

**Jessica Shelton, #14375**

September 23, 2022

Louisiana State Board of Social Work  
18550 Highland Rd b,  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Dear Members of the Louisiana State Board of Social Work,

I am writing to the board to request an extension to allow me to submit CEUs and Fees past the collection period due to extenuating circumstances. I would like to request that I am granted permission to extend the renewal deadline for me, due to my specific circumstances, from June 30 (August 31) to **October 26, 2022**. This is my first request of this type and my circumstances have made life extremely difficult these last 9 months.

I am requesting this extension as is outlined by Rule 317: Continuing Education Requirements, section F. Part 2. "Continuing Education Extensions for Extenuating Circumstances. In response to extenuating circumstances, the time frame mandated to complete continuing education units required for renewal of a license, certification, or registration may be extended by the board."

I apologize for being preoccupied by this ongoing contentious custody case which has taken over my life this year, so much so, that I have professionally dropped the ball, and did not complete CEUs in time. This year's renewal period really snuck up on me. My ex husband absconded with my daughter for a total of 60 days, and I was able to get her back, and ever since February 23, I have been fighting tooth and nail to keep her, as my ex husband, or rather his new spouse, will quite literally stop at nothing. To keep this short, I will not go on about all the details, unless you need me to. Please understand that these last 9-12 months have been a strain on my physical and emotional well being, but the positive thing is that I believe we are almost out of the weeds and the judge will be making some final decisions in January and February, and of course they should be in my favor, but there's always that fear...she's my little girl.

I appreciate your time and consideration of my circumstances that have led to this request for an extension. I really appreciate your flexibility and understanding, as I really need my license to be able to work, and I don't feel I can handle too much more disappointment or hardship right now.

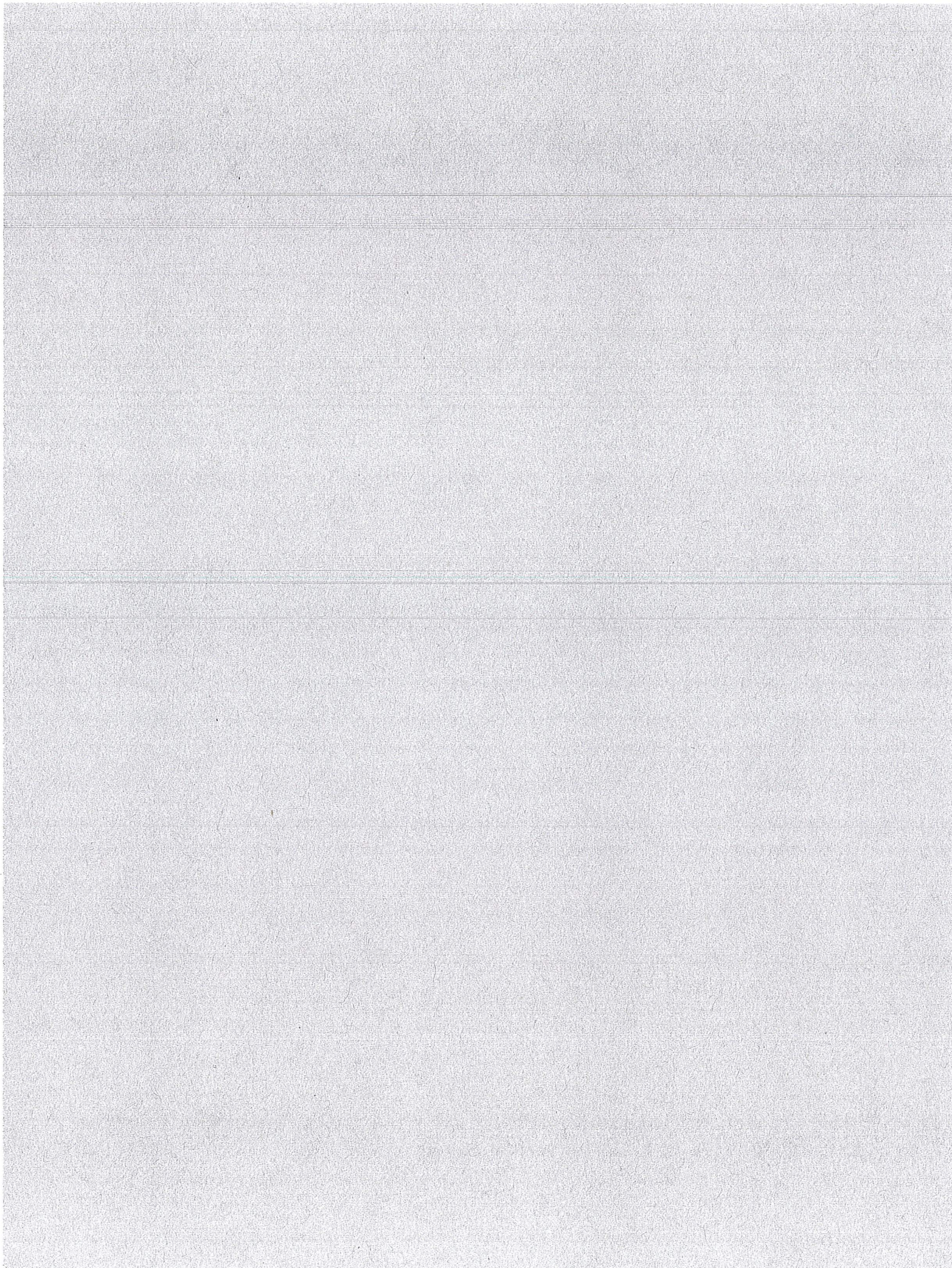
Please let me know if you need to speak with my attorney to verify any of the information I have provided, or if I can provide the board with any other information to support the granting of this extension.

