

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

Section A: Organizational Information

Louisiana Department of Health - Office of Behavioral Health

Name of Organization _____
Assistant Secretary - Ms. Karen Stubbs- J.D.

Name of Director/President _____
P. O. Box 4049 Baton Rouge, LA 70821

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Email Address _____ Website _____

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☐ Professional Social Work Organization ☒ Social Work Service Provider
☐ CSWE Accredited School of Social Work

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☒ CSWE Accredited School of Social Work

Section B: Continuing Education Program

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Kimberly Catalon, MSW, LCSW / #9811

Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential _____
Program Manager 1 A

Relationship to Organization _____
Same

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Section C: Approval Guidelines, Process and Agreement

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- Organization will review application and supporting documentation to determine that it meets all standards and guidelines established in "Criteria for Approving Continuing Education Offerings" and "Guide for Assessment of Continuing Education."

As each organization is structured and staffed differently, organizations shall determine timeline for administering the continuing education program.

- Describe time limit set for making a decision on an educational offering's suitability:

We ask for all requests for CEU packets to be sent for review at least 3 weeks prior to the scheduled event. A decision will be made regarding the educational suitability within 10 business days of receipt.

As each organization is structured and staffed differently, organizations shall determine their own fees, if any, charged for these services.


- Describe fees agency will charge to process Continuing Education Applications:

Because OBH primarily reviews applications for OBH sponsored events, the agency does not charge a fee to review continuing education applications.

Section D: Authority

Submission of this signed application certifies that the Organization has studied the "Criteria for Approving Continuing Education Offerings" and "Guide for Assessment of Continuing Education," and determined that the Organization is prepared to assess continuing education opportunities by these guidelines on a timely bases; and has ample storage to maintain all continuing education records for a minimum of three years, and in accordance with Louisiana law. Organization understands that if approved, the organization will be given authority to pre-approve social work continuing education for three (3) years. After three (3) years, the organization shall reapply to the Board if interested in maintaining designation as a pre-approving body. Organization agrees to comply with scheduled LABSWE Continuing Education audits and submit a list of all approved programs to the board office for current collection period by July 15 of each year. Organization agrees to notify LABSWE within thirty (30) days if any information submitted on this application changes. Organization understands that approval is granted at the discretion of the Board and may be revoked if Organization is found to be out of compliance with any aspect of established guidelines.

This designation also designates the organization as an approved provider of continuing education. This designation will be authorized for three (3) years from the date LABSWE approves the application.



Signature of Director/President

7.28.2022

Date

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18550 Highland Road, Suite B
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

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Revised 5/16



College of Human Sciences & Education
School of Social Work

July 5, 2022

LABSWE
18550 Highland Rd., Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Dear LABSWE,

I am pleased to present this letter of support for the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals' Office of Behavioral Health to continue to serve as an approved pre-approval organization for continuing education events. During my 26 years of experience with the LSU School of Social Work, DHH Office of Behavioral Health has demonstrated a strong commitment to social work and supervision of MSW students, and commitment to hire professional social workers throughout the state in a variety of positions. DHH Office of Behavioral Health strives to provide high quality trainings for their workforce and other providers that treat mental illness, addictive disorders and primary care services and prevention.

They have demonstrated knowledge of the continuing education process and are committed to insuring compliance with all aspects. Please contact my office if I can assist in providing additional information at tlilley@lsu.edu or #225-578-2133.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Traci Lilley".

Traci Lilley, LCSW-BACS, MSW
Associate Director and Director of Field Internships



**American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention**

July 19, 2022

Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners
18550 Highland Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Dear LABSWE members

The Louisiana Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP-LA) strongly supports the application of Kimberly Catalon of the Louisiana Department of Health/Office of Behavioral Health (LDH/OBH) to continue to be an approver for social work continuing education units on behalf of the Board.

The Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) manages and delivers the services and supports necessary to improve the quality of life for citizens with mental illness and addictive disorders. The mission of the Office of Behavioral Health is to work collaboratively with partners to develop and implement a comprehensive integrated system of behavioral health and healthcare, social supports, and prevention services that promote recovery and resilience for all citizens of Louisiana. OBH assures public behavioral health services are accessible, family-driven, have a positive impact, are culturally and clinically competent, and are delivered in partnership with all stakeholders.

I believe Ms. Catalon will faithfully adhere to the rules and standards of our Social Work Practice Act in approving continuing education units for social workers as she has done for the last three years. AFSP-LA wholeheartedly supports her application to be re-appointed to approve continuing education units on behalf of the Board for the Office of Behavioral Health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Danita LeBlanc".

