

## Emily DeAngelo

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**From:** Social Work  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 7, 2022 11:18 AM  
**To:** Emily DeAngelo  
**Subject:** FW: Contact Us Form Submitted

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

From: LABSWE Complaints <FileComplaint@labswe.org>  
Sent: Monday, September 5, 2022 11:14 AM  
To: Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>  
Subject: Contact Us Form Submitted

First Name: Charlotte

Last Name: Butler

Phone Number: (301) 242-8858

Email Address: cbutler@socialwork@gmail.com

Question:

I am providing therapy to a 35 yr old man who was molested by his priest when he was 9 yrs old. The client told his parents immediately, they confronted the priest and protected the child. However, no report was made on the priest. The priest is now deceased. I am not sure what state the client lived in when the abuse occurred. I was told about a register to report clergy abuse even if the perpetrator is dead. Are LCSWs mandated reporters to this registry and if so, how is the register located. Can this be done without the clients permission? Thank you!







Patricia Mann, LCSW, BACS, C-SSWS  
1836 Avondale Dr.

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September 9, 2022

Dear LABSWE Board,


We are asking the Board to consider changing the collection period for Continuing Education Units to allow August to be the swing month which can count as the last month of the current collection period OR be the first month of the collection period for the following year. Previously, June served as a swing month where CEUs could count for either the previous or coming year. A renewal letter was sent during the summer stating that: "The new collection period will begin on September 1, 2022, and end on August 31, 2023." The change in the collection period was not carefully read by many of the 19 social workers employed by Pupil Appraisal Services of the East Baton Rouge School System. After being off for the summer, we return to work at the end of July. August is our slowest month as schools are just getting started. Many of us started collecting CEUs in August thinking that it was a swing month as had previously been the case with the month of June. Some among us paid hundreds of dollars for CEU seminars in August. I, myself, obtained 13 hours of CEUs in the month of August and was able to enter these credits into Certemy with no indication that these credits were not allowed in the collection period for 2022-2023.

We also have questions on how this change in the time frame for collection of hours was promulgated. We understand the Board has "authority to establish and promulgate continuing education requirements" per section 2714 of the Social Work Practice Act and we support you doing so. However, although the Board website relies on changes to the Practice Act in January 2022 to make the September-August time frame change, we could not identify where Act 215 altered the time frame that was previously promulgated by the Board and remains in LAC Title 45, Part XXV. Section

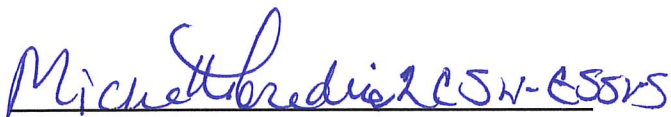
317F: "The collection period for continuing education hours is July 1, through June 30 of each fiscal year." We note that the rules on the Board website still show the July-June time frame and our search of the Louisiana Administrative Code on the state website maintained by the Division of Administration also indicates a July-June time frame to collect continuing education hours (Louisiana Administrative Code-Louisiana Division of Administration (la.gov)). Our search of the Louisiana Register could not identify any rule promulgated in 2022 that would change the current rule. Also, our search of the Board minutes for 2022 could not find action taken on this. We recognize we could have missed something, so please advise when the new rule was promulgated in the Louisiana Register.

In light of the above, we hope the Board can exercise its discretion under Section 2714.G of the Social Work Practice Act to allow continuing education hours gained during August (if not previously used) to be valid for the previous OR the next renewal period. If the purpose of continuing education is to keep the public safe and competently served by professional social workers, then consideration is asked for motivated social workers who started collecting CEUs at what was thought to be an acceptable collection period. Please make a change to the collection period allowing August to be a swing month.

We ask that this concern be presented to the LABSWE Board as an agenda item at the 9/23/22 board meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact me if further information is needed. I look forward to your response.

  
Patricia R. Mann, LCSW, BACS, C-SSWS  
School Social Worker

, LCSW

  
Michelle Breddius, LCSW-SSWS

, LCSW



Senesha Walker-Lee, LSW, C-SSWS Valerie Hunter, LSW/BACS

Diana Moretto, LCSW

Ang Jordan, MSW, LCSW, C-SSWS

Nadia Smith, LCSW

Ron L. Smith, LMSW

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Gladys Gibbs, LCSW

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Larsha Dnab, LMSW

Veronica Duggan, LMSW, C-SSWS







**Emily DeAngelo**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 8, 2022 7:12 PM  
**To:** Emily DeAngelo  
**Subject:** BACS  
**Attachments:** Diana\_Barnes Clinical Supervision.pdf

Hello,

My name is Diana Barnes, LCSW. I am writing to inquire about obtaining the BACS credential. I passed the clinical exam October 20, 2020, and have been promoted to a lead position at my place of employment. In desire to be prepared for the new position, July 25, 2022 - July 26, 2022, I completed a 2-Day Intensive Course: Clinical Supervision: Providing Effective Supervision, Navigating Ethical Issues and Managing Risk. I tested and received a certificate of successful completion. Due to the promotion, I am respectfully asking at this time to be allowed to receive the BACS credential with the successfully completed 2-Day course, or with another course approved by the board.

Sincerely,  
Diana Barnes

\*Would hold the LCSW for 3 years on 10/21/2023



# Certificate of Successful Completion



## Certificate of Successful Completion

### 2-Day Intensive Course: Clinical Supervision: Providing Effective Supervision, Navigating Ethical Issues and Managing Risk

**Speaker(s):** George Haarman, PsyD, LMFT

**Date:** Jul 25, 2022-Jul 26, 2022

**Delivery Method:** Online Course - Fully Interactive

**Participant Name:** Diana Barnes

**License Number:** 9782

Participant has completed the above-referenced educational activity in its entirety or as indicated below.

This certificate provides sponsor verification of individual attendance and may be used for your records or for any licensing not listed below. We maintain attendance records for 7 years.

CE Information is based on 100% attendance.

#### Social Workers (NASW)

This live remote program is approved by the National Association of Social Workers (Approval #886759332-2597) for 12.5 continuing education contact hours in Social Work.

#### DISCLAIMERS

\*\*Information obtained in this course should be used within your scope of practice.

\*\*It is your ethical responsibility to report accurate hours to your licensing board.

\*\*All on-line participants must complete and pass (80% or better) a post-test/evaluation prior to receiving a certificate of completion. If you require a copy of the test/evaluation for CE purposes, please print at the time you take the test. Or you may call our customer service department and a copy of your test/evaluation will be emailed to you. Please allow 30-45 days.