Sincerely yours,

Jessica Shelton, #14375

Cc Angela Henry-Wilklow, LCSW-BACS







Emily DeAngelo

Sandriekia Baker

**From:** Social Work  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 28, 2022 10:54 AM  
**To:** Emily DeAngelo  
**Subject:** FW: Supervision requirements met

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**From:** Sandy !  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 28, 2022 10:52 AM  
**To:** Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Supervision requirements met

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to inform you that I have been completing supervision with my current supervisor, Marlene Lucas since January 2022 and my first supervision meeting was on January 11, 2022. After speaking with an LABSWE representative, Emily Jacobs yesterday, she informed me that there was no active contract between Marlene and I. However, I do vaguely remember completing this and Marlene informing me that everything was completed on her end for this contract process. However, I have had a great deal of difficulty navigating Certemy and understanding this new system. You might notice that in the past, I have submitted all required documentation in a decent time frame and also have all initial supervision contracts completed and submitted before we switched to Certemy. I was terminating supervision with my last supervisor at the end of December and transitioning all of our documentation to Certemy at this time as well as adding my new supervisor Marlene on Certemy at the time Certemy was newly implemented.

My last supervisor has just completed my supervision forms, although we terminated supervision almost a year ago and I think this is evidence that the site has not been an easy transition for us. I am completely at fault for not recognizing sooner that my contract was not in Certemy. We have kept a record of all supervision hours, my supervisor has been paid for the time she has been working with me and I have met all of the additional requirements for supervision. My supervisor and colleagues have volunteered to write a letter on my behalf as well, if needed to have all hours approved from my initial supervision meeting with Marlene. My hope is that the board will take all of these things into consideration. Below is an email that Marlene has asked me to forward on her behalf. Please see below.

Sincerely,

Sandy Baker, LMSW  
LPSS School Social Worker

----- Forwarded message -----  
**From:** Marlene Lucas  
**Date:** Tue, Sep 27, 2022 at 8:41 PM  
**Subject:** Supervision requirements met  
**To:** Sandy Baker Lmsw Oceans

To whom it may concern,

Please let it be known that I have been meeting with Sandy Baker as her Lcsw supervisor since 1/7/2022 when I agreed to take her as a supervisor. Her first actual countable Supervision session took place on January 11, 2022



We have met the required number of hours since that time.

I do not know in all reality how it was that the supervisor contract and affirmation were not received by you as I feel certain that I had done it.

I have been supervising LMSW s for more than 20 years. And I don't think I would have overlooked that. But it seems that either through the fault of the technology or my own fault it was not registered . Oceans behavioral hospital has been sending me payment since that time, up until the time that she began paying me directly.

This has caused me great dismay as I said Sandy is nearing completion of her supervision. I could create an affidavit swearing to this. And all of the supervisees that I have are willing to create such affidavits as well because they know that she has been in attendance.

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Please let me know what it is that you wish me to follow through with at this point .