Danita LeBlanc, LCSW-BACS
Board President
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
Louisiana Chapter

July 7, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

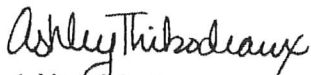
Woman's Foundation, Inc is a non-profit organization based in Lafayette, Louisiana. Woman's Foundation is accredited for **AMA PRA Category 1 credits™** by the national organization ACCME: Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education.

Beginning in 2019, Woman's Foundation began a partnership with Louisiana Department of Health - Office of Behavioral Health to offer several educational events. The educational events offered together in partnership were accredited for various healthcare and behavioral health professionals including social workers, licensed professional counselors, addiction specialists, nurses, psychologists, peer support specialists, and physicians. Woman's Foundation has collaborated with LDH to ensure that we provide relevant and valuable information to Louisiana's social workers and behavioral health professionals.

As the director of the CME Department at Woman's Foundation, I worked closely with LDH in ensuring that the educational events will be accredited for continuing education for social workers. Kimberly Catalon has been my main contact at LDH in the accreditation process for social workers. When Woman's Foundation began the partnership with LDH, Mrs. Catalon provided valuable insight and assistance in the educational requirements for professional education for social workers. She described the rules and regulations thoroughly, and she provided quick responses for any questions that Woman's Foundation had regarding accreditation. I am happy to confirm that Mrs. Catalon and her team does a brilliant job at organizing the accreditation information before and after each event. Working with Mrs. Catalon and her team has been a seamless process, and we are looking forward to collaborating with LDH-OBH on our upcoming educational events.

My contact information is ashley@womansfoundation.com, 337.988.1816 ext 122. Please feel free to contact me with another further questions.

Sincerely,



Ashley Thibodeaux
CME Director
Woman's Foundation

Woman's Foundation

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Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

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Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health- Renewal

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Amy Zapata, MPH

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Email Address

Website

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Michelle Duplantier/MSW/LCSW-BACS & Paulette Carter/MSW/LCSW-BACS

Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential

Employees/Social Workers for the Bureau of Family Health

Relationship to Organization

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- Describe time limit set for making a decision on an educational offering's suitability:

Applicants will be required to submit information to the LA Department of Health, Office of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health at least six (6) weeks prior to the proposed event. If approval is denied, the organization will be contacted by email and provided with feedback. A three (3) week review will be required for all re-submissions.

As each organization is structured and staffed differently, organizations shall determine their own fees, if any, charged for these services.


- Describe fees agency will charge to process Continuing Education Applications:

LA Department of Health, Office of Public Health programs will not be charged for continuing education applications. Non-Office of Public Health programs will be charged a fee of \$150.00 for application.

Section D: Authority

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This designation also designates the organization as an approved provider of continuing education. This designation will be authorized for three (3) years from the date LABSWE approves the application.

DocuSigned by:


8/2/2022

Signature of Director/President

Date

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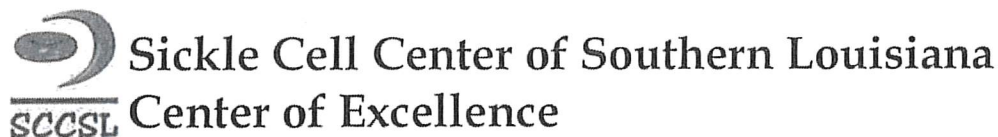
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July 26, 2022

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
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Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Dear LABSWE,

On behalf of The Sickle Cell Center of Southern Louisiana (SCCSL), I am pleased to provide this letter of reference in support of the LA Department of Health, Office of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health's application to be an approval agency for continuing education for social workers in the state of Louisiana.

In recent years, The Sickle Cell Center of Southern Louisiana (SCCSL) has partnered with the Bureau of Family Health on sickle cell related educational events held in medical and academic settings, runs/walks, policy collaboration, and community awareness.

It is with these positive experiences that we strongly recommend the Bureau of Family Health as an approval agency for continuing education for social workers who work in this arena.

Sincerely,

Ernest DeJean Jr. MSW
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Sickle Cell Center of Southern Louisiana
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Pediatric Hematology/Oncology
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State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

July 11, 2022

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
18550 Highland Road,
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) EarlySteps program, I am pleased to provide this letter of reference in support of the LDH, Office of Public Health, Bureau of Family Health (BFH) application to be an approval agency for continuing education for social workers in the state of Louisiana.

EarlySteps, Louisiana's IDEA Part C program has ongoing collaboration with the Bureau of Family Health on joint system development and planning activities, coordinated state-level cross agency collaboration on early childhood issues, and training at the state and regional levels.