*Deana L. Cantley*

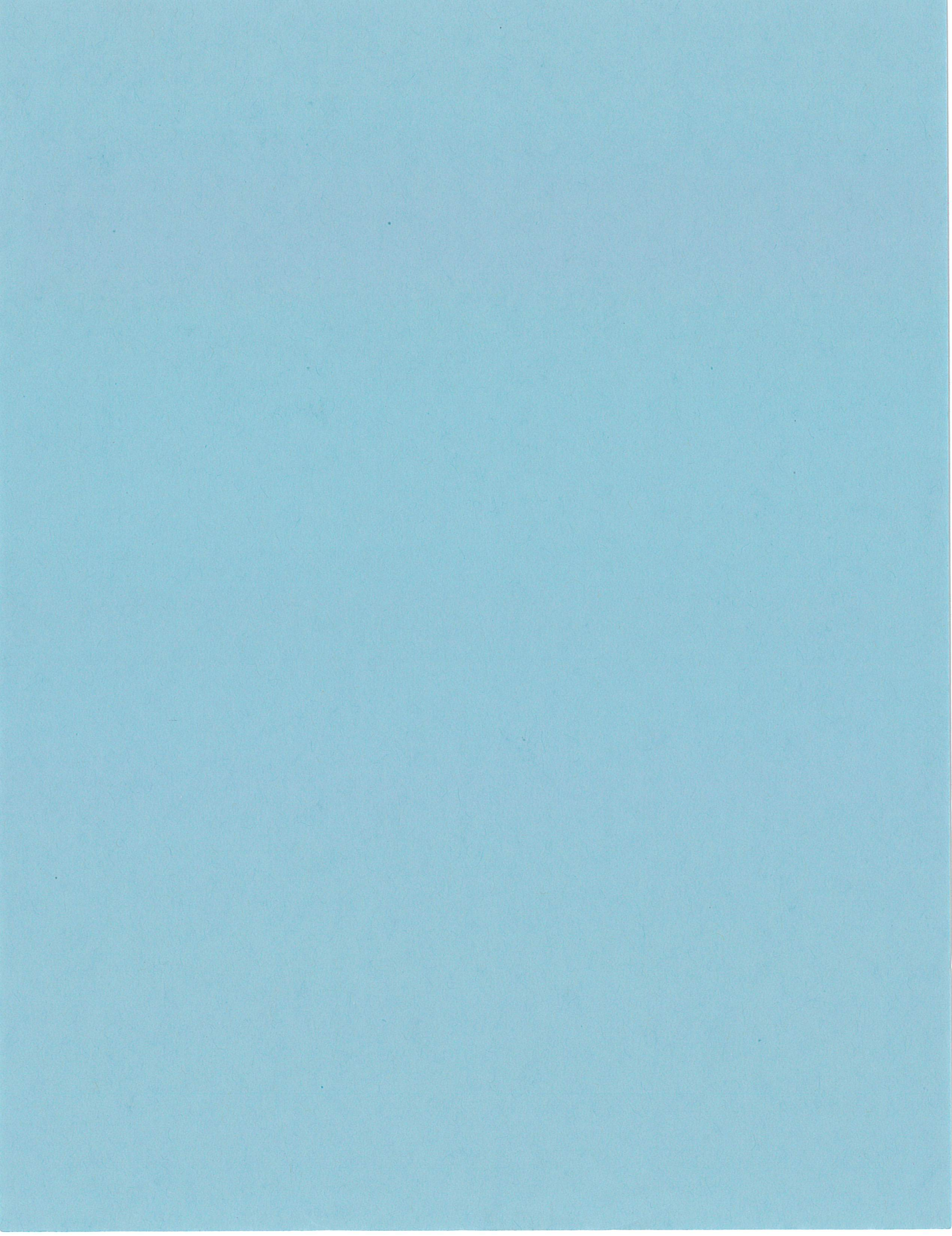
Deana L. Cantley, Continuing Education Administrator & Post-Reporting Lead

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September 15, 2022

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

Dear Louisiana Board of Social Work:

Hello, I am wondering if you can review the following questions and provide counsel. I truly appreciate your time and counsel. First, I am confused regarding the scope of providing volunteer services as a social worker. For example, if I were to volunteer with Catholic Charities to help people affected by Hurricane Ida fill out paperwork so then they can be linked with a case worker - is that against the Practice Act? Or if I were to volunteer for a crisis pregnancy hotline, is that in violation? Is there a way to determine whether in volunteering we are utilizing our social work education/experiences, that is therefore in violation of the Practice Act, or our personal inclinations to help others?

Second, I am a parishioner of a local church and I have been informed of a need for social work assistance at the church I attend as well as a few churches in the area. I most certainly want to keep in line with the Practice Act and ethical duty of not putting myself in un-needed dual relationships but also have a personal commitment to my faith to serve others and believe my social work services can be utilized amongst the community. Regarding the Practice Act, I have been told that as an LMSW I cannot volunteer services as a social worker, therefore I would need to receive payment from these churches. Am I understanding this correctly? Would another form of payment for the churches to pay for supervision? That way I am being supervised by a BACS- LCSW to provide guidance, insight, and I am not volunteering?

Second, as far as the population: As of this moment I am trying to connect with two other churches to inquire about their need for social work outreach. The information I have presently is for the church I do attend. Most of the people who inquire for assistance do not attend the church itself, however, there are some that do which could lend itself to a dual relationship. (Examples of recent inquiries have



been regarding financial assistance for bills and groceries, temporary housing, a domestic violence situation and seeking school supplies). The pastor and office staff are doing their best to handle these situations but do not always know how to. In all transparency, I am not an expert in community outreach so it would be a learning curve for myself. But I, along with my pastor, see the incredible value of my social work education aligned with my faith that is driving me to help in the community.

In conclusion, if this work is pursuable, is there anyone or any groups that you could recommend I can be in contact with for further counsel? Or do you have any other insights, cautions, recommendations, etc.?

Thank you for your time and assistance.

In service,

Erin P. (McCafferty) Robert, LMSW







Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

Section A: Organizational Information

Louisiana Healthcare Connections

Name of Organization		
Ashtyn Morris, MSN, RN		
Name of Director/President		
4171 Essen Lane, 2nd Floor Baton Rouge, LA 70809		
Mailing Address	City/State	Zip
4171 Essen Lane, 2nd Floor Baton Rouge, LA 70809		
Physical Address (if different from above)	City/State	Zip
225 / 317-2864		
Telephone	Fax	
ashtyn.l.morris@louisianahealthconnect.com	www.louisianahealthconnect.com	
Email Address	Website	

Organization applying for *Continuing Education Approval Organization* status must have a significant and continual affiliation with the social work profession. Please indicate that which applies:

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

Organization applying for *Continuing Education Approval Organization* must have three (3) letters of references from any combination of the following:

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

Section B: Continuing Education Program

Review and approval of continuing education applications from continuing education providers must be completed by a credentialed social worker. Identify the social worker assigned to administer this process for the organization.

Justin T. Guy, MSW, LCSW-BACS		
Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential		
Supervisor, Case Management		
Relationship to Organization		
4171 Essen Lane, 2nd Floor Baton Rouge, LA 70809		
Mailing Address	City/State	Zip
4171 Essen Lane, 2nd Floor Baton Rouge, LA 70809		
Physical Address (if different from above)	City/State	Zip
225 / 317-0079		
Telephone	Fax	
justin.t.guy@louisianahealthconnect.com		
Email Address		

## **Section C: Approval Guidelines, Process and Agreement**

Protocol for receiving request for approval from education presenters:

- Organization will provide LABSWE Continuing Education Approval Application to education presenters upon request.
- LABSWE Continuing Education Approval Application may be mailed, faxed, sent electronically and/or published on Organization website.
- Organization will accept only LABSWE Continuing Education Approval Applications, completed in its entirety and accompanied by required documentation.

Process by which Organization will study and assess the proposed education offering:

- 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:

The time limit for review and decision making of submitted proposal will be 10 business days.

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:

We will not charge any fees for processing 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.

*Ashtyn Marrio*

Signature of Director/President

*7/21/22*

Date

Submit completed and signed application, along with three (3) reference letters, to:

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

For LABSWE office use only:

Application Received \_\_\_\_\_ Application Reviewed \_\_\_\_\_ Application Approved/Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Approval Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Revised 5/16



S. Brandon Reeves, LCSW-BACS

16047 Hickory Knoll Ave. Baton Rouge, LA 70810 | 225-266-3742 | breeveslsss@gmail.com

**July 21, 2022**

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
18550 Highland Rd. Ste. B  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

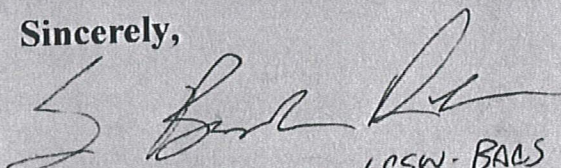
**Dear Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners:**

It is my pleasure to write in recommendation of Louisiana Healthcare Connections (LHCC) as a Continuing Education Approval Organization. I have been able to see the professionalism with which LHCC carries out its responsibilities across the state and have no doubt they will bring this same level of professionalism to the task of approving appropriate CEs for professional social workers.

As a state contracted Medicaid Managed Care Organization, LHCC employs many professional social workers in various roles from direct member/patient contact to administrative and management roles. The values of social work are evident in the organization and being able to provide approved CEs for social work staff will improve the staff's ability to serve the citizens of Louisiana more effectively.

I encourage approval of Louisiana Healthcare Connections application as a Continuing Education Approval Organization. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

**Sincerely,**

  
S. Brandon Reeves, LCSW-BACS #4193



July 21, 2022

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
1850 Highland Road, Suite B  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Dear Board,

I am writing this letter in support of the resolution for Louisiana Health Care Connection (LHCC) to become a LABSW pre-approved continuing education provider.

