

Official Proposal for Sponsorship

Brave Life Pastoral Counseling, LLC

Derek N. Ellis

To the Elders of Champion City Vineyard Church, Inc.

137 E. Main Street, Springfield, OH 45503

Bruce Willmann, Lead Pastor

I. Introduction

The following document serves as a testimony of sponsorship and partnership between Champion City Vineyard Church, Inc, led by lead pastor Bruce Willmann (henceforth referred to as “the sponsoring body”, and Brave Life Pastoral Counseling, LLC, led by Derek Ellis (henceforth referred to as the “primary counselor”).

II. Mission and Vision of Brave Life Pastoral Counseling, LLC

The mission of Brave Life Pastoral Counseling, LLC is to provide holistic, Christ-centered, Spirit-infused counseling to hurting persons within and outside of the church, empowering healed and restored people to fully grasp their identity as loved sons and daughters of the King, mobilizing people to expand the Kingdom.

III. Credentialing and Qualifications for Role of the Primary Counselor

Board Certified Christian Counselor –

Board of Professional & Pastoral Counselors

Associated with the American Association of Christian Counselors

Credentialing application in process

Certified Master Christian Life Coach –

Board of Christian Life Coaching

Associated with the American Association of Christian Counselors

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Masters of Arts in Pastoral Counseling – Liberty University, 2016

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology – Wittenberg University, 2012

III. State Laws surrounding Pastoral Counseling

Ohio Revised Code

Title [47] XLVII OCCUPATIONS - PROFESSIONS

Chapter 4757: COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS

4757.41 Exemptions.

(A) This chapter shall not apply to the following:

(4) Rabbis, priests, Christian science practitioners, clergy, or members of religious orders and other individuals participating with them in pastoral counseling when the counseling activities are within the scope of the performance of their regular or specialized ministerial duties and are performed under the auspices or sponsorship of an established and legally cognizable church, denomination, or sect or an integrated auxiliary of a church as defined in federal tax regulations, paragraph (g)(5) of 26 C.F.R. 1.6033 - 2(1995), and when the individual rendering the service remains accountable to the established authority of that church, denomination, sect, or integrated auxiliary.

IV. Proposed Fee Structure

A 50-minute counseling session will be charged a fee according to the client's annual income. The following is a proposed fee structure:

Yearly Income	Fee Per Session
\$0 - \$35,000	\$40
\$35,001 - \$50,000	\$55
\$50,001 - \$65,000	\$70
\$65,001 and higher	\$85

Currently, insurance companies within the state of Ohio do not allow clients working with pastoral counselors to bill insurance. Therefore, all clients will be required to participate in private pay.

V. Fiscal Responsibilities

The primary counselor of Brave Life Pastoral Counseling, LLC. assumes all financial risks associated with the practice, including but not limited to:

1. Office space rental
2. Office space furnishing
3. Client management software
4. Professional organization membership and renewal
5. Continuing Education expenses

6. Liability insurance
7. Copying and printing costs
8. Any legal fees incurred
9. Internet and other telecommunication services

VI. Submission to Authority

The primary counselor of Brave Life Pastoral Counseling, LLC. commits wholeheartedly to the eldership of the sponsoring body in all ways, including but not limited to:

1. Quarterly or monthly reviews with elders
2. Complete financial transparency
3. Regular auditing of record-keeping practices, though not to a degree to harm client-counselor confidentiality.
4. Changing of fee structure or practices at the discretion and request of the elders

VII. Scope and Mechanics of Practice

As a non-licensed practitioner in the State of Ohio, the primary counselor is not trained to provide assessments, diagnoses, or treatments regarding specific mental illnesses. The primary counselor is not eligible for certification to perform certain modalities of treatment, including but not limited to cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT), dialectical behavior therapy (DBT), and chemical dependency counseling.

The scope of the primary counselor's practice is to provide talk therapy, utilizing prayer and biblical insight as a therapeutic intervention. The primary counselor is trained to provide talk therapy as a therapeutic intervention for the following issues:

1. Marital therapy (including affairs, etc.)
2. Conflict resolution;
3. Communication skills
4. Premarital Counseling
5. Forgiveness
6. Peer acceptance
7. Self-esteem
8. General symptoms such as anxiety and depression
9. Trauma and crises
10. Life transitions
11. Health and wellness
12. Financial health
13. Multicultural issues
14. Christian spiritual identity formation
15. Spiritual formation
16. Healthy sexuality

The primary counselor plans to also submit himself to supervision under a licensed professional counselor to ensure that the boundaries of the primary counselor's scope of practice is maintained with integrity, for the health and protection of the clients, the sponsoring body, and the primary counselor.

VIII. Responsibilities of Sponsoring Body

The role of the sponsoring body is to provide legal protection and spiritual oversight for the primary counselor through its partnership and endorsement, ensuring that the primary counselor is not outside the scope of his practice. The sponsoring body is responsible for maintaining a supervisory relationship with the primary counselor through regular audits and is responsible for reviewing the state of the sponsorship to ensure its continued efficacy. Should problems arise, the sponsoring body is responsible for all disciplinary action to correct and restore the relationship and sponsorship agreement.


The sponsoring body is not fiscally responsible for anything associated with the counseling practice.

IX. Protection of Sponsoring Body

The primary counselor will obtain liability insurance as a practitioner. The form detailing the liability insurance is attached to this document.

The following signatures confirm that the elders of the sponsoring body agree to all the terms stated within this document and therefore, agree that Champion City Vineyard Church, Inc will serve as the sponsoring body for Brave


Life Pastoral Counseling, LLC, to practice pastoral counseling within the state of Ohio.

 8/14/17

Bruce Willman, Lead Pastor

Date

Champion City Vineyard Church, Inc

 8/14/17

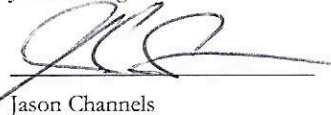
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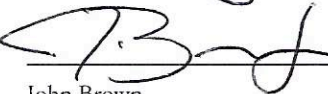
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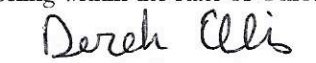
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Derek Ellis, Primary Counselor

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