THE MERISMOS CENTER, PLLC

 [Subsidiary of Open Fire International Fellowship]

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Merismos Center is a Non-denominational Faith-Based counseling service, whose mission is to provide Professional, Evidence-based Counseling integrated with Faith-based principles and teachings for those seeking mental health and wellness for the well-being of their mind, soul, and spirit. The Merismos Center is committed to providing confidential, safe, cultural sensitivity, equal and impartial treatment for all. Our Mission Statement is to “*Transform Souls and Heal Histories with Non-denominational Faith-based principles and Therapeutic Counsel.”*

**COUNSELING PRINCIPLES**

The Merismos Center has five basic principles which all Counseling Providers follow. These five principles have been adopted from the principles of Trauma Informed Care.

1. **Safety**
2. **Transparency**
3. **Choice**
4. **Collaboration and Mutuality**
5. **Empowerment**

**Safety –** includes creating spaces where people feel culturally, emotionally, and physically safe as well as an awareness of an individual’s discomfort and unease.

**Transparency and Trustworthiness –** this includes providing full and accurate information about what is happening and what is likely to happen next.

**Choices –** This includes the recognition of the need for an approach that honors the persons dignity.

**Collaboration and Mutuality –** this includes the recognition that healing happens in relationships and partnerships with shared decision-making.

**Empowerment –** this includes the recognition of an individual’s strengths. These strengths are built on and validated.

**COUNSELING PLATFORM**

Individual, Group, and Family Counseling platform that will be used is Virtual and Tele-Health. Group Counseling Workshops will be held in person, and/or Virtual Platform.

**COUNSELING SERVICE REFERRAL MODEL**

Merismos Center is a fee for service model and is an Individual Self-referral, Ministerial and Pastoral referral, Insurance Panels and EAP (Employees Assistance Program) Service Referral model. An EAP model is generally a counseling service that is provided by an individual’s employer. The employer can offer its employees a limited number of counseling sessions, free of cost through their insurance carrier, which is offered by the employer. Individual’s will receive brief, supportive, solution-focused counseling. The Merismos Center is not equipped to manage crisis calls or mandated workplace referrals. Emergency calls (violence, suicidal ideations, homicidal ideations) will be directed to 911. Mental Health Crisis (psychosis, suicidal ideations, and mental and emotional dysregulation) will be directed to the Mental Health Deputy by calling 311.

The Merismos Center is a counseling solution that offers the option of scheduled, video/virtual, telephonic, individual, group and chat counseling. Both virtual/video and telephonic counseling is conducted conforming to the ethical mandate that the counselors be located and licensed in the same state of the residence of the client. They may not be in the same city, but they must be in the same state. These new options are also conducted in the same manner as face-to-face sessions, meaning sessions are once a week at a pre-planned and scheduled time that is both convenient for both the client and the counselor. Professional Ethical guidelines are followed by the Christian Counseling Ethical Regulations, Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council, and Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors.

**CONFIDENTIALTY**

Confidentiality remains at the forefront of importance at The Merismos Center. We recommend that participants find a quiet and private place in which to conduct their sessions. The Merismos Center strongly recommends using a land line phone vs. a cell phone, website or secured app with a phone or tablet. The counseling platform use of Therapy Appointment will ensure that all services of counseling conducted are Standard HIPPA Compliancy Regulations.

**COUNSELING PLAN OF SERVICES**

The Merismos Center offers counseling for Adults and Adolescents beginning at age Thirteen. KKCM services are provided by a Multi-disciplinary Team of Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and Psychologist who come duly skilled and experienced within each of their specialized scope of practice. All Licensed Service Providers must have an active License and must be in good standing with their Licensing Board. Counseling services to be provided are:

* Pastoral Counseling
* License Professional Counseling
* Marriage and Family Counseling
* Group Counseling / SOUL Workshops / Focus Group work.
* Individual Counseling
* Parent Coaching and Behavior Management
* Spiritual Life Coach
* PTSD/Trauma
* Veterans and Family Members
* Substance Use and Chemical Dependence
* Social Services/Basic Needs – referrals as needed.

**COUNSELING PROFESSIONALS**

Iris Hackett, LPC-S, M.A., TBRI, CCTP, CCAT, DBT

Kimberly Wilson, Ph.D., LPC-S, LMFT

Thomas Jones, Ph.D, LPC-S, LMFT

Shamara Henry, LMSW, LCDC

**MINISTERING TRAUMA COUNSELORS**

Elder Verna Davis – Ministering Trauma Counselor

Minister Michael Scott – Ministering Trauma Counselor

Minister Danielle Belcher – Ministering Trauma Counselor

Deacon Andray Davis – Ministering Trauma Counselor

Raquel Grant – Ministering Trauma Counselor

**MINISTERING TRAUMA COUNSELOR – REQUIREMENTS**

Ministering Trauma Counselors are Volunteers. To become a Ministering Trauma Counselor, individuals must be mentally, emotionally, and spiritually stable. They must be active and plugged-in to an auxiliary within a ministry. It is required to register and enroll in the “Be Transformed Workshop” Group Counseling and complete the initial 12-week sixteen-hour classes. They will need to continue with an additional fifteen hours of course work to obtain a total of 30 hours of Training to receive a Certificate of Completion. Additional requirements are to consistently attend classes, trainings, and complete assignments and attendance with an 80%. They must be available to participate in the Saturday workshop/classes. They must attend scheduled Trauma Team Meetings and Professional Consultation with Dr. Thomas Jones and Iris Hackett, LPC-S.

**PASTORIAL COUNSELING TEAM -** Open Fire International Fellowship

Dr. Lincoln Coffie, Senior Pastor

Dr. Apryl Barnes-Coffie, Assistant Pastor

Pastor Phillip Johnson, Associate Pastor

Pastor Dameitta Jeffries, Associate Pastor

Pastor Michael Gibson, Associate Pastor

Pastor Kendrick Spells, Associate Pastor

Pastor Craig White, Youth Pastor

**Social-*WORKS Ministry***

Andrea Petit, M.Ed., BSW,

SOAR Certified-

SSI/SSD Outreach Access and Recovery

CIPS- Certified Independent Placement and Support

Employment and Education Career Guidance

**PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR OVERSIGHT**

All Merismos Center Counselors will receive group oversight consultation/supervision by Dr. Thomas Jones to ensure counselor competency and accountability for providing ethical and Board approved counseling methods. Each The Merismos Center Counselor will meet a minimum of one time per month for one hour of Supervision to address client concerns, ethical related issues, and Board updates. Counseling oversight is to provide counselors with support, collaboration, and guidance.

**PASTORAL TEAM COUNSELING OVERSIGHT**

Members of the Open Fire International Fellowship who receive professional Counseling Services from The Merismos Center, PLLC, who are currently active in ministry with Open Fire International Fellowship, will be asked to sign an Authorization to Release Information form to allow the Pastoral team and Professional Counseling team work together collaborating optimal growth and increase in mental and spiritual wellness. The Pastoral Team and Professional Counseling Team will meet as needed to discuss treatment planning and counseling needs for the recipients. Recipients will receive referrals to Trauma, Healing-Deliverance Team as needed.

**PROTOCALS AND PROCEDURES**

The process to enroll and register for Counseling Services, including the Be Transformed Workshop Classes are the participants are required to complete the Welcome Registration Packet which includes the Authorization to Release Information (ROI), Declaration Informed Consent, Mental Health and Wellness Intake Assessment, and Spiritual Connectivity Intake Assessment. All documents must be filled out, signed, and dated, and turned into Iris Hackett, LPC-S to be considered enrolled and registered to participate in the services.