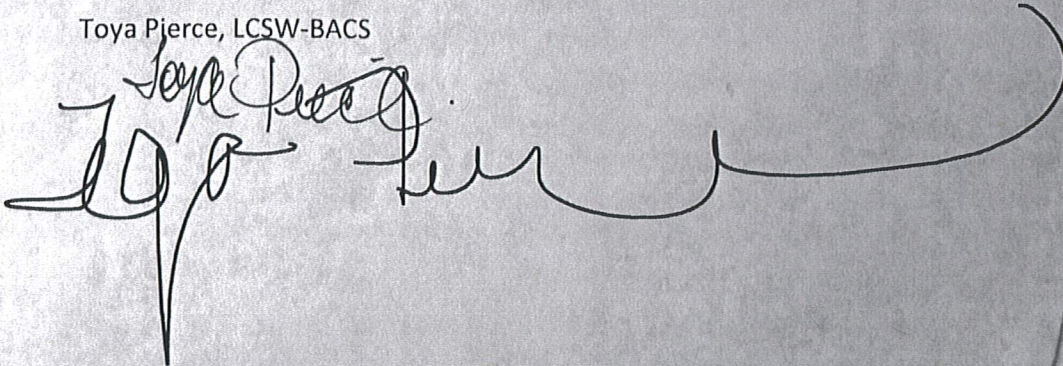
LHCC is the largest Medicaid health plan which manages state contracts for Health/Behavioral health in the State of Louisiana. It serves more than 540,000 Medicaid enrollee's and 39,000 healthcare providers statewide. Its mission is to transform Louisiana's health, one person at a time by providing access to affordable health care, addressing gaps health equity, and removing barriers to receiving services.

LHCC is committed to employing workers in the great state of Louisiana and actively recruits Social Workers all over the state. LHCC is dedicated to empowering its employees and community providers with the tools and resources they require to be successful. With becoming a continuing education provider, LHCC would be able to provide employees and community partners access to continuing education to optimally take care of its members and communities.

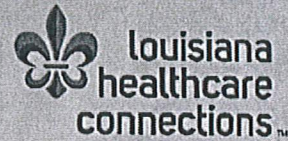
I urge Louisiana Board of Social Work to approve the resolution. I strongly believe that LHCC will provide quality continuing education training that will enhance learning for Social Workers in our community. Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,

Toya Pierce, LCSW-BACS







July 20 2022

**Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners**  
**1850 Highland Road, Suite B**  
**Baton Rouge, LA 70809**  
**Tarsha D. White, LCSW, BACS, Ph.D**

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Louisiana Health Care Connections (LHCC) to become a LABSWE pre-approved continuing education provider.

LHCC is the largest Medicaid health plan which manages state contracts for Health/Behavioral health in the State of Louisiana. It serves more than 540,000 Medicaid enrollee's and 39,000 healthcare providers statewide. Its mission is to transform Louisiana's health, one person at a time by providing access to affordable health care, addressing gaps health equity, and removing barriers to receiving services.

In addition to being stewards of its members, workplace wellness is their top priority. Through rigorous leadership, thoughtful education, and meaningful innovation, LHCC is committed to increase opportunities for its employees, by providing opportunities for company growth, financial education support, and continuing education.

LHCC is dedicated to empowering its employees and community providers with the tools and resources they require to be successful. With becoming a continuing education provider, LHCC would be able to provide employees and community partners access to continuing education to optimally take care of its members and communities.

Please take this opportunity to approve LHCC as a sponsoring organization for social work continuing education opportunities.

Sincerely,

Tarsha D. White, LCSW, BACS, Ph.D.







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This to Polly Thomas, Hse Rep. Dist 80  
# Labswr in B.R. Soc. WKK Licensing  
Board  
Emily Deangelo  
HB 449  
2020 Regular Session  
"Enrolled" ACT No. 191  
(see Pam COSW)

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**ACT No. 191**

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 449

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS AND SENATOR BARROW

FX \_\_\_\_\_ LABSWE  
18850 Highland Rd. BR 70809  
Could someone employed (?) by LABSWE  
advise me as to what the Board has done  
to integrate (?) this legislation into SW practice  
Regulation. Thanks, Joseph Carr

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:53(B)(1) and R.S. 40:1223.3(6) and 2153(1) and to enact R.S.  
40:2153(16) and 2156(B)(16), relative to behavioral health services; to provide  
relative to delivery of such services through telehealth; to provide for psychiatric  
mental health nurse practitioners; to provide for definitions; to provide for regulation  
of behavioral health services providers by the Louisiana Department of Health; to  
provide for administrative rulemaking by the department relative to behavioral health  
services; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 28:53(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§53. Admission by emergency certificate; extension; payment for services rendered

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B.(1) Any physician licensed or permitted by the Louisiana State Board of  
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9 professional who can adequately and accurately assist with obtaining any necessary  
10 information including but not limited to the information listed in Paragraph (4) of  
11 this Subsection shall be in the examination room with the patient at the time of the  
12 video conference. A patient examined in such a manner shall be medically cleared  
13 prior to admission to a mental health treatment facility. Failure to conduct an  
14 examination prior to the execution of the certificate will be evidence of gross  
15 negligence.

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17 Section 2. R.S. 40:1223.3(6) and 2153(1) are hereby amended and reenacted and  
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19 §1223.3. Definitions

20 \* \* \*

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22 including behavioral health services, that utilizes information and communication  
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2020 Regular Session

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27 self-management and caregiver support for patients and includes synchronous  
28 interactions and asynchronous store and forward transfers.



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(16) Delivery of behavioral health services through telehealth.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

**RS 40:1223.3****§1223.3. Definitions**

(1) "Asynchronous store and forward transfer" means the transmission of a patient's medical information from an originating site to the provider at the distant site without the patient being present.

(2) "Distant site" means the site at which the healthcare provider delivering the service is located at the time the service is provided via a telecommunications system.

(3) "Healthcare provider" means a person, partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, corporation, facility, or institution licensed or certified by this state to provide healthcare or professional services as a physician assistant, hospital, nursing home, dentist, registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, licensed dietitian or nutritionist, licensed practical nurse, certified nurse assistant, offshore health service provider, ambulance service, licensed midwife, pharmacist, speech-language pathologist, audiologist, optometrist, podiatrist, chiropractor, physical therapist, occupational therapist, certified or licensed athletic trainer, psychologist, medical psychologist, social worker, licensed professional counselor, licensed perfusionist, licensed respiratory therapist, licensed radiologic technologist, licensed hearing aid dealer, or licensed clinical laboratory scientist.

(4) "Originating site" means the location of the patient at the time the service is furnished via a telecommunications system or when the asynchronous store and forward transfer occurs.

(5) "Synchronous interaction" means communication through interactive technology that enables a healthcare provider and a patient at two locations separated by distance to interact via two-way video and audio transmissions simultaneously. The healthcare provider may utilize interactive audio without the requirement of video if, after access and review of the patient's medical records, the provider determines that he is able to meet the same standard of care as if the healthcare services were provided in person.

(6)(a) "Telehealth" means healthcare services, including behavioral health services, provided by a healthcare provider, as defined in this Section, to a person through the use of electronic communications, information technology, asynchronous store-and-forward transfer technology, or synchronous interaction between a provider at a distant site and a patient at an originating site, including but not limited to assessment of, diagnosis of, consultation with, treatment of, and remote monitoring of a patient, and transfer of medical data. The term "telehealth" shall not include any of the following:

(i) Electronic mail messages and text messages that are not compliant with applicable requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1320d et seq.

(ii) Facsimile transmissions.

(b) For purposes of this Paragraph, "behavioral health services" means those services as defined in R.S. 40:2153 that are appropriate for the patient and delivered by a licensed mental health professional, acting within the scope of applicable state laws and his professional license for services identified by Louisiana Department of Health, to treat mental illness or substance use.