Thank you very much

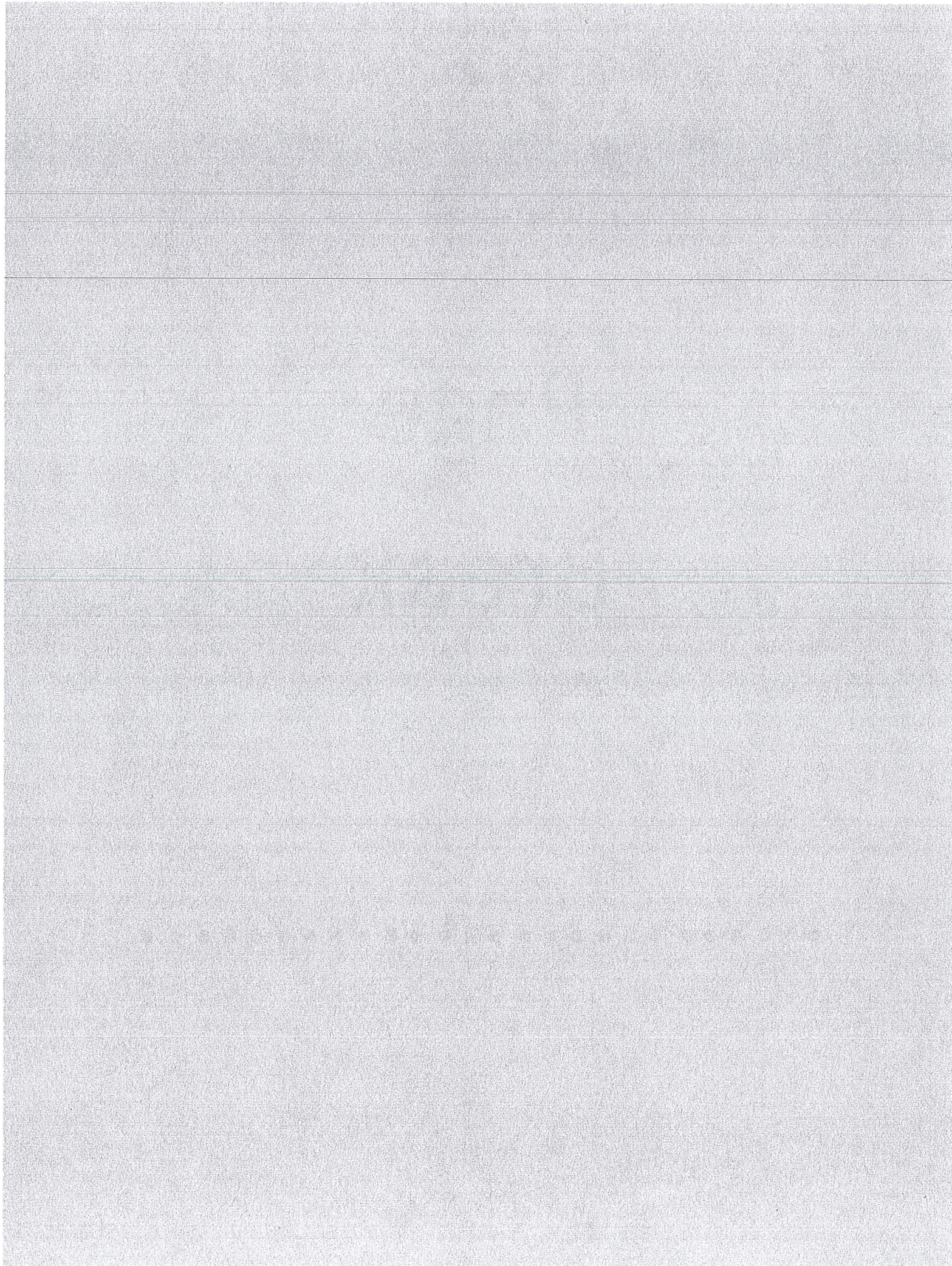
I can be reached at

Sincerely,

Marlene Lucas Lcsw AcsWBacs

Sent from my iPhone







## Emily DeAngelo

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**From:** Robert Chilton, Jr. <[\[redacted\]](#)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2022 12:54 PM  
**To:** Emily DeAngelo  
**Subject:** LABSWE approval

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Emily,

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I would like to request the LABSWE to count my hours as a Special Education Teacher towards my LCSW hours. As a SPED Teacher, I worked with students on Behavioral Intervention Plans and used SW skills to help my students. My SW training, etc, helped me be a better teacher. Also, who do I email regarding my LCSW supervision? I have a few questions to ask about my supervision and applying for my licensure. Thank you for your time regarding these matters.

Respectfully,

Robert L.M.A. Chilton, Jr., MSW, LMSW



# Plaquemines Parish School Board

## SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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Superintendent

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Director

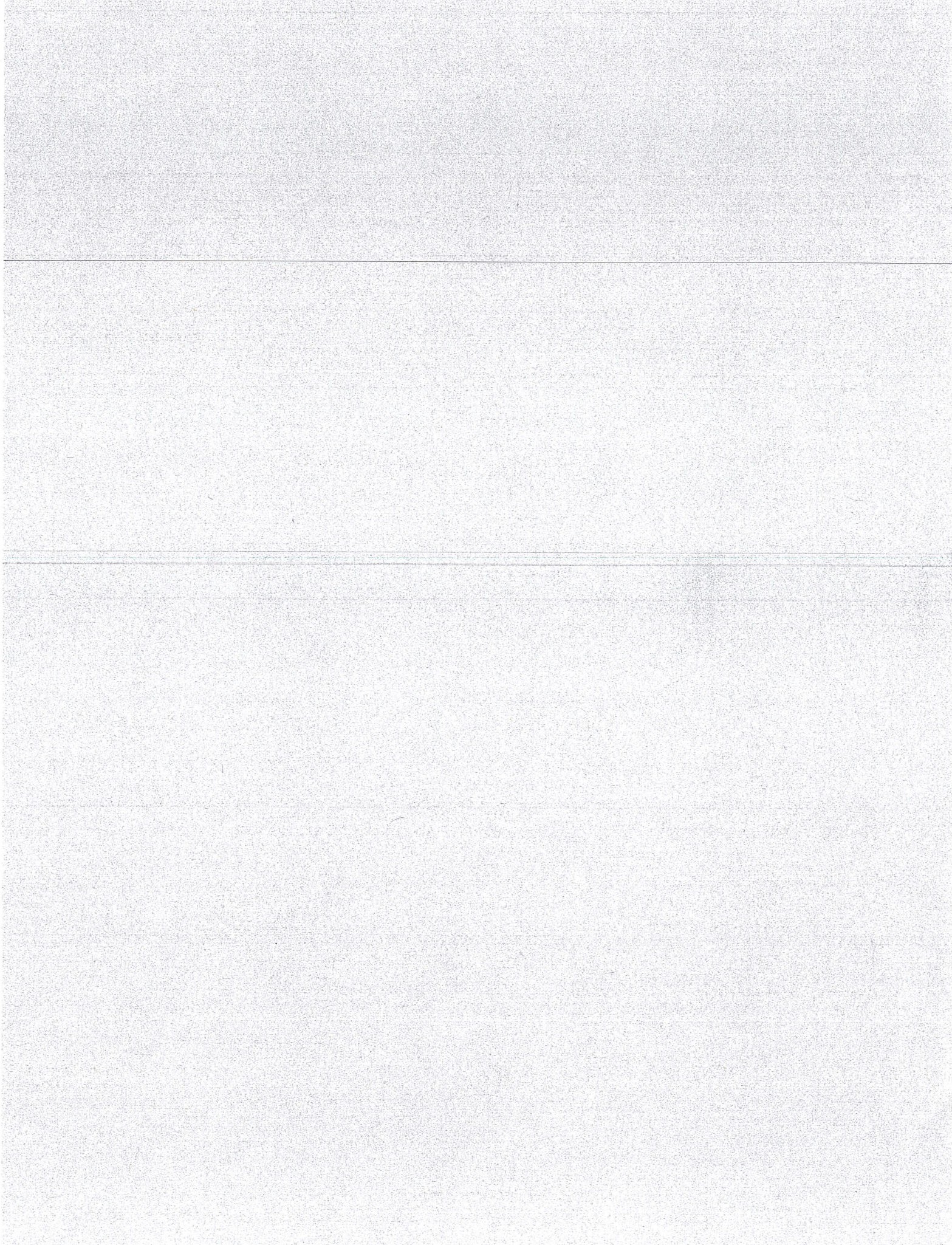
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Inclusion teacher job description: A special education teacher who works with inclusion students. Inclusion students are those students who have disabilities, but are able to function in the general education classroom. Inclusion teachers are usually state-licensed special education teachers who have completed an approved special education program. Inclusions teachers have the following duties.