Based on these collaborations, we know BFH to be an agency, strongly committed to supporting improvements in the area of early childhood and will reflect that commitment in their role as an approval agency for continuing education for social workers. Please approve their request to function in this capacity.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda B. Sharp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brenda B. Sharp, Program
EarlySteps

**American
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for Suicide
Prevention**

July 19, 2022

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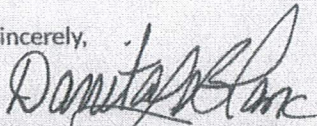
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The Louisiana Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP-LA) strongly supports the application of Michelle Duplantier of the Louisiana Department of Health/Office of Public Health (LDH/OPH) to continue to be an approver for social work continuing education units on behalf of the Board.

The mission of the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Office of Public Health (OPH) is to protect and promote the health and wellness of all individuals and communities in Louisiana. This is accomplished through education, promotion of healthy lifestyles, preventing disease and injury, enforcing regulations that protect the environment, sharing vital information and assuring preventive services to uninsured and underserved individuals and families. Office of Public Health (OPH) has significant impact on health outcomes through programs such as the maternal and infant child visiting program, children special health services, genetic disease program, and youth and violence prevention program.

I believe Ms. Duplantier will faithfully adhere to the rules and standards of our Social Work Practice Act in approving continuing education units for social workers as she has done for the last three years. AFSP-LA wholeheartedly supports her application to be re-appointed to approve continuing education units on behalf of the Board for the Office of Public Health.

Sincerely,



Danita LeBlanc, LCSW-BACS
Board President
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
Louisiana Chapter



REC'D AUG 04 2022

TO:

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

DATE:

8/2/2022



18550 Highland Road, Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Hello!

Please accept this application to be granted authority to be a Continuing Education Approval Organization. We have included the application form and the requested three letters of reference.

Please contact us if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully,

Susan Shaffette

Founder & CEO



Phone

(985) 624 - 3514



Email

susan@teamdynamicsweb.com



Address

2444 Rue Weller, Mandeville, LA

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

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Section A: Organizational Information

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Sharon Delvisco, DSW, LMSW
Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential
Director of Special Projects
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- Describe time limit set for making a decision on an educational offering's suitability:
Only LABSWE Continuing Education Approval Applications will be accepted for review by Team Dynamics, LLC. Once received with accompanying documentation applications will be reviewed to determine if it meets all standards and guidelines established by LABSWE for continuing education. If approved applicants will be notified within 30 days of review.

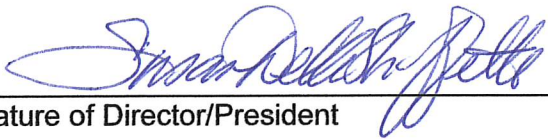
As each organization is structured and staffed differently, organizations shall determine their own fees, if any, charged for these services.

- Describe fees agency will charge to process Continuing Education Applications:
- Team Dynamics, LLC will charge \$100 for review of applications received.

Section D: Authority

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Signature of Director/President _____ Date 8/1/2022

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University of
LOUISIANA
At Monroe

College of Business and Social Sciences
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Phone: 318.342.1105.

July 25, 2022

To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to offer the highest recommendation for Team Dynamics, LLC and the Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization.

The Louisiana Child Welfare Training Academy has a long history of effectively collaborating with staff members from Team Dynamics, LLC for the development and implementation of training opportunities which have been approved for continued education units for the Social Work field as a discipline. It is my belief that Dr. Sharon Delvisco with Team Dynamics, LLC has the skills and expertise necessary to review and approve applications for social work continuing education units.

Sincerely



Dr. Anissa Horne-LCSW- BACS



July 28, 2022

To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to offer the highest recommendation for Team Dynamics, LLC in their application as a Continuing Education Approval Organization for social work credits. As a Southeastern Social Work faculty member and Principal Investigator for the Louisiana Child Welfare Training Academy, I am very familiar with the criteria for sponsoring organizations.

The Louisiana Child Welfare Training Academy has a long history of effectively collaborating with Team Dynamics, LLC for the development and implementation of training opportunities which have been approved for continued education units for Social Workers as well as other professionals, such as attorneys. I have worked closely with their social worker, Dr. Sharon Delvisco, who has the skills and expertise necessary to review and approve applications for social work continuing education units. I am confident she will review training content for appropriateness and contribution to the educational development of professional social workers in Louisiana.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if further information is needed.

Sincerely,

Corie G. Hebert, Ph.D., LMSW
Associate Professor/ Child Welfare Program Coordinator



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July 22, 2022

To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to offer the highest recommendation for Team Dynamics, LLC and the Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization.

