

ORDER FOR FAMILY THERAPY & INTERVENTION - APPOINTMENT OF COUNSELOR

On this day, the Court considered the request for therapy, and the Court finds that there is good cause shown for the 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 [insert Counselor's name and contact information] is appointed as Family Counselor for the parties [insert names of parties] and their children [insert names and DOBs].

Each party is ORDERED to contact the Counselor's office within seven business days of the signing of this order, to provide a copy of this order to the Counselor, and provide their completed intake paperwork to the Counselor as directed by the Counselor. In addition, they are each ORDERED to schedule an initial appointment within seven days of signing this order.

Each party 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 three business days of such orders being signed. It is further ORDERED that parties provide the Counselor with reports that have been filed or written to date (e.g. s.30, OCL, therapy or parenting coordination report, or other relevant reports) and any other reports or documents the Counselor requires.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Counselor may meet with the parties or the child(ren) individually, jointly with siblings, with one or both parents, or with other household or family members as the Counselor seems appropriate. Each party shall fully comply with the Counselor's requests in conducting therapy, including, but not limited to, ensuring the child(ren) are transported to and from scheduled appointments in a timely manner and exercising parental authority to require that the child(ren) attend and cooperate with counseling treatments and interventions. The 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.

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 parenting 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 parenting time, picking the child up and returning the child to their school, daycare, 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' counsel, any Parenting Coordinator appointed in this case, any of the

parties' or the child(ren)'s individual counselors, or any other professional in connection with this matter as deemed necessary by the Counselor.

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 that 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 "Attachment A." [or per the accompanying informed consent agreement]

IT IS ORDERED that therapy shall continue until the Counselor makes the recommendation that the Goals of Counseling as noted in "Attachment A" 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: _____% Applicant and _____% Respondent.

Each party is ORDERED to pay his or her portions of the initial retainer and fees directly to the Counselor within seven days of the Counselor's request for payment, and each party is ORDERED to pay any additional amounts due directly to the Counselor within seven days of the Counselor's request for payment. If a parent cancels a therapy session less than 48 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.

COUNSELOR TESTIMONY

IT IS ORDERED that the Counselor shall testify at any hearing in this case at the written request of any attorney of record (or self represented party) 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 s.30 C.L.R.A. custody/access assessment, therefore, the Counselor shall not make any recommendations as to parenting time (access) or custody (major child-related decision making). 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.