1. **Accommodate Inclusion Students:** Inclusion teachers must accommodate special education students as indicated on their Individualized education plans (IEPs). Each student will need different accommodations according to his disability.
2. **Modify Assignments and Tests:** Occasionally inclusion students will need modified assignments. Modifications may include reducing the number of problems or items, limiting multiple choice answers and omitting certain items.
3. **Collaborate with Regular Education Teacher:** Inclusion students in the general education classroom will have a regular education teacher as well as inclusion teacher. Both teachers are required to work together to meet the needs of the inclusion students. The inclusion teacher and regular education teacher should frequently discuss and assess the progress of the inclusion students.
4. **Address Parental Concerns:** The inclusion teacher should be prepared to address parental concerns. While not all parents will be as involved as others, the teacher should always be willing to discuss the inclusion student's progress with the parents.
5. **Complete Required Paperwork:** Inclusion teachers are responsible for writing annual IEPs and for initiated re-evaluations as mandated by state regulations. Inclusion teachers may also conduct alternate assessments of those students who are not able to participate in the customary curriculum tests administered annually.
6. **Create Behavior Intervention Plans:** The Inclusion teacher creates an individualized Behavior Intervention Plans (BIP) to support special education students who have behaviors interfering with learning at school. The BIP is based upon the outcome of a functional behavior assessment (FBA). An FBA identifies what maintains or causes a challenging behavior, and the BIP specifies the actions to take in order to improve or replace the behavior. The Inclusion Teacher completes an FBA based upon student observations, speaking with parents, teachers, and data collection. The Inclusion Teacher schedules an IEP team meeting to discuss and approve the BIP. Once approved by the IEP team, the BIP becomes a legal document and part of the student's IEP. The Inclusion teacher utilizes Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) as an evidence-based practice to support social, learning, behavioral, and emotional needs of the student.

Any more information, please contact Robyn Cox at 504-595-6056







Eliza J. Selman, CSW

August 22, 2022

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Dear LABSWE Board,

I, Eliza J. Selman, am contacting you regarding the waiver retake fees for the License Master Social Worker Exam. Due to the death of my mother on June 15, 2022, which was the scheduled date I took the exam, my best efforts were not put forth. I am requesting all fees be waived to retake the exam because of the extenuating circumstances. Please feel free to contact me regarding this matter at 601.810.8678 or [ejselman88@gmail.com](mailto:ejselman88@gmail.com). Thank you for assisting me in this matter.

Sincerely,

Eliza J. Selman, CSW

## Emily DeAngelo

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**From:** Eliza Selman <  
**Sent:** Friday, October 7, 2022 12:19 PM  
**To:** Emily DeAngelo  
**Subject:** Re: email  
**Attachments:** Exam retake letter (1).docx

Hello,

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Please, see attachment.

Thanks,  
E. Selman

On Fri, Oct 7, 2022 at 10:24 AM Emily DeAngelo <[edeangelo@labswe.org](mailto:edeangelo@labswe.org)> wrote:

Hi Eliza,

Please forward your email requesting a waiver of the retake application fee to me.