The Louisiana Child Welfare Training Academy has a long history of effectively collaborating with staff members from Team Dynamics, LLC for the development and implementation of training opportunities which have been approved for continued education units for the Social Work field as a discipline. It is my belief that Dr. Sharon Delvisco with Team Dynamics, LLC has the skills and expertise necessary to review and approve applications for social work continuing education units.

Sincerely,

Andrea Black, BSW, RSW
Title IV-E Child Welfare Coordinator

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

REC'D JUL 26 2022

Section A: Organizational Information

Crayton Counseling and Consulting

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Suzette Crayton Gutter; Doctorate & Master of Social work (DSW/MSW); LCSW

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- Describe time limit set for making a decision on an educational offering's suitability:

The timeline will be 2 weeks after receiving application to make a decision.

As each organization is structured and staffed differently, organizations shall determine their own fees, if any, charged for these services.

- Describe fees agency will charge to process Continuing Education Applications:

The agency will charge \$60.⁰⁰ for the service.

Section D: Authority

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Brenda Austin
Easterseals/Early Steps
1103 Hudson Lane, Ste. 3
Monroe, LA 71201

June 24, 2022

To Whom it May Concern,

I recommend that Crayton Counseling and Consulting be approved to continue to be an approval agency for CEU's. It is beneficial having a local agency that can approve continuation hours. The agency also offers continuing educational hours.

Dr. Suzette Gutter, owner, and practitioner, offers several CEU opportunities throughout the year. She is a dynamic presenter and offer topics that are relevant, especially regarding mental health. I have attended several trainings in which Dr. Gutter has presented. She is always knowledgeable about the content and is an excellent speaker. Her trainings are also affordable and usually offered on a Saturday which is helpful (not having to miss work to attend). I look forward to attending additional trainings in the future.

Sincerely,


Brenda Austin, RSW 8939



May 3, 2022

RE: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Greetings,

It is with great pleasure that I submit this letter of recommendation on behalf of Dr. Suzette Gutter, LCSW for continued accreditation as a CEU provider for social workers. I have had the honor of knowing Dr. Gutter professionally and personally for approximately 4 years.

Dr. Gutter has been a mentor to me in the field of social work over years and was a major factor in my decision to become a social worker. I have attended numerous training sessions that she conducted. Her training provides insight and understanding into the different dynamics of the field. Her training style is captivating and interactive which makes for an enjoyable learning experience. She ensures that everyone has a thorough understanding of the information presented and how to implement the knowledge in their area of practice.

Dr. Gutter's CEU training sessions were vital in assisting me in understanding the information I was learning during my graduate course study and while I studied for LMSW licensure. Again, it is with great honor and pleasure that I submit this letter of recommendation on her behalf.

Sincerely,

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To: Louisiana State Board of Social Work
Attn: Continuing Education Committee
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Date: April 28, 2022

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To Whom It May Concern:

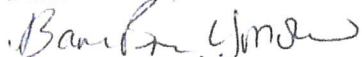
I am writing in enthusiastic support of Dr. Suzette Gutter for maintaining her certification with providing CEU workshops aligned with Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners. I have known Ms. Gutter since 2019 as she was my intern supervisor at Cypress Grove Behavioral Health Hospital in Bastrop, LA. During that time, she exhibited professionalism, commitment, positivism, and cultural competency that I keenly admired while learning many therapeutic interventions for such a diverse population. Ms. Gutter was easy to learn from, and I admired the faith she had in me to perform as a student social worker.

I am a faithful attendee with Ms. Gutter's CEU workshops. She engages her learners with illustrations, verbal feedback, and enrichment. As a social worker who has experience with group learning, it is not always easy to engage a diversified group; I admire Ms. Suzette's ability to create a unique and comfortable learning environment for learners to engage with. Although Ms. Gutter and I no longer work with the same employer, she consistently welcomes any questions about the social work practice that I may have as I continue to grow and continue my social work profession.

I am currently working on my Doctorate in Social Work. Ms. Gutter's knowledge with doctoral learning has allowed me to confidently consider her as my mentor. Allowing Ms. Gutter to continue with the certification to provide CEU workshops will not only allow other social workers to learn from her. It will also benefit the Louisiana State Board of Social Work with maintaining a creative, experienced, and educated professional who remains to be committed to giving back to the social work community.

