

Date: January 3, 2022

Dear Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners Members,

This letter is to share information in your discussions to eliminate the maximum number of virtual (distance learning) CEUs allowed towards the annual licensure requirement for social workers.

While social workers benefit from collegial dialogue at face-to-face conferences (certainly many of us miss this comradery), eliminating the maximum on the number of virtual hours will not restrict social workers from attending in person CEUs. Social workers will continue to have the choice to participate in on site conferences. Eliminating the maximum allowed virtual CEUs only increases the number of options for social workers to complete their annual CEUs.

This change will also not undermine the intent of §317. Continuing Education Requirements A 1-A 3. (The purpose of continuing education is to protect the public by ...A1-A3).

Approval criteria for CEUs is not affected.

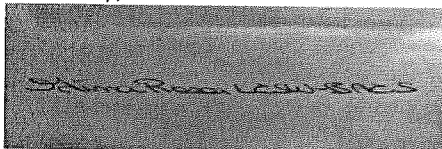
Virtual CEUs allow more accessibility for learning activities for social workers who may have difficulty traveling for various reasons (mobility limitations, financial expense of travel or time etc.). Virtual CEUs are more efficient for social workers who choose to conserve gas, travel time, and hours having to be away from work or away from home.

Virtual education has evolved into to a sophisticated and credible vehicle for professional education. Accredited schools of social work offer remote learning advanced degrees and highly respected subject matter experts now routinely present education in a remote environment.

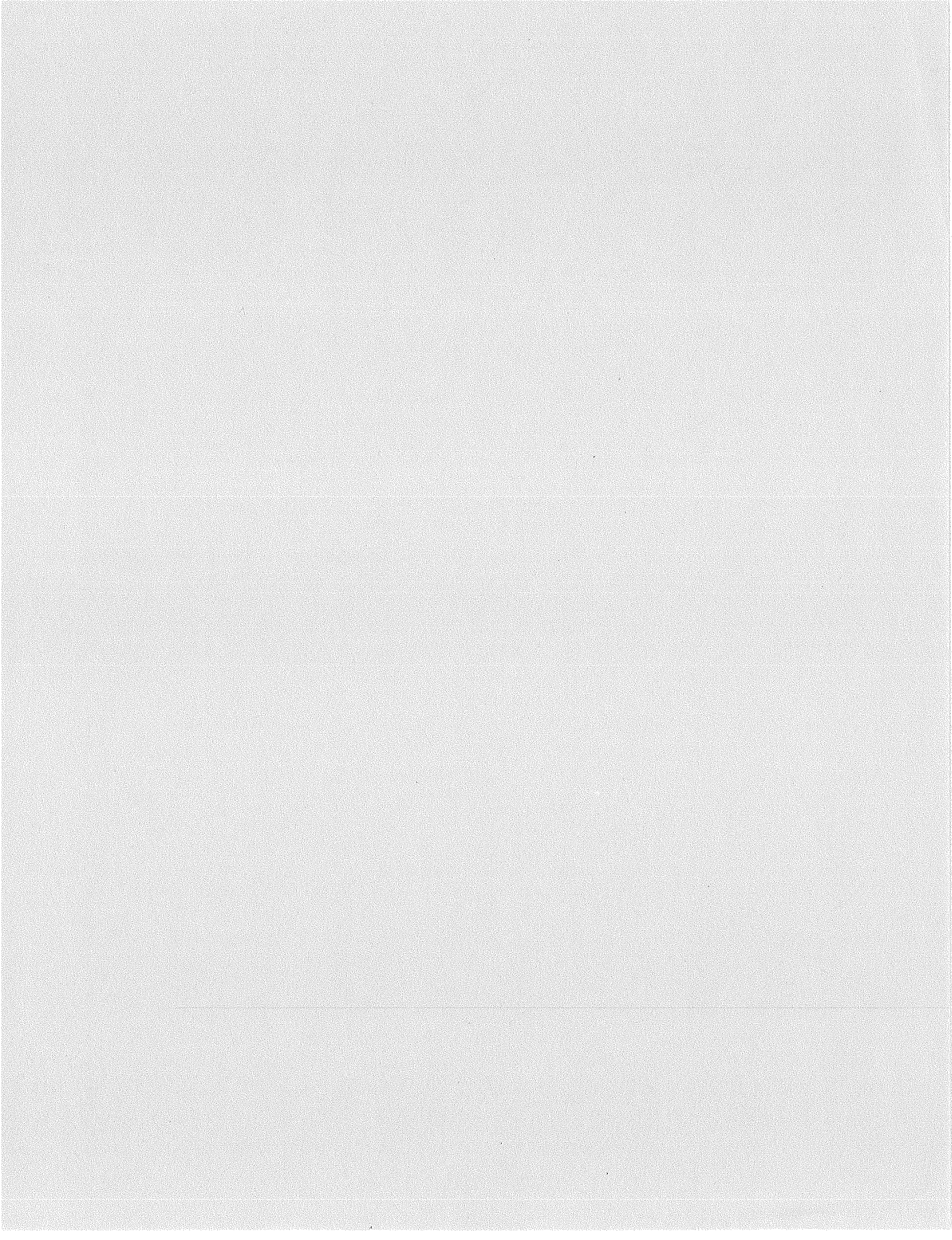
Finally, I have researched other professional boards and communicated with either board representatives or professionals licensed by the listed board. Reports indicate the following professional boards do not restrict the number of virtual hours allowed toward their annual CEU requirement:

