

Good Afternoon Maddy,

I hope you are doing well. I am reaching out to inquire about a couple of circumstances, if you can assist.

1) Milestones Mental Health, LLC reached out to me to ask if I would be willing to provide the required 2 hours of supervision to CSWs and LMSWs as the agency does not have someone in the supervisory role as an LCSW. I agreed to be added to the list of supervisors. My question is, one of the ladies has not obtained her CSW and learned that she will be getting it on Friday. Should I have waited until she received the CSW to begin this supervisory relationship?

2) My next questions relate to school social work. As a school social worker, there are many circumstances regarding SW and student therapeutic relationship beyond the school building. The NASW School Social Work Standards have not been updated since 2012 and these questions have not been addressed. Basically I am wondering if there is a difference between working with an adult vs working with a child in school setting.

- Is it appropriate, if a student moves on to high school from middle school (in the same district), to continue to support student by attending a sporting event in which the student is a participant or a graduation for the student?
- Is it appropriate to communicate with a student who reaches out to you via email after they have moved on to high school in the same district?
- Ethics surrounding gifts from students: Now our district has existing policies concerning receiving gifts that we follow. I am wondering what the board states is appropriate concerning receiving gifts from students.
- Parents often give cards with pictures and want to keep SW informed of students progress, is it not appropriate to respond to emails from parents of students who have moved on from middle to high school in the same district.

Please keep me posted when you can and thanks so much!

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Emily DeAngelo

From: Melanie Bouie <melanie.bouie@dcсно.org>
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Subject: -PHI- Consultation

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Good afternoon,

My name is Melanie Bouie. I am an LCSW in New Orleans. I am reaching out in hopes to gain some insight regarding a situation that has occurred at work. I am a behavioral health specialist at Ascension Depaul Community Health Center. On Wednesday December 13, 2021 a fax came into the clinic from the New Orleans Public Library from an individual stating they are currently living in a sober living facility. He is accusing the staff of being abusive towards him and seeking assistance in addressing these issues. He names a person within the letter as his POA and asks for help in obtaining housing. The fax is several pages long and details specific incidents of abuse and demands that they release footage of abuse to our organization but this organization does provide any type of investigative services regarding alleged abuse. We are not certain who actually sent the fax or the state of mind the individual was in when it was faxed. Additionally, we have no proof that what the person has said is true. I have checked our system and it appears that this individual has an upcoming appointment with one of the clinic specialists on 1/4/22. Please advise how we should proceed in this matter. Is there any legal or ethical requirement to contact authorities? Any information you can provide will be helpful and much appreciated.

Regards,

Melanie J Bouie, LCSW

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Emily DeAngelo

From: Maddy Andras
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Subject: RE: LCSW Question

Hi Maddy,

I'm responding to an email you sent me back in October as a new situations has come up that I need clarification on:

I'm the Team Leader for an ACT Team at Merakey in Louisiana. Part of the team's duties involve delivering medication to clients as we have a pharmacy and they use our pharmacy often. Our prescriber prescribes the medication and reviews it with the client, then once it is dispensed by the pharmacy a team member picks it up, signs it out, and takes it to the client. Previously when I asked you about this, you sent the below email in response, which indicates to me it is okay to deliver (only deliver – hand the bag of prescribed medications) medications in an appropriate setting. Similarly if a client needed one of us to pick up their medication at Walgreens we would pick it up and take it to them.

It has recently been brought to my attention that the below statute states that we may “deliver a previously dispensed medication”, which makes it unclear as to whether or not this applies to medication that a client is receiving from the pharmacy for the first time (after the doctor has prescribed said medication and reviewed that medication with the client) - due to the statute saying “previously dispensed”.

In these cases, is it acceptable and appropriate for an LCSW to deliver medications, or would that be breaking the rule of “previously dispensed” in the statute? I do not read it that way, as I think the statute is meant to address boundaries with clients in terms of medication in a general sense and doesn't necessarily suggest we cannot deliver if it newly prescribed whether it be from Walgreens or Merakey's pharmacy.

Can you please provide some clarification on this issue? I would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks again,