician shall accept cases as a TRN volunteer in a timely manner after the TRN coordinator has been informed of the circumstances and has agreed that a TRN response is appropriate to meet a community need.

____2. The service provided will be a specific therapeutic intervention for the post-traumatic disturbance resulting from the recognized circumstance and related events. The focus for each client will be on resolving the unprocessed disturbance from these specific events, not on providing a full and comprehensive course of individual psychotherapy. The model will be the type of service generally characterized as brief treatment. It can be expected that, in most cases, the particular distress from these events will be resolved within 5 sessions: 1 intake session and 4 sessions of EMDR psychotherapy.

____3. If additional psychotherapy is needed, the Clinician may need to refer to a list of other providers (See your state's laws on referring clients post pro bono treatment), and payment for those additional services will be the responsibility of the client.

____4. For some clients, it will be clear from the first session that more than five sessions will be necessary. In these cases, the Volunteer Therapist should refer the client. Emergency Early Intervention Treatment should not be started.

____5. The Volunteer Therapist is responsible for providing therapy in a manner consistent with the Ethical Code of the therapist's professional discipline, in a manner responsive to the client's needs, and in a manner consistent with the reasonable expectations of the client based on the terms of the informed consent form. Since this is a program sponsored by HAP, clients entering this program will generally be expecting to receive EMDR therapy; therefore, it is implicit that the Volunteer Therapist will be using EMDR as the primary therapy modality for post-traumatic disturbance.

____6. SUD and VOC scores will be obtained from each client at the beginning and end of each session, and the Impact of Events Scale (IES) will be given to each client just prior to the beginning of the first session, and after the final session, to assess the possible need for referral and ongoing treatment, and to determine the effectiveness of this program. Results of this testing will be coded for anonymity, and returned to HAP for analysis. Any client who does not wish to give permission for scores to be used (see Client Informed Consent Form) will still be eligible for participation in this program.

____7. Clients will be expected to read and sign the Informed Consent form in duplicate, and will be given one copy. If your state requires an additional disclosure/informed consent form, it is up to each Clinician to comply with all of their state laws. Clinician will retain a copy of the signed Informed Consent form.

____8. Services under the TRN program are to be provided on an equal opportunity basis with respect to client cultural identity. It is expected that each volunteer therapist in the Trauma Recovery Network will be or become knowledgeable, through training and experience, in providing clinical services to culturally diverse clients.

In consideration of Clinician's compliance with these conditions and stipulations, HAP will recognize the Clinician as a TRN volunteer, and will provide such assistance as it has developed to support disaster response, unless and until the Clinician gives written notice to terminate the relationship. TRN volunteers will be eligible to affiliate with local or regional TRN groups recognized by HAP.

This agreement shall become effective upon signing by the Clinician:

Clinician Signature

Date

Clinician's name (printed)