



Meet "Oakley," our newest team member.

# STAY TUNED!

## Medicare Update

As NBCC reported, the omnibus appropriations legislation passed in late December included the Mental Health Access Improvement Act. This historic win for the counseling profession allows mental health counselors and marriage and family therapists to receive payment under the Medicare Part B program for providing covered mental health services to Medicare beneficiaries.

Coverage of mental health counselor services under Part B of the Medicare program will officially begin on Jan. 1, 2024. Until then, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will develop specific rules on how counselors can apply for provider status, receive a Provider ID number, and bill for services. In other words – **Red Tape**.

We will provide updates as soon as they are released by the CMS.

## Client Portal

In the next couple months, the client portal will open to self-scheduling, but will come with some important guidelines.

- 1.) new appointments cannot be made within 24 hours.
- 2.) Cancellations or changes cannot be made in less than 48 hours. Both will require you to contact your provider directly for changes.

If you need help accessing your portal account, contact Kenn.

Yup − it's finally happening. Well − maybe.

As of Friday, Jan 13, 2023, we are in negotiations for an office space that is almost 3x the space we're in now. The main benefit of this move is we will have a large space for continuing education, Sunday Celebrations, inperson continuing education for providers AND clients, and even group therapy.

### The Downside:

- 1.) We are still in negotiations.
- 2.) It's upstairs.
- 3.) The rent will increase significantly.

#### The Upside:

- 1.) There is room to expand at this location.
- 2.) We finally have a conference / group area.
- 3.) The building is on the corner of Brown Deer Rd and Port Washington Rd.
- 4.) There will finally be a window in the psychotherapy room.

We will continue providing our neighbors with the same excellence in service as before, but under a new roof.

For updates, visit our websites and Facebook pages!

## Sacred Wandering

Because every journey is sacred

### Index-thingy

(Warning - May Not Be In Order of Listing)

We're Moving?

**New Policy & Updates** 

Vacation Days (Yeah, right...)

Important Links

Medicare Update

I think I put something else in here... I think...



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### **Dates**

The following are known dates our office will be closed in 2023:

Feb 17 - 20 (AdoEW\*)
March 1 - 31 - MOVING†
March 25 - 28 (ADoEW\*\*)
April 6 & 7 (Holy Week)
July 4 (Still Duh!)
End of July-ish? (Synod)
October 30<sup>th</sup> (Nunya)
Nov 24 & 25 (Thanksgiving)
December 24 & 25 (Christmas)

- † Read more on the back page. We will continue to see clients during the move location will be determined based on how far we've gotten with the transition.
- \*I will be assisting at the ordination of one of our newest members, Rev. Flo Oakes.
- \*\*This year, the Anglican Diocese of the Emmaus Way celebrates its first year of growth and ministry. As one of the founding Canons, it is my joy to join my Sisters and Brothers for our 1-year anniversary.



## Link-Thingies

We regularly post news and updates to our websites and Facebook pages. We recently adopted "Twinger" (or whatever the hell its called) and are trying to figure out how it.

Our Main Page: <u>https://sacwan.net</u>

Our Counseling Page: <a href="https://counseling.sacwan.net">https://counseling.sacwan.net</a>

Our Facebook Pages: https://www.facebook.com/ sacredwandering

https://www.facebook.com/ CounselingSacWan

### **Policies**

#### **SNOW**

Our bad weather policy is still in effect – our offices will remain closed with 3+ inches of snow on the ground. However, lately our forecasters have been rather – off. So – I am adopting an, "I'll believe it when I see it," attitude.

Please be patient if there are last-minute cancellations due to weather.

#### **SICK**

You may be refused service if you show up with any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, or chills.



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