Thank you,

Emily DeAngelo, Administrator

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

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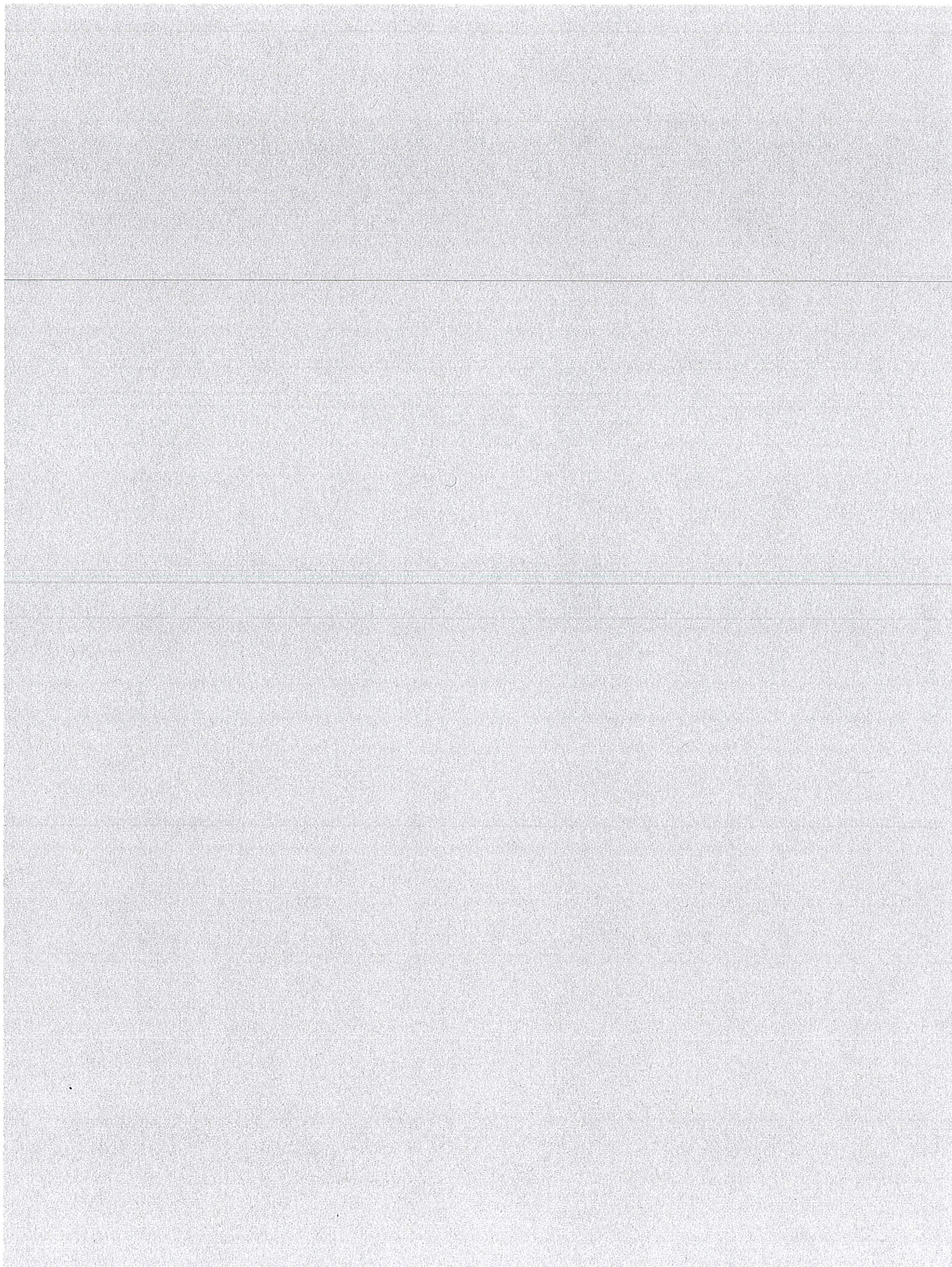
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## Social Work

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**Subject:** FW: Question Re: Mandated Reporting

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**From:** Justin Jolet  
**Sent:** Friday, September 30, 2022 11:55 AM  
**To:** Social Work <[socialwork@labswe.org](mailto:socialwork@labswe.org)>  
**Subject:** Question Re: Mandated Reporting

Hello,

I'm a social worker at Ochsner hospital in New Orleans. I recently received information regarding a patient who reported (to another healthcare provider) abusing his dog at home. As I continue consulting with my supervisor and other providers on the matter, I wanted to see if someone could provide me with any clarification or guidance regarding my responsibilities as a SW in response to having received this information. A more specific question would be... Would I be unlawfully and unethically violating this patient's privacy by making a report to the local animal welfare agency (Louisiana SPCA's New Orleans Humane Law and Rescue) regarding the abuse? Any assistance is much appreciated.

