Scope of Practice

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**Pro-EFW Certification**

I am an Equine Professional and Learning Professional certification candidate with the Professional Association of Equine Facilitated Wellness Pro-EFW.  I am seeking certification as a Learning Professional.

**My Personal Scope of Practice in the Human Services Field**

The qualifications, training and experience I possess to support this Scope of Practice are as follows:

* Graduated in 2020 from Holland College with the Human Services Diploma
* One year employed with a licensed daycare facility as a Special Needs assistant for a child with Autism
* Employed at Grand River Ranch assisting programs for adults and children of all abilities during completion of the Human Services Diploma
* Employed for one year at a private practice mental health facility and equine breeding farm assisting with individual equine psychotherapy sessions and care of 30 plus horses
* Currently contracting services to Grand River Ranch as Program Assistant at the newly expanded facility, offering adult, youth and homeschool programs

**My Personal Scope of Practice in Working with Equines**

​The qualifications, training and experience I possess to support this Scope of Practice are as follows:

* Registered Veterinary Technologist, Graduated from Nova Scotia Agricultural College (now Dalhousie University, Faculty of Agriculture) in 2009
* 6 plus years working as a Large Animal Surgery Technician (90% Equine) at a referral hospital in Charlottetown Prince Edward Island
* 2 years as Equine Medication Control Technician with Equine Canada (now Equestrian Canada)
* Horse owner and primary caregiver for 27 years
* 4-H Horse and Pony participant growing up for 8 years
* Hold Registered Coach Status with Equestrian Canada and currently working with an Equestrian Canada Coach to become a certified English Riding Instructor
* Currently contract my services to Grand River Ranch teaching basic horse knowledge, horsemanship, and husbandry for 5 horses and one donkey
* Completion of Equine Code of Practice Awareness
* Numerous Continuing Education courses taken to maintain my Registered Veterinary Technician status in equine subjects. Most recently in Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome, Equine Rehabilitation, Equine Muscular disorders and Equine Anesthesia and Sedation

**My Personal Scope of Practice in Equine Facilitated Wellness (EFW)**

The qualifications, training and experience I possess to support this Scope of Practice are as follows:

* Completion of Explorations Course with Deborah Marshall with Generation Farms
* Completion of Foundations Course with Deborah Marshall, Kate Burns, Susan Cressy
* Completion of Focus Course with Deborah Marshall and Susan Cressy

**Level of Expertise**

I have met the level of expertise required by Pro-EFW to provide services. I work alone when I am working with 1-3 and with my 3 horses. I work with an Equine Professional when I am working with more than 3 people and other owned horses.

I engage in mentoring or supervision monthly. My supervision needs are debriefing and continuing best practices for the participants I see.

My mentor or supervisor is Deborah Marshall.

​**Areas in which I am NOT Qualified to Provide Services**

It is outside my personal Scope of Practice as a Human Services Professional to work with people who are in active mental health crisis. It is outside my personal Scope of Practice as an Equine Professional to work with people seeking therapy or psychotherapy services. It is outside my personal Scope of Practice as a Human Services Professional to work with a person who is already working with a therapist without the written permission of the professional.

I would seek supervision if my client has needs in the following areas of Equine Assisted psychotherapy.  I would refer clients to a qualified professional in the following situations:

* The client is seeking professional Mental Health services
* The client develops a need for more complex Mental Health services while accessing my services
* The client expresses doing harm to themselves or others

**Informed Consent**

Participants are given information about my scope of practice on my Release of Liability Form.  I discuss my Scope of Practice – including my limitations – with all clients. My Scope of Practice is available on my website, and I direct clients to read it.

**Insurance**

My professional and commercial liability insurance is provided by Everest Insurance Company of Canada, I hold $20000000 of liability coverage.