Acts 2014, No. 442, §2; Redesignated from R.S. 40:1300.403 by HCR 84 of 2015 R.S.; Acts 2016, No. 417, §1; Acts 2016, No. 630, §2, eff. June 17, 2016; Acts 2020, No. 191, §2; Acts 2021, No. 92, §2; Acts 2021, No. 266, §2.



#### PART IV-A. LICENSING OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDERS

##### §2151. Short title

This Part may be cited as the "Behavioral Health Services Provider Licensing Law".  
Acts 2013, No. 308, §1, eff. June 17, 2013.

##### §2152. Purpose

The purpose of this Part is to authorize the Louisiana Department of Health to promulgate and publish rules and regulations to provide for integrated behavioral health services under one license, to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of persons receiving behavioral health services, and to provide for the safe operation and maintenance of providers and facilities providing such care.

Acts 2013, No. 308, §1, eff. June 17, 2013.

##### §2153. Definitions

For the purposes of this Part, and subject to the provisions of R.S. 40:2154, unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Behavioral health services" means mental health services, substance abuse/addiction treatment services, or a combination of such services, for adults and children. Behavioral health services may be provided, subject to rules and regulations of the Louisiana Department of Health, in a residential setting, in a clinic setting on an outpatient basis, in a home or community setting, or through telehealth.

(2) "Behavioral health services provider" means a facility, agency, institution, person, society, corporation, partnership, unincorporated association, group, or other legal entity that provides behavioral health services and that presents itself to the public as a provider of behavioral health services.

(3) "Client" means any person who has been accepted for treatment or services, including rehabilitation services, furnished by a provider licensed pursuant to this Part.

(4) "Department" means the Louisiana Department of Health or any office or agency thereof designated by the secretary to administer the provisions of this Part.

(5) "FDA" means the Food and Drug Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

(6) "Financial viability" means the provider or facility seeking licensure is able to provide verification and continuous maintenance of all of the following:

(a) A line of credit issued from a federally insured, licensed lending institution in the amount of at least fifty thousand dollars.

(b) General and professional liability insurance of at least five hundred thousand dollars.

(c) Workers' compensation insurance.

(7) "License" means a license issued by the department to a behavioral health services provider.

(8) "Licensed Mental Health Professional (LMHP)" means an individual who is currently licensed and in good standing in the state of Louisiana to practice within the scope of all applicable state laws, practice acts, and the individual's professional license, as one of the following:

(a) Medical psychologist.

(b) Licensed psychologist.

(c) Licensed clinical social worker (LCSW).

(d) Licensed professional counselor (LPC).

- (e) Licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT).
  - (f) Licensed addiction counselor (LAC).
  - (g) Licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN).
  - (h) Licensed rehabilitation counselor (LRC).
  - (9) "Mental health service" means a service related to the screening, diagnosis, management, or treatment of a mental disorder, mental illness, or other psychological or psychiatric condition or problem.
  - (10) "Outpatient services" means behavioral health services offered in an accessible nonresidential setting to clients whose physical and emotional status allows them to function in their usual environment.
  - (11) "Physician" means an individual who is currently licensed and in good standing in the state of Louisiana to practice medicine in Louisiana and who is acting within the scope of all applicable state laws and the individual's professional license.
  - (12) "Physician assistant" means an individual who is currently approved and licensed by and in good standing with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to perform medical services under the supervision of a physician or group of physicians who are licensed by and registered with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to supervise a physician assistant, and who is acting within the scope of all applicable state laws and the individual's professional license.
  - (13) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.
  - (14) "Standards" means policies, procedures, rules, and other guidelines or standards of current practice contained in this Part, in addition to those rules and standards promulgated by the department for the licensing and operation of behavioral health service providers.
  - (15) "Substance abuse/addiction treatment service" means a service related to the screening, diagnosis, management, or treatment for the abuse of or addiction to controlled dangerous substances, drugs or inhalants, alcohol, problem gambling, or a combination thereof.
  - (16) "Telehealth" has the meaning ascribed in R.S. 40:1223.3.
- Acts 2013, No. 308, §1, eff. June 17, 2013; Acts 2019, No. 425, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2020; Acts 2020, No. 191, §2.
- §2154. Applicability
- A. The provisions of this Part shall not apply to the licensing of any of the following facilities or persons and shall not be construed as requiring any of the following facilities or persons to seek licensure as a behavioral health services provider:
- (1) Hospitals licensed under R.S. 40:2100 et seq.
  - (2) Crisis receiving centers licensed under R.S. 40:2180.11 et seq.
  - (3) Nursing homes licensed under R.S. 40:2009.3 et seq.
  - (4) Psychiatric residential treatment facilities or therapeutic group homes licensed under R.S. 40:2009.
  - (5) Facilities or services operated by the federal government.
  - (6) Federally qualified health centers certified by the federal government.
  - (7) Community mental health centers certified by the federal government.
  - (8) Home- and community-based service providers licensed under R.S. 40:2120.1 et seq.



(9) An individual Licensed Mental Health Professional (LMHP), whether incorporated or unincorporated, or a group practice of LMHPs, providing services under the auspices of and pursuant to the scope of the individual's license or group's licenses.

(10) An individual licensed physician, or a group of licensed physicians, providing services under the auspices of and pursuant to the scope of the individual's license or group's licenses.

(11) An individual licensed physician assistant, or a group practice of licensed physician assistants, providing services under the auspices of and pursuant to the scope of the individual's license or group's licenses.

(12)(a) School-based health clinics and centers that are certified by the Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health, and enrolled in the Louisiana Medicaid program.

(b) Local public school governing authorities, if such exemption is applicable to only school-based behavioral health services provided through the Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment program.

(13) A healthcare provider or entity solely providing case management or peer support services, or a combination thereof.

(14) Repealed by Acts 2017, No. 33, §2, eff. June 3, 2017.

(15) An individual licensed advanced practice registered nurse, or a group practice of licensed advanced practice registered nurses, providing services under the auspices of and pursuant to the scope of the individual's license or group's licenses.

(16) Rural health clinics licensed under R.S. 40:2197.

(17) Facilities or services operated by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, corrections services.

(18) Facilities or services operated for the sole purpose of providing substance abuse or mental health services to courts that are recognized and certified by the Louisiana Supreme Court as specialty courts.

NOTE: The implementation of Paragraph (A)(19), as enacted by Acts 2017, No. 417, §1, shall only become effective in the event a specific appropriation by the legislature is made for such purposes and the program receives approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. See Acts 2017, No. 417, §2.

(19) Community-based care facilities licensed pursuant to R.S. 40:2162.1 et seq.

B. Nothing in this Part shall be construed to authorize any person to provide behavioral health services unless the person is licensed, certified, registered or credentialed as provided in state law, and the services rendered are in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, professional training and ethical standards.

Acts 2013, No. 308, §1, eff. June 17, 2013; Acts 2015, No. 23, §1, eff. May 29, 2015; Acts 2016, No. 344, §1, eff. June 2, 2016; Acts 2017, No. 33, §2, eff. June 3, 2017; Acts 2017, No. 417, §1; Acts 2018, No. 206, §4; Acts 2019, No. 215, §1.

§2154.1. Accredited mental health rehabilitation providers; licensure required

A. Any healthcare provider that meets all of the following criteria is hereby required to obtain a license in accordance with the provisions of this Part prior to April 1, 2018, in order to provide behavioral health services:

(1) Was an accredited mental health rehabilitation provider enrolled in the Louisiana Medicaid program as of February 28, 2012.

(2) Was enrolled with the statewide management organization for the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership as of March 1, 2012.

(3) Maintains continuous, uninterrupted accreditation through an approved accreditation organization.

(4) Maintains continuous, uninterrupted enrollment with the statewide management organization for the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership.

B. Each healthcare provider required by the provisions of this Section to obtain a license shall submit a completed application to the department for such license on or before December 1, 2017.

Acts 2017, No. 33, §1, eff. June 3, 2017.

§2155. Licensure of behavioral health services providers

A. All behavioral health services providers shall be licensed. No facility, agency, institution, person, society, corporation, partnership, unincorporated association, group, or other legal entity providing behavioral health services may be established, operated, or reimbursed under the Medicaid program unless licensed as a behavioral health services provider to perform such care by the department.