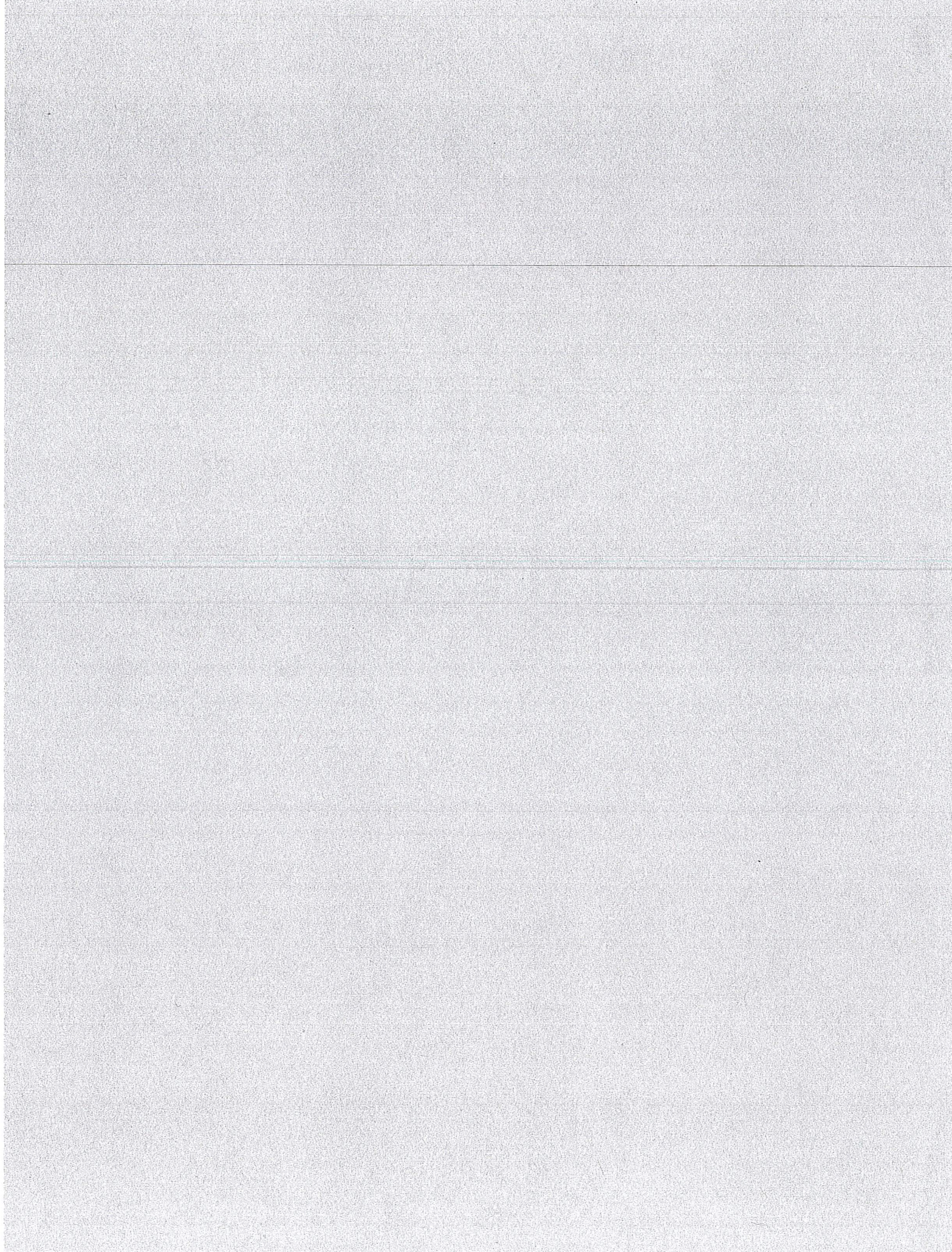
Thank you,

**Justin Jolet, MSW, LMSW**  
*Transplant Social Worker*  
**Ochsner Multi-Organ Transplant Institute**

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**Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners**  
**Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization**

**Section A: Organizational Information**

Absolute Service Solutions, LLC

Name of Organization

Tara Y Reed, LCSW

Name of Director/President

PO. Box 58515

New Orleans, La

70158

Mailing Address

City/State

Zip

Physical Address (if different from above)

City/State

Zip

504 / 266-1747

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Telephone

Fax

info@bsoluteservicesolutions.net

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.**

Tara Y Reed, MSW, LCSW

Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential

Director

Relationship to Organization

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## **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.
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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 will be 30 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:

The cost to process continuing education applications will be \$50.

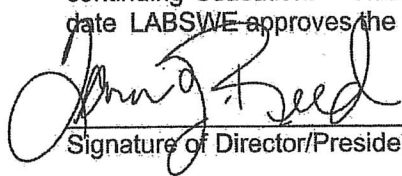
## **Section D: Authority**

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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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

09/01/2022

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



August 31, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

It is without reservation that I write this letter of recommendation for Tara Reed, LCSW and Absolute Service Solutions, LLC.

Through her work, Tara has repeatedly developed and offered expertly crafted continuing education opportunities for the social work community and other helping professionals. Tara understands the value of consistently enhancing your professional knowledge and skills in order to deliver effective services to customers, clients and the community at large.

It is for this reason I am able to offer my unconditional recommendation to you on their behalf. I have the utmost confidence in Absolute Service Solutions, LLC and believe that social workers and other helping professionals will benefit tremendously from their services as a pre-approval continuing education provider.

Sincerely,

  
Sondra Malry, LCSW



Innovative Approaches Counseling Center  
3013 New Highway 51; Suite B  
Laplace, LA 70068  
Phone: 985-618-3558



08/30/2022

To whom it may concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Tara Reed, LCSW of Absolute Service Solutions, LLC. I initially met Ms. Reed during our matriculation through graduate school. Ms. Reed has consistently sought to increase her knowledge and skills regarding clinical interventions, industry and ethical standards and best practices, administration, policy, and professional development. She is keenly devoted to her work, and personally, she is kind, compassionate and an overall joy to be around.

Ms. Reed demonstrated from early in her tenure that she understood what social work was all about. She was well organized and thrived under adversity. She was driven in equal measure by both quality and efficiency. She always had a desire to learn and grow further. She would be an asset to social workers who are striving to build upon excellence in the social work profession.

In closing, I have no hesitation in recommending Absolute Services Solutions as a Pre-Approval Continuing Education agency for the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners.

Sincerely,

**Nyoki Gosey-Brown, LCSW-BACS**  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker-Board Approved Clinical Supervisor

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**"Transforming lives through vision, creativity, imagination & innovation"**



August 28, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

It is with great certainty that I write this letter of recommendation for Tara Reed, LCSW and Absolute Service Solutions, LLC. I met Ms. Reed in the fall of 2018 while she was working as the Adolescent Health Program Manager at the Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies. Ms. Reed exhibited expert knowledge and skill in the approaches to increase the quality of access to mental and behavioral health services at the individual and community level.

Ms. Reed has always prioritized professionalism in her work and did so with a kind and thoughtful demeanor. She demonstrated competency across the social work spectrum and placed high value on service to others.

