

CAUSE NO. _____

IN THE INTEREST OF: IN THE DISTRICT COURT

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT
A CHILD/CHILDREN _____ COUNTY, TEXAS

(Choose One Mental Health Provider)

ORDER FOR INDIVIDUAL THERAPY AND APPOINTMENT OF COUNSELOR

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Fill in this to share who the Court Orders as clients for Family Therapy

Party:

DOB

Contact Email

Contact Phone

Party:

DOB

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Child:

Child:

Child:

On this day, the Court considered the request for therapy, and the Court finds that there is good cause shown for appointment of a counselor to provide therapy as noted herein, and that such an appointment is in the best interest of the child(ren) in this cause. The Court finds that all parties have knowledge of this order; and each party has the ability to comply with its terms.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that THE COUNSELOR OR COUNSELORS IDENTIFIED ABOVE is appointed as Counselor for the parties and the children listed.

All parties are ordered to provide a copy of this order to the above-named clinician at the above referenced email, or via fax (940) 239-9867 within three (3) business days of signing of this order. All parties are ordered to cooperate with the Individual Counselor in scheduling and completing the requirements and intake paperwork for treatment services. In addition, they are each ORDERED to schedule an initial appointment. In the event a mutually agreeable appointment time cannot be set, the Individual Counselor shall select a date for the initial appointment and each party is ORDERED to cooperate with the Individual Counselor in scheduling and appear as directed by the Individual Counselor. All parties are ORDERED to appear as directed by the Individual Counselor and thereafter follow all logistical instructions (regarding meeting times, meeting places, meeting participants, meeting rules, etc.) given by the above-named clinician.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Counselor may meet with the parties or the children jointly or separately at the discretion of the Counselor. The Counselor shall determine whether appointments will be joint or separate, by teleconference or in person. The dates, duration, frequency, location, and persons in attendance for each session with the Counselor shall be left to

the discretion of the Counselor, who is specifically authorized to notify the Court if any party is failing to comply with the spirit or letter of this order or other orders of the Court.

Each party and attorney is ORDERED to provide copies of all current orders, including the currently court-ordered parenting time schedule, to the Counselor and to provide any updated orders within 3 business days of such orders being signed.

IT IS ORDERED that each parent shall cause the child(ren) to be transported to any appointment that is scheduled by the Counselor during that parent's possession time, even if those sessions do not involve that parent, or even if those sessions involve the other parent. If specifically requested by the Counselor a parent may bring the child when it is not that parent's possession time, picking the child up and returning the child to their school, childcare, or other location at the time and manner designated by the Counselor.

COMMUNICATION

IT IS ORDERED that the Counselor may communicate and share information with the parties, the parties' attorneys, any parenting facilitator appointed in this case, any of the parties' or the child(ren)'s family counselors, or any other professional in connection with this litigation as deemed necessary by the Counselor. Coparents shall sign any and all releases of information, relative to the child or the parties in this case as requested by the Counselor, within seven days of the request, to enable the Counselor to obtain information about the children, the parties, caretakers, or members of either party's household.

Coparents shall set up and maintain a coparenting app such as Our Family Wizard (ourfamilywizard.com) account prior to the initial session.

IT IS ORDERED the parties shall execute any authorizations as requested by the Counselor to enable the counselor to receive or provide information about the parties or the children in question. The parties shall notify the Counselor in writing within 24 hours of any changes in their contact information, legal representation, residency, or occupants of their home.

DURATION OF THERAPY [choose one]

It is ORDERED therapy shall continue for a minimum of _____ months, with reevaluation of the necessity of continued services based on the parties' progress in meeting Goals of Counseling as noted in above section, that no further progress is possible at this time, or that appointment of a different Counselor is necessary.

It is ORDERED therapy shall continue until the Counselor states that the Goals of Counseling as noted in above section have been met, that no further progress is possible at this time, or that appointment of a different Counselor is necessary.

PAYMENT

IT IS ORDERED that the expense of the counseling services shall be divided between the parties as follows: _____% Petitioner _____% Respondent _____% Intervenor, with the exception that the Counselor may assess to each party a pro rata share for time expended for reviewing documentation, out-of-session time, and other individual services.

Each party is ORDERED to pay his or her portions of the fees directly to the Counselor prior to or at the time of service or within seven days of the Counselor's request for payment. If a parent cancels a therapy session less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled session time or fails to bring the child(ren) to a scheduled appointment during that parent's period of possession, that parent shall be responsible for 100% of the cancellation fees.

***[WHEN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT PROVISIONS ARE NEEDED
CONSIDER SELECTING FROM THE FOLLOWING]***

The foregoing payment provisions apply except for the following situations: ***[choose one or more as appropriate; check which apply]***

- Joint sessions with both parents. If both parties participate in a joint session, with or without the child(ren) in question, the costs shall be equally divided between the parties.
- Individual sessions with a parent. If a parent has an individual session with the Counselor, with or without the child(ren) in question, the parent shall pay 100% of the cost of such sessions.
- Review of documents. If a party, the party's legal counsel, or anyone acting on the party's behalf, requests that the Counselor review any documents, that party shall pay 100% of the costs for the time involved in such review. If the request is made jointly, the costs shall be equally divided between the parties.
- Communication with the Counselor. If a party, the party's legal counsel, or anyone acting on the party's behalf, requests to communicate with the Counselor, that party shall pay 100% of any costs. If the request is made jointly, the costs shall be equally divided between the parties.
- Communication with third parties. If the Counselor communicates with a parenting facilitator, any of the parties' or the child(ren)'s individual counselors, or any other professional in connection with this litigation, the costs shall be equally divided between the parties.
- Appearances. If either party requests the Counselor make an appearance in connection with the litigation, including depositions, hearings, trials, settlement conferences, or any other formal meeting,
 - the costs shall be equally divided between the parties. ***[OR]***

the costs shall be paid by the party who requests the Counselor's appearance.

Written Reports. The cost of any written report shall be equally divided between the parties.

COUNSELOR TESTIMONY

IT IS ORDERED the Counselor shall testify at any hearing in this case at the written request of any attorney of record sent via subpoena, which may be delivered to counselor via fax or e-mail. Unless payment for testimony is already addressed above, the requesting party shall be responsible for the Counselor's customary and usual fees for testifying and said fees shall be paid at least seven days prior to the hearing in the manner specified by the counselor.

Therapy is not a substitute for a Child Custody Evaluation within the terms of Family Code Chapter 107; therefore, the Counselor shall not make recommendations as to the conservatorship of, possession (parenting schedule) of, or access to the child(ren). The Counselor may make recommendations to the parties regarding changes in conduct that may be helpful to the parties in implementing the Court's orders.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Judge Presiding

AGREED:

Printed Name:

Printed Name:

Bar Number:

Bar Number:

Attorney for Petitioner

Attorney for Respondent