B.(1) A license issued to a behavioral health services provider shall be valid for only one geographic location and shall be issued only for the person and premises named in the license application.

(2) The geographic service location for a public or private behavioral health services provider licensed pursuant to this Part shall be defined to include the parish in which the provider's business office is located, any parish contiguous to the parish in which the provider's business office is located, and any distance within a fifty mile radius of the provider's business office.

C. A license pursuant to this Part shall be valid for twelve months, beginning the month of issuance, unless revoked or otherwise suspended prior to that date.

D. A license issued pursuant to this Part shall be on a form prescribed by the department.

E. A license pursuant to this Part shall not be transferrable or assignable.

F. A license issued to a behavioral health services provider shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises.

G. A license issued to a behavioral health services provider shall list the types or modules of behavioral health services that the provider is licensed to provide.

Acts 2013, No. 308, §1, eff. June 17, 2013; Acts 2021, No. 372, §2.

§2156. Rules and regulations; licensing standards; fees

A. The department shall promulgate and publish rules, regulations, and licensing standards, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, to provide for the licensure of behavioral health services providers, to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of persons receiving care and services from providers, and to provide for the safe operation and maintenance of providers. The rules, regulations, and licensing standards shall become effective upon approval of the secretary of the department in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. The rules, regulations, and licensing standards shall have the effect of law.

B. The department shall prescribe, promulgate, and publish rules, regulations, and licensing standards for behavioral health services providers. The rules, regulations, and licensing standards shall include but are not limited to the following:

(1) Licensure application and renewal application forms, procedures, and requirements.

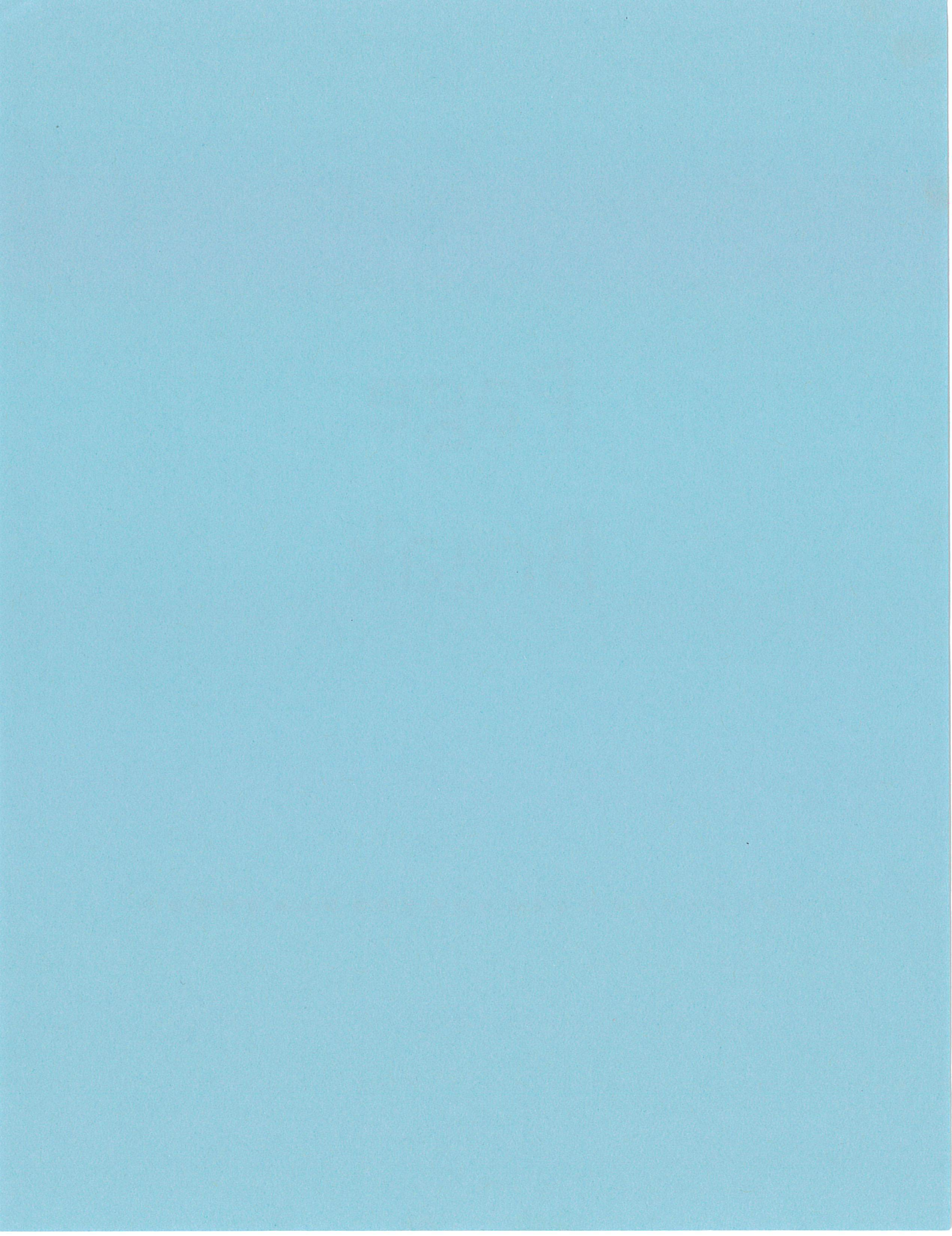


- (2) Operational and personnel requirements.
- (3) Practice standards to assure quality of care.
- (4) Practice standards to assure the health, safety, welfare, and comfort of persons receiving care and services.
- (5) Confidentiality of clients' records.
- (6) Treatment priorities, residential and outpatient criteria, and residential treatment program requirements including, without limitation, those provided in R.S. 40:2159.1.
- (7) Criteria and protocols to assure uniform and quality assessment, diagnosis, evaluation, and referral to appropriate level of care.
- (8) Survey and complaint investigations, including investigations into allegations that a provider is operating without a license.
- (9) Initial and annual renewal of license, including the requirement of providing verification and continuous maintenance of financial viability for all behavioral health services providers other than those owned by governmental entities.
- (10) Provisional licenses.
- (11) Denial, revocation, suspension, and nonrenewal of licenses, and the appeals therefrom.
- (12) Planning, construction, and design of the facility or provider to ensure the health, safety, welfare, and comfort of persons receiving care and services.
- (13) Modules of behavioral health services providers with varying levels or types of services. The modules for behavioral health services providers shall include at a minimum:
  - (a) Mental Health Services Module.
  - (b) Substance Abuse/Addiction Treatment Module.
- (14) Requirements for offsite or branch locations.
- (15) Other regulations or standards as will ensure proper care and treatment of persons receiving care and services, including provisions relative to civil monetary penalties, as may be deemed necessary for an effective administration of this Part.
- (16) Delivery of behavioral health services through telehealth.

C. The department shall have the authority to monitor, survey, and regulate mental health clinics and substance abuse/addiction treatment facilities under the existing licensing regulations for the programs until the department publishes minimum licensing standards for behavioral health services providers and the time for all existing licensed mental health clinics and substance abuse/addiction treatment facilities to apply for the behavioral health services provider license has expired.

Acts 2013, No. 308, §1, eff. June 17, 2013; Acts 2019, No. 425, §1, eff. Jan. 1, 2020; Acts 2020, No. 191, §2.







## Social Work

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**From:** Direne Johnson  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 1, 2022 11:55 AM  
**To:** Social Work  
**Subject:** Client Question

I am in private practice and have a potential child that is in DCFS custody and there is a CASA volunteer. CASA informed me that with the court order they can look and copy my record on the child without DCFS approval. I am fairly new to private practice after working for DCFS for over 30 years and want to make sure I am doing things correctly. Should I get DCFS to sign a release form or just give CASA the information based on the Order? I personally think it is giving them too much authority. I copied the language from the order below. Thanks for your help.

Upon presentation of this order to any person, firm, agency, office, organization, school, hospital, public or private health care facility, medical or mental health professional, the CASA herein named is authorized to inspect and copy any records relating to the child (ren) named in this proceeding without the consent of said child or parents of said child.