Sincerely,

Barron Brown, LMSW



Social Work

From: LABSWE Complaints
Sent: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 10:10 AM
To: Social Work
Subject: Complaint Us Form Submitted

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Last Name: Landry

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Question:

Hello,

My name is Richard C. Landry. I am an LCSW from Lafayette, LA and have been retired from active social work for almost six years. Since I have no plans to engage in active practice in the future, I have decided not to renew my license and allow it to lapse. Toward this end, I do have two questions:

---Should in the future, I be considered for board membership for a non-profit agency or the local Human Services District, would this board membership be allowed without an active license? Please note that in this position there would be no client/patient contact, and would not be a supervisory position over a direct service practitioner.

---When an LCSW license lapses, is the former licensee allowed to sign general correspondence as, "LCSW(ret.)", or is "MSW(ret.)" more appropriate?

Thank you very much. I await your response.

Social Work

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 4:24 PM
To: Social Work
Subject: Scope of Practice for an MSW, RSW

Can you tell me if it's in the Scope of Practice for an MSW, RSW to complete a Psychosocial Assessment in an agency setting, working as part of a multidisciplinary team under the direction of a psychiatrist? Direct Supervisor is an LCSW. The Psychosocial Assessment in this setting consists of social history questions and then general treatment recommendations (not a treatment plan) based on identified stressors/problems. The MSW, RSW is not responsible for carrying out the treatment recommendations.

Thank You

Tyra Dodd, LCSW

Social Work

From: LABSWE Complaints
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 1:53 PM
To: Social Work
Subject: Contact Us Form Submitted

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Last Name: Harper
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Question:

Title 46 states that LMSWs and CSWs rendering clinical services considered psychotherapy have to be supervised by an LCSW. Below are some questions that I have to help clarify what constitutes psychotherapy as opposed to counseling.

1. In the school setting, what services constitute psychotherapy and require LCSW supervision?
 - Specifically, are suicide and other threat assessments considered psychotherapy since they are brief and do not involve an established, maintained and sustained therapeutic relationship?
 - Are ongoing individual or group sessions that involve teaching of social skills, emotional regulation, anger management etc. considered to meet the definition of psychotherapy?
 - Is it considered providing psychotherapy when a social worker periodically/sporadically (not formally scheduled on a weekly/monthly basis) meets with a student to address temporary behavioral meltdowns or emotional issues?
2. What are some examples of services school social workers with an LMSW or CSW could provide without requiring supervision from an LCSW? For example classroom observations, student interviews to develop data for an FBA/BIP, testing a student for sped exceptionalities, etc.
3. Title 46 definition of psychotherapy states the "application of a diagnosis" is a required component. We as school social workers do not "apply a diagnosis" (or give a DSM-V diagnosis) as part of our provision of our services. Does this differentiate our services to be considered only "counseling" and as opposed to "psychotherapy"? Even in situations where we have an ongoing therapeutic relationship with a student to help him/her problem solve and/or make decisions, we don't provide a diagnosis as required in the psychotherapy definition.
4. What are some examples of assessments that LMSWs or CSWs can provide without LCSW supervision?
5. What are some specific examples of what would be considered psychotherapy in the school setting?

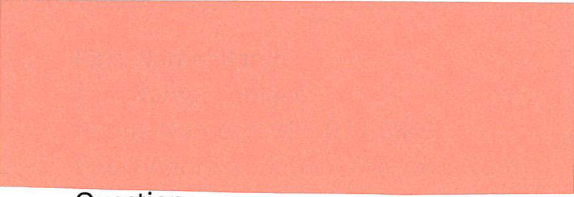
Thank you for your feedback and clarification.

-Kelly Harper, LCSW
School Social Worker
West Carroll Parish Schools

Social Work

Randi LeBlanc

From: LABSWE Complaints
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 10:21 AM
To: Social Work
Subject: Contact Us Form Submitted



Question:
Hello,

I have been with my agency for 12 years. Unfortunately, due to significant life changes I'm going to be leaving this company to work elsewhere. When I leave, my specific location will be without a behavioral health provider. We are struggling to keep providers and our patients have had to switch up and start over several times. I'd like to provide my patients with a resource list before I leave. I plan to include my company's additional clinics/providers, other community providers I trust/have heard positive things about, and of course where I will be moving to. I will make it clear they do not have to stay with me and that I want them to select whatever provider/location suits their needs best. Due to witnessing how my agency has coped with other providers leaving, I'm concerned they will be angry if I follow through with this plan, attempt to keep me from doing it, or may even attempt to retaliate against me (I hope not, but unfortunately I can't rule that out). I'm not aware of ever signing an agreement that said I could not provide my patients with the right to choose in the case that I leave or they express wanting to find a different provider on their own. I wanted to verify with you, as the board, that I am within my ethical right to do so out of concern for the patients' ongoing care, especially if no agency agreement stating otherwise was signed.