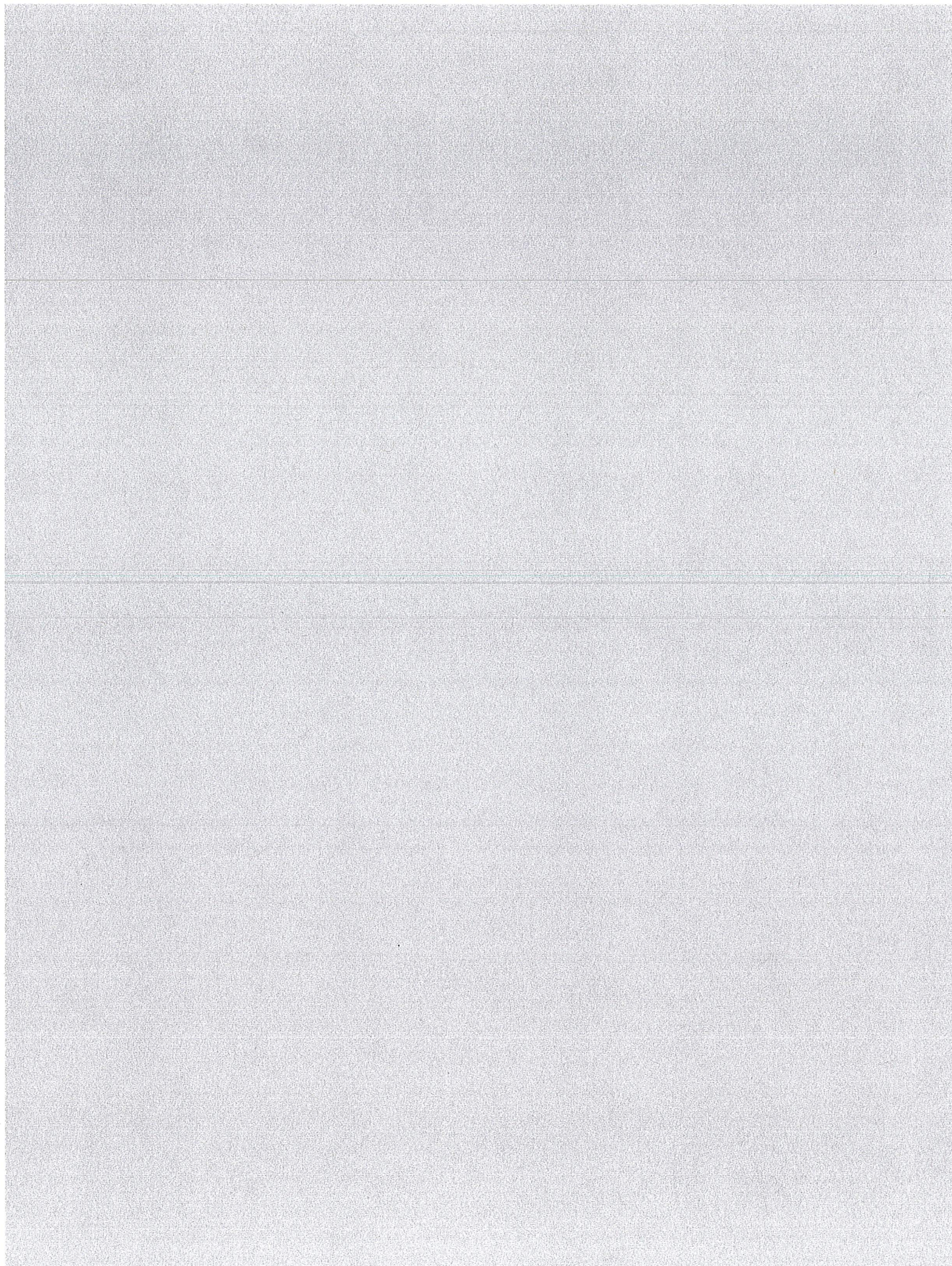
It is for the above stated reasons that I offer my unrestricted recommendation for Tara Reed, LCSW and Absolute Service Solutions, LLC to become a continuing education pre-approval organization for the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners.

Sincerely,



Rochelle Gautier, LCSW







## Emily DeAngelo

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**From:** Erich Duchmann, PhD, MP  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 28, 2022 5:12 PM  
**To:** Emily DeAngelo  
**Subject:** Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Board Inquiry  
**Attachments:** CVRB Legal Question - LABSWE.pdf

Dear Ms. DeAngelo,

I am a licensed psychologist in Baton Rouge and a consultant to the Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Board. I am writing to you and sending attached information detailing some concerns I have about recent legislation that may impact mental health providers in the state of Louisiana. As a consultant to the Board, I was hoping I could obtain some feedback and guidance from the various mental health licensing boards in the state. Thank you very much for any assistance you can provide, and don't hesitate to reach out if there are any additional questions.

Erich Duchmann, PhD, MP

erich.duchmann@lsu.edu

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September 26, 2022

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

Dear Ms. DeAngelo:

I am a psychologist practicing in Baton Rouge and have been providing mental health consultation services for the Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Board for the past 20 years. I am contacting you on behalf of the Board for any legal and/or ethical opinions you feel may be relevant for the following concerns.

I recently became aware that the Louisiana Legislature passed Act 487 of 2022, which essentially updated various aspects of the Crime Victims Reparations Act. In doing so, however, they added a new section related to "reasonable documentation of the crime" and it is this modification that has me concerned. Traditionally the board has relied on police reports and other legal or strong circumstantial evidence to indicate that a crime has actually occurred in order for a claimant to be deemed eligible for compensation. In the new section related to "reasonable documentation" there is a paragraph which gives mental health providers the ability to "certify that a crime occurred". I will refer you to Act 487, Section 2, A.(1)(b)(iii) on page 2, line 23(see attached). I have a few concerns about this from a legal and ethical standpoint.

As a victim of crime, compensation is often directed towards the individual's mental health expenses. It is one thing for a mental health provider to listen to an individual's self-report about their experiences and then document current symptomatology for the purposes of diagnosis and health insurance reimbursement. But it feels like another thing to ask a mental health provider to "certify" that their patient was indeed a victim of a crime. As a provider myself, I will always take care of my patients to the best of my ability, but I am very aware that they can at times have various reasons why their self-reported history is not necessarily accurate. Asking a provider to "certify" that a crime was committed feels like:

- a. Asking them to do something outside of their area of expertise. This is what law-enforcement and the legal system is for.
- b. A potential conflict of interest in that their willingness to "certify" a crime occurred may directly allow for reimbursement of their services, which might not otherwise be paid for or paid for at a reduced amount. I understand that the majority of providers

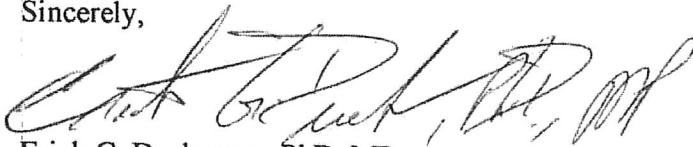


would not knowingly certify something they did not believe to be accurate. However, one can imagine the subjective pressure that might occur when interpreting a patient's self-report in order to help them secure compensation for treatment.