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Direne Johnson, LCSW BACS  
The Social Work Hub, LLC

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Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

REC'D JUL 12 2022

Section A: Organizational Information

Community Enrichment Group  
Name of Organization  
Elise Reed  
Name of Director/President  
144 Dunbar Street Grambling, LA 71245  
Mailing Address City/State Zip  
Physical Address (if different from above) City/State Zip  
318 / 914-2955  
Telephone Fax  
Elisereedlcsww@gmail.com  
Email Address Website

Organization applying for *Continuing Education Approval Organization* status must have a significant and continual affiliation with the social work profession. Please indicate that which applies:

☐ Professional Social Work Organization  
☐ CSWE Accredited School of Social Work

☒ Social Work Service Provider

Organization applying for *Continuing Education Approval Organization* must have three (3) letters of references from any combination of the following:

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☒ Social Work Service Provider

Section B: Continuing Education Program

Review and approval of continuing education applications from continuing education providers must be completed by a credentialed social worker. Identify the social worker assigned to administer this process for the organization.

Elise Reed / MSW / LCSW-BACS  
Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential  
Director  
Relationship to Organization  
144 Dunbar Street Grambling, LA 71245  
Mailing Address City/State Zip  
Physical Address (if different from above) City/State Zip  
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## Section C: Approval Guidelines, Process and Agreement

Protocol for receiving request for approval from education presenters:

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- Organization will accept only LABSWE Continuing Education Approval Applications, completed in its entirety and accompanied by required documentation.

Process by which Organization will study and assess the proposed education offering:

- 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:

*All applications must be received 30 days prior to the training for review and approval rating.*

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:

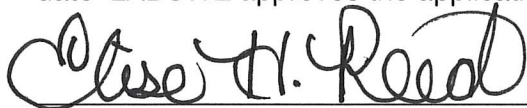
*All applications are reviewed at a rate of \$50.00. This includes individual trainings and conferences.*

## Section D: Authority

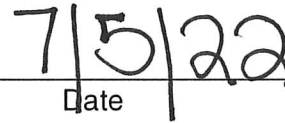
Submission of this signed application certifies that the Organization has studied the "Criteria for Approving Continuing Education Offerings" and "Guide for Assessment of Continuing Education," and determined that the Organization is prepared to assess continuing education opportunities by these guidelines 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



Date

Submit completed and signed application, along with three (3) reference letters, to:

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

For LABSWE office use only:

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June 28, 2022

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REC'D JUL 12 2022

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners,

River City Professional Counseling Services is pleased to recommend the Community Enrichment Group as a Continuing Education Approval Organization for the State Board of Social Work Examiners.

My name is Deborah Dublin, and I am the CEO of River City Professional Counseling Services. I have over 30 years of experience in the field of social work. I met the Community Enrichment Group's program director, Elise H. Reed, over 20 years ago as a master-level intern. I have provided Ms. Reed with educational direction as a professional social worker and as a director of social service programming at the Community Enrichment Group. I have found Ms. Reed and the agency she serves capable of administering a continuing education program. Community Enrichment Group is dedicated to social work and passionate about ensuring that clients have access to quality social service programming and that professionals have access to quality educational programming.

I highly recommend the Community Enrichment Group to serve as a Continuing Education Approval Organization. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 318-325-8782.

Sincerely,

Deborah Dublin, LCSW-BACS, LMFT, CCS, Chief Executive Office  
River City Professional Counseling Services, LLC



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June 29, 2022

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

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners,

Easterseals Louisiana would like to recommend Community Enrichment Group as a Continuing Education Approval Organization for the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners.

My name is Chantel Ambrose, and I am the Region VIII Regional Manager for Easterseals Louisiana VIII. I have over 25 years of experience in the behavioral health field. I met the Community Enrichment Group's program director, Dr. Elise H. Reed, over 10 years ago. At the time, she was serving as a clinical social worker in a local behavioral health clinic. We have had the opportunity to develop a viable and productive professional relationship. I have found Dr. Reed to be more than capable of directing an educational program that provides cutting edge information to both novice and seasoned professionals. She is passionate about meeting the needs of the community through education, treatment and service delivery expansion.

In essence, I highly recommend the Community Enrichment Group to serve as a Continuing Education Approval Organization. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 318-388-0293.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chantel Ambrose", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Chantel Ambrose  
Regional Manager  
Easterseals Louisiana

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Community Enrichment Group  
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Elise H. Reed, Ed.D., LCSW-BACS

August 9, 2022

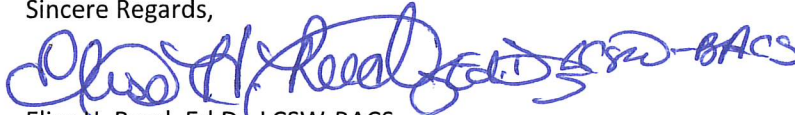
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
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Dear Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners,

I have enclosed the letter of reference from Rain to Rainbow with a wet signature as specified in the letter dated July 25, 2022 from the Board. It is the third of the 3 letters required by the Board for Community Enrichment Group's application for Continuing Education.

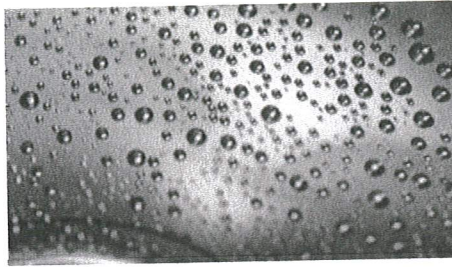
If further information is needed, please let me know.

Sincere Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elise H. Reed", followed by a stylized flourish and the text "LCSW-BACS".

Elise H. Reed, Ed.D., LCSW-BACS  
Community Enrichment Group





**RAIN TO RAINBOW COUNSELING AND CONSULTING, LLC**

**412 S. Trenton St.**

**Ruston, LA 71270**

June 30, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of recommendation in support of Dr. Elise Reed and the Community Enrichment Group.

I have had opportunities to work with this organization and witness the exemplary work they do within the community. Dr. Reed is a leader that represents the Community Enrichment Group well. She goes above and beyond for her students and genuinely cares for their success and pushes them to achieve their full potential. She affords them vast opportunities to contribute to the Social Work profession

Dr. Reed's tenacity and dedication is admired by her colleagues and students. The Community Enrichment Group's visibility is constant and welcomed.

I look forward to the continued work and contributions of this organization spearheaded by Dr. Reed's remarkable leadership.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

