**Cancer Coaching/Patient Navigation Agreement**

**Cancer Coaching Disclaimer & Waiver –**

All coaching services and communication, email or otherwise, delivered by Katie Brown, OPN-CG (your “Coach”), are meant to help you identify the areas in your life and in your thinking that may be challenging to you during your cancer experience. This agreement is for coaching, not psychotherapy. While coaching can work with issues such as identifying and reaching life goals, and changing the behaviors that aren’t working well for you, coaching cannot deal with issues such as clinical depression and anxiety. For issues such as these, you must see a Physician or Licensed Mental Health Professional in your location. Your coach will not diagnose or treat any medical or psychological conditions.

While your coach may be licensed as a healing arts practitioner he or she is not functioning as a licensed practitioner when offering coaching services.

By signing this agreement, you are agreeing that you understand the difference in these two functions and you will get appropriate professional help for mental health issues if necessary.

I understand that coaching is, at present, an unregulated industry and that my Coach is not licensed by the State of Texas or any other state. I also understand that for all legal purposes, the services provided by my Coach will be considered to be provided in the State of Texas.

I understand and agree that I am fully responsible for my well-being during my coaching sessions, and subsequently, including my choices and decisions.

I understand that coaching is not a substitute for counseling, psychoanalysis, mental health care or substance abuse treatment, and I will not use it in place of any form of therapy.

I understand that all comments and ideas offered by my Coach are solely for the purpose of aiding me in achieving my defined goals. I have the ability to give my informed consent, and hereby give such consent to my coach to assist me in achieving such goals.

I understand that to the extent our work together involves career or business, my Coach is not promising outcomes included but not limited to increased clientele, profitability and or business success.

I understand that to the extent our work together involves personal and family health and relationships, my Coach is not promising outcomes included but not limited to personal, medical or relationship success.

Please feel free to ask questions at any time about your coach’s background, experience and professional orientation.

**Appointment Scheduling and Cancellation Policies –**

In order to cancel or reschedule an appointment, you are expected to notify your coach at least 24 hours in advance of your appointment. If you do not provide at least 24 hours’ notice in advance, you are responsible for payment for the missed session.

**Coach Availability and Emergencies –**

In the event of a medical emergency or an emergency involving a threat to your safety or the safety of others, please call 911 or the appropriate emergency service to request assistance. Your coach is not licensed to handle these matters.

**Insurance –**

Because coaching is not a medical treatment, typically insurance will not cover the cost. Some employers may cover some of the cost of coaching. It is your responsibility to pay for coaching and get reimbursed by your employer if that is the case.

**Confidentiality –**

All information obtained in the course of the professional service is confidential unless there is a compelling professional reason for its disclosure. Your coach will disclose confidential information without a specific release if it is necessary to prevent foreseeable imminent harm to the client or another. In all circumstances, coaches will be judicious in the amount of information that is disclosed. Coaches may disclose confidential information without the consent of the client only as mandated or permitted by law.

When possible, coaches inform clients about the disclosure of confidential information and possible ramifications before the disclosure is made.

Coaches will only disclose confidential information to third parties with the appropriate written consent.

Coaches must disclose certain confidential information as required by law or if the confidential information may put the client or others at risk of harm or compromise their well-being.

I understand that my Coach will protect my information as confidential unless I state otherwise in writing.

If I report child, elder abuse or neglect or threaten to harm myself or someone else, I understand that necessary actions will be taken and my confidentiality agreement limited in this capacity. Furthermore, if my Coach is ordered by a court to provide information or to testify, he or she will do so to the extent the law requires.

**Electronic Communications –**

You understand that the confidentiality of Electronic Communications (E.C.) cannot be guaranteed. E.C. may include, but are not limited to, email, text messages, Skype and other video conferencing, and voicemail.

E.C. are inherently vulnerable and insecure and may result in the unintentional harmful disclosure of personal information. You acknowledge that you implicitly consent to Coach sending E.C. to you by: a) your inclusion of your email address on Coaching forms, b) providing your email to Coach in session, or c) your sending an email, text message, or other E.C. to Coach.

You acknowledge that Coach may not read or respond to E.C. until the next scheduled appointment and that you will not use E.C. for emergencies.

Sessions will be held in-person, over the phone or through the Internet. Email contact regarding logistics and scheduling is welcome at yourcancercoach@yahoo.com.

Client Signature Date

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