- 1.The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists does not restrict the number of virtual CEUs.
2. The Louisiana State Board of Nursing does not restrict the number of virtual CEUs.
3. The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners does not restrict the number of virtual CEUs.
4. The Louisiana Physical Therapy Board does not restrict the number of virtual CEUs.

Thank you for considering this in the review and discussion on remote learning CEUs allowed towards annual licensure for social work. Best wishes for success in the boards goals in 2022!  
Sincerely,

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature on a piece of paper. The signature appears to read "Gina Rossi" and is written in cursive.

Gina Rossi, LCSW-BACS, DCSW, MHSA



## Emily DeAngelo

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**From:** Lisa Williams <lisa@lisawilliamslcsw.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:53 PM  
**To:** Emily DeAngelo  
**Subject:** virtual CEU concerns

Dear Emily,

I'm writing this letter to share my opinion concerning the board's discussion surrounding the number of allowed distance learning CEUs for continuing education.

I support not limiting the number of virtual CEUs that a social worker can use when getting continuing education. Removing this limitation will allow social workers to access a wider variety of authorities and topics upon which they can gain expertise.

I would also like to support allowing more online supervision hours beyond the pandemic period. I am a BACS, and I would like to be able to meet with supervisees virtually in order to make it more efficient for them to access our time together. I have a specialization that some supervisees seek out, and if they live a significant distance away, having to travel to meet becomes prohibitive for them. Meeting virtually allows supervisees to find a supervisor who meets the specialty that they need to become a better clinical social worker.

Sincerely,

Lisa Williams, LCSW-BACS

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## Emily DeAngelo

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**From:** Social Work  
**Sent:** Friday, December 10, 2021 10:43 AM  
**To:** Emily DeAngelo  
**Subject:** FW: Referred by Kelly-employment question

-----Original Message-----

From: Jasmine Mosely  
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 9:35 AM  
To: Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>  
Subject: Referred by Kelly-employment question

Good morning,

My name is Jasmine Mosely and I am an LCSW. I recently applied for a job with Choices, a wraparound service, to complete assessment for services. That is the only duty that I will provide as a contracted employee. I have not completed my background check at this point because I wanted to double check with the board that it is okay for me to even work with the company. I am employed as a school social worker in Calcasieu Parish where we at times make referrals to Choices. When I was asked to take the job with Choices, I specifically requested that I not assess students within the parish as the company services Hammond, Acadia, and other parishes. I wanted to make sure that it would not be a conflict if I was to assess other parishes. Assessment are virtual which allows for this to occur. Please advise as I will not do anything to jeopardize my license. Thank you in advance!

Jasmine L. Mosely