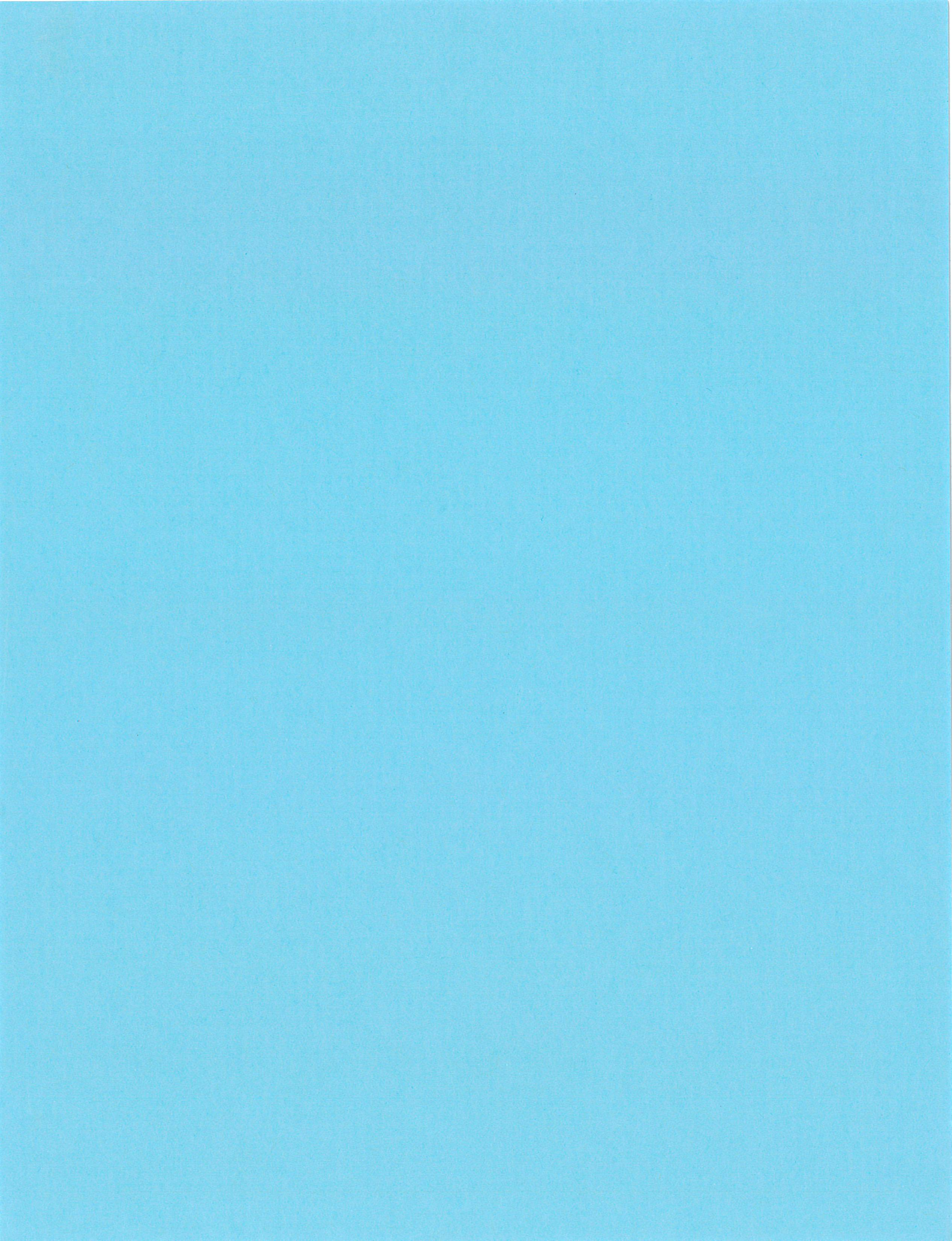
Respectfully,

Rain to Rainbow, Owner and Director

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Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

REC'D JUN 20 2022

Section A: Organizational Information

Impact counseling & support services  
Name of Organization  
Tushica R. Lofton  
Name of Director/President  
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Tuschica R. Lofton, LCSW-BACS  
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- Describe time limit set for making a decision on an educational offering's suitability:

All applications will be reviewed and decision made within 2-3 business days.

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:

Single Class - \$100  
Multi Class Same Day - \$100 + \$25 per additional class  
Multi Day / Multi Class - \$100 + \$50 per day/class added

## 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.



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Stephen R. Loft Stephen R. Loft 7/14/22  
Signature of Director/President Date

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6/12/2022

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REC'D AUG 25 2022

Subject: Recommendation letter for Tyshica Lofton, LCSW-BACS

Dear Ma'am/Sir,

I am writing this letter to recommend that Tyshica Lofton, LCSW-BACS, DBA of Impact Counseling and Support Services, LLC, is designated by Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners as a board pre-approval CEU organization. Impact Counseling and Support Services, LLC was created by Tyshica Lofton to provide social workers with an affordable option for CEUs and LCSW supervision. When Mrs. Lofton informed me of her business pursuit, it further reinforced my belief about her character and dedication to the field of social work. She is innovative and seeks to break down barriers for clients and professionals.

Tyshica and I have shared business ideas and supported each other throughout our time in our professional careers and beyond. I have also worked with Tyshica in various social service settings throughout the years as a colleague. Tyshica has always taken pride in the output of her work, maintaining program integrity and the supervision she provides. She is meticulous when tasked with providing information to professionals within the social services field. In my experience she has presented the information clearly and accurately to her audience and takes pride in her work. Tyshica strives to ensure that every professional that she supervises, consults or mentors is provided with tools to enhance their competence within the social services field.

For all the reasons listed above, I am recommending Impact Counseling and Support Services, LLC with Tyshica Lofton, LCSW-BACS serving as the Founder/CEO to become a LABSWE designated pre-approval CEU organization. If you have any further questions or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at (713)548-3975.

Sincerely,

Karissa Harris, LCSW/CEO  
(Louisiana License #11507/Texas Lic. #63668)  
Next Phase Counseling & Support, PLLC



6/03/2022

REC'D AUG 25 2022

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners (LABSWE)

18550 Highland Road Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Subject: Recommendation Letter for Tyshica Lofton, LCSW-BACS

To Whom It May concern:

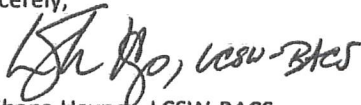
I, LaShena Haynes, recommend Tyshica Lofton DBA Impact Counseling and Support Services, LLC, for approval to be listed as a preapproved CEU organization as designated by the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners.

Tyshica has an impeccable work ethic and has leadership skills. She has proven to be dedicated to education, ethics, and inclusiveness within the field of social work. She has a unique approach of creating an interactive experience that allows every level of mental health professions to grow and learn. Tyshica's innovative techniques to teaching evidence based treatments that will allow social service professionals an opportunity to increase their knowledge & provide healthy practices for the clinician and client.

Tyshica has proven to be an exceptional leader with effective communication skills that allows her to share her wealth of knowledge. She and her organization are relatable, compassionate, and ethical. Tyshica has a passion to educate mental health professionals to grow, succeed, and learn the many beneficial avenues that are available to them.

I recommend Tyshica Lofton DBA Impact Counseling and Support Services, LLC to become a preapproved CEU organization identified by LABSWE. If you have any follow-up questions, please feel free to contact me at 504-758-9280 or via email at [lashena.haynes@yahoo.com](mailto:lashena.haynes@yahoo.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LaShena Haynes', with 'LCSW-BACS' written below it.

LaShena Haynes, LCSW-BACS

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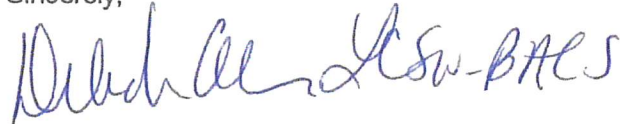
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Dear Sir/Ma'am:

