

Emily DeAngelo

From: jackie smith <ideascounselingandconsulting@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 8:03 AM
To: Emily DeAngelo
Subject: Question for the Board

Hi Emily

Hope all is well! Happy NewYear!

I'm writing to get the Board's perspective on an LCSW providing brief consultation/ counseling to congregants of a church in which I am a member. As professionals, we know that a person's spirituality is a tool of strength for helping them more effectively cope with the stressors of life.

Many people in Churches are silently suffering with behaviors health issues that can be addressed in a trusting environment as their church. They trust their clergy and his or her recommendations. My church would like to begin a mental wellness ministry to provide a safe space for congregants to briefly address issues effecting their mental wellness in a non stigmatizing and threatening environment. This service will include a brief consultation/ needs assessment with an LCSW followed by 1-3 solution focused sessions to give the member tools and referrals to a community provider and resources. Often time the clergymen in churches are bombarded with request for appointments that are more heavily mental health related and could benefit from this type of expertise.

As the LCSW who would provide this service, I do not know all nor most members of the congregation. I will not provide long term counseling and will not provide this service to any member of the church I know personally to avoid dual relationship. Proper paperwork would be signed (confidentiality, scope of services, etc.).

My question is will establishing such a faith base brief counseling/ consultation program violate any of my Social Work Ethics in any way? This program can be done through the church or through the church's non profit organization.

Thanks for your review and recommendations.

Jacqueline Smith, LCSW

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From: Social Work
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 7:43 AM
To: Emily DeAngelo
Subject: Fw: Question

From: Leon Winters, LCSW-BACS <leon@wintersmhc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 5:53 PM
To: Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>
Subject: Question

Hi,

I have a former client who is requesting to complete an internship with my agency as a mental health nurse practitioner. I wanted to check the ethical rules on this. I have checked the laws and rules. The client has been discharged from care since November 2019. This is the policy recommendation I found below. I do not think there would be any issues related to her safety or mental well being. But i thought i would check again with you guys to ensure it is ok.

Business Relationship with a Former Client. The social worker has a continuing duty to safeguard the best interests of the former client.

--Thanks

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From: Emily DeAngelo
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 11:35 AM
To: Colleen Favuzzo; crystal.petit@stpsb.org
Cc: Social Work
Subject: FW: Request for exception to 60 day rule for supervision- may add to board meeting next Friday to discuss if necessary

Colleen,

I will look in to why there was a delay in the processing of Crystal's renewal; however, that would not have hindered her from filing supervision forms electronically. In addition, LABSWE accepted paper forms through December 31, 2021. I will add your request to the Board's January 14th meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

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From: Colleen Favuzzo
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 6:38 AM
To: Emily DeAngelo <edeangelo@labswe.org>; Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>
Cc: Crystal Petit <crystal.petit@stpsb.org>
Subject: Request for exception to 60 day rule for supervision- may add to board meeting next Friday to discuss if necessary

Hello, I am the BACS supervisor for Crystal Petit, LMSW, who is copied on this email. She turned in her CEUs and payment to certemy on June 28th, 2021 but was not approved/renewed by the Board until November 24th, 2021. We started supervision on September 26th, 2021. I have been keeping paper documents since then because she wasn't able to start the supervision documents in certemy because her account said that her renewal was overdue. I am writing to the Board requesting that the 60 day rule be extended for her. The rule stating that the contract of supervision must be completed within 60 days of the first supervision session. We have completed paper forms, but have not entered the contract of supervision, attestation, etc yet. We are ready to do it now, but before we did we wanted to make sure it was okay to put 9/26/21 as our start date. If needed, you can discuss this at the Board Meeting on January 14th. Thank you, Colleen Simmons, LCSW-BACS 12917