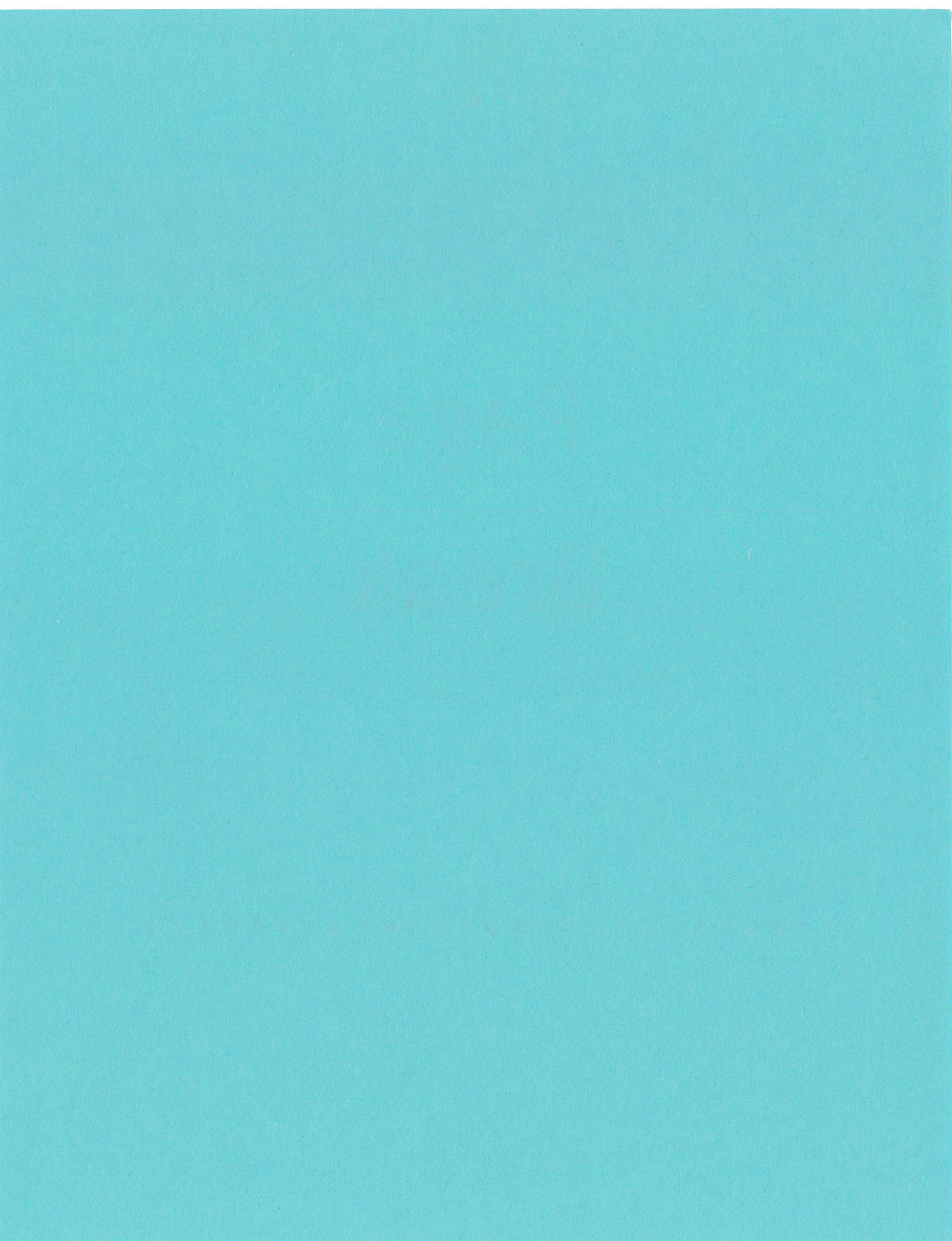
I, Deborah Glover, recommend Tyshica Lofton DBA Impact Counseling and Support Services, LLC, for approval to be listed as a preapproved CEU organization as designated by Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners. Tyshica has proven to be a dedicated leader within the field of social work and carefully learns and disseminates the information she has obtained with the goal of increasing knowledge for social service professionals. To say that I am impressed with her leadership, organization, knowledge, reliability, and effective communication skills would be an understatement. Tyshica has a passion for educating social service professions and wants them to succeed. Once again, I recommend Tyshica Lofton DBA Impact Counseling and Support Services, LLC to become a preapproved CEU organization identified by LABSWE. If you have any follow up questions, please feel free to contact me at 225-210-8758.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deborah Glover LCSW-BACS". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Deborah Glover, LCSW-BACS/CEO (Louisiana License #11066)  
Integrated Social Services, LLC







## Social Work

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**From:** LABSWE Complaints  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2022 11:37 AM  
**To:** Social Work  
**Subject:** Contact Us Form Submitted

First Name: LaJuan

Last Name: Brown

Phone Number: (504) 393-0523

Email Address: lajuanbrown18@gmail.com

Question:

Several questions,

If I work for an agency, and there is no management after the director has resigned, even though I am a LCSW-BACS, still wondering is everything ok with it?

Can a non employee, possible expire contract consultant have access to clients charts or clients? Do I have a duty to report this unethical practice to LDH, the agency in which I work for or the client?

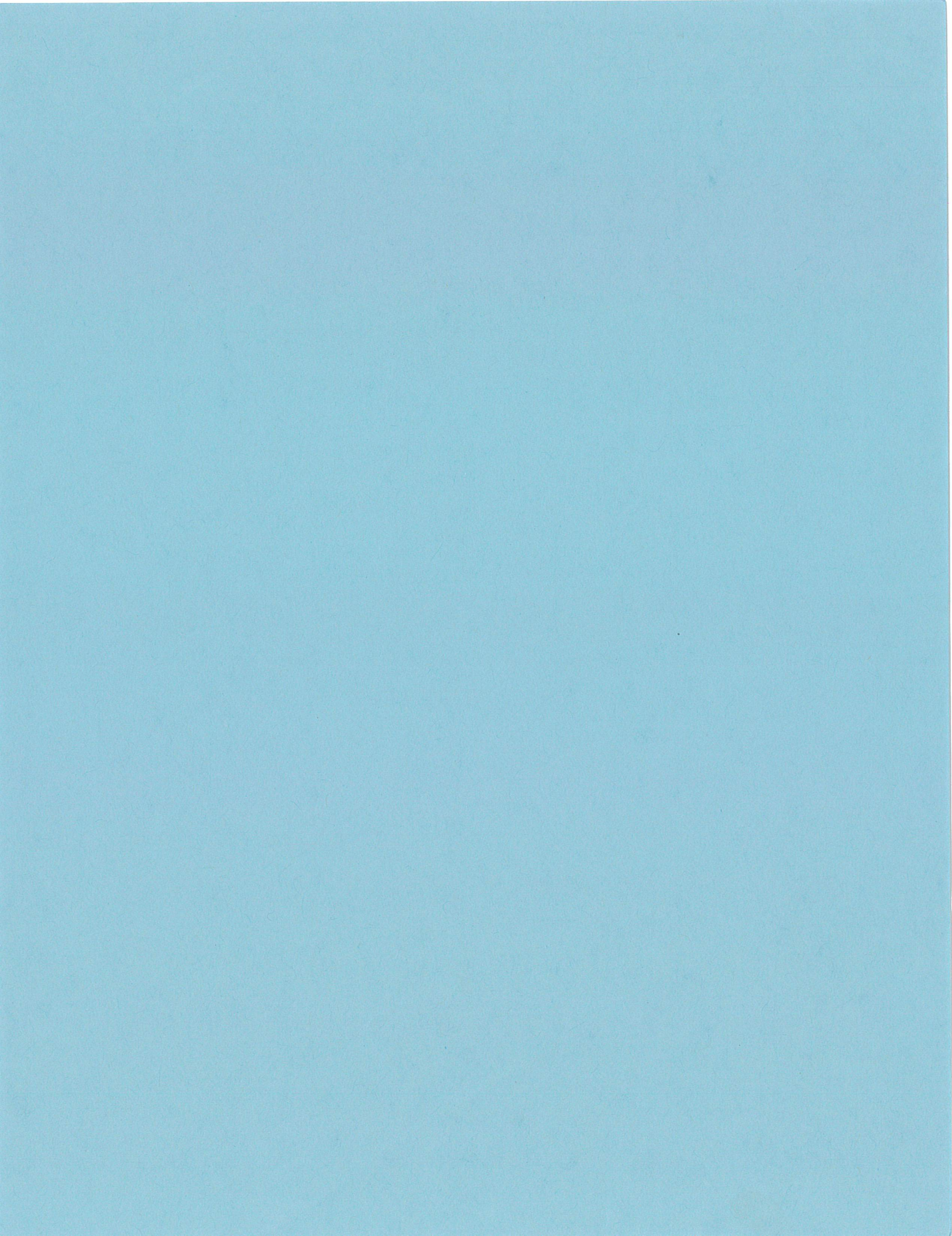
### Clarification:

The contracted employee was hired for billing.

AS far as LAJUAN knows, this contract expired 8/19/22. She is concerned that this individual has access to client records. She is asking if she has the right to protect the clients records? This is a City/ Parish Agency.

\* LAJUAN was advised to seek legal advice and contact her Professional liability insurance provider.







## Emily DeAngelo

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**From:** Marlene Lucas  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 31, 2022 9:26 AM  
**To:** Emily DeAngelo  
**Subject:** Clinical social workers

I have a question for you, one of my supervisees is asking a question if someone with an LMSW can use the term clinical social worker? It seems the facility that he is working at terms all their social workers as clinical social workers . Yet when I did the research on what and who could be termed that it seems that an LCSW should only hold that title. Please provide me with the board position on it .  
Thank you. Respectfully Marlene 🌻 Respectfully Marlene 🌻

Sent from my iPhone