- c. A legal risk for a provider to go on the record to "certify" under oath that a crime occurred. I feel this may end up being used against an alleged perpetrator who may in turn file suit against the provider. Bear in mind that this information will be available in the public record.

I was not consulted prior to this legislation being passed and I'm not sure if any of the Louisiana state boards governing mental health practitioners were consulted either. Currently the Board is making plans to develop a form that would allow a mental health provider to attest that a crime occurred, and I was hoping for some feedback from the licensing boards before making any recommendations. The legislation as written indicates a certification should be "under oath", so I assume this would mean a notarized statement. While a notarized statement doesn't necessarily address any of my concerns, it at least would seem to comply with the legislation. Any other feedback or advice that you are able to offer at this point would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Erich G. Duchmann', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Erich G. Duchmann, PhD, MP  
Crime Victims Reparations Board Consultant



**State of Louisiana**  
Office of the Governor  
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement  
and Administration of Criminal Justice


**JOHN BEL EDWARDS**  
GOVERNOR

**JIM CRAFT**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



September 26, 2022

TO: Erich Duchmann, PhD.  
CVR Board Consultant

FROM: Bob Wertz   
Training Manager

The Executive Director of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement has asked me to have you contact the State Licensing Boards to determine whether there are justifiable concerns regarding patient-therapist confidentiality, potential HIPPA violations and any conflicts of interest with regard to Act 487 of the 2022 Legislative session.

Please let me know as soon as possible what you find out, so that we may alert the Crime Victims Reparations Board if there are potential problems that must be addressed.



2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 648

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

**CRIMINAL/VICTIMS:** Provides relative to the Crime Victims Reparations Act

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1806(A)(1), 1809(B)(1), (3)(a), and (4)(a), 1810(A), and 1813(A) and to enact R.S. 46:1802(10)(a)(vi) and (b)(vi), relative to the Crime Victims Reparations Act; to provide relative to definitions; to provide relative to application time periods; to provide relative to documentation; to provide relative to the issuance of reparations awards; to provide relative to reporting requirements; to provide relative to the amount of reparations awards; to provide relative to the amount of emergency awards; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:1806(A)(1), 1809(B)(1), (3)(a), and (4)(a), 1810(A), and 1813(A) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 46:1802(10)(a)(vi) and (b)(vi) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

## §1802. Definitions

As used in this Chapter:

\* \* \*

(10) "Pecuniary loss" means the amount of expense reasonably and necessarily incurred by reason of personal injury, as a consequence of death, or a catastrophic property loss, and includes:

(a) For personal injury:

\* \* \*







1           (v) Any other documentation the board deems sufficient to show the  
2           commission of a crime relevant to the application.

3                               \*       \*       \*  
4           §1809. Criteria for making awards; prohibitions; authority to deny or reduce awards

5                               \*       \*       \*  
6           B. In making its determination, the following provisions shall apply:

7           (1) A finding by the board, for purposes of considering an application for  
8           award under this Chapter, that the commission of a crime enumerated in R.S.  
9           46:1805(A) resulted in a pecuniary loss covered by this Chapter shall be a sufficient  
10          finding with respect to the crimes giving rise to the application for a reparations  
11          award. However, the board may make a partial eligibility determination on an  
12          application prior to the incurring of a pecuniary loss by the victim or other claimant.  
13          When one part of an award is denied, the board shall favor a partial award over the  
14          total denial. An order for reparations may be made whether or not any person is  
15          arrested, prosecuted, or convicted of the crime giving rise to the application for  
16          reparations. The board may suspend proceedings in the interest of justice if a civil  
17          or criminal action arising from such act or omission constituting the crime is pending  
18          or imminent.

19                               \*       \*       \*  
20          (3)(a) No award of reparations shall be made if the board finds that:  
21          ~~(i) The crime was not reported within the time specified by R.S. 46:1806(A).~~  
22          ~~(ii) (i) The claimant failed or refused to cooperate substantially with~~  
23          ~~reasonable requests of appropriate law enforcement officials.~~  
24          ~~(iii) Reparations may substantially enrich the offender.~~  
25          ~~(iv) The (ii) A totality of the circumstances indicate that the~~ claimant was  
26          the offender or an accessory, or that an award to the claimant would unjustly benefit  
27          any of them. However, such ineligibility shall not apply if the claimant is a victim  
28          of human trafficking or trafficking of children for sexual purposes.  
29          ~~(v) The claim was not filed timely, as provided by R.S. 46:1806(A) and (B).~~



1 ~~(vi) The crime was committed prior to the effective date of this Chapter.~~

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3 (4) The board may deny or reduce an award:

4 (a) If it finds a totality of the circumstances indicate that the behavior of the  
5 victim at the time of the crime giving rise to the claim was such that the victim bears  
6 some measure of responsibility for the crime that caused the physical injury, death,  
7 or catastrophic property loss or for the physical injury, death, or catastrophic  
8 property loss. However, such ineligibility shall not apply if the claimant is a victim  
9 of a human trafficking-related offense as defined by R.S. 46:1805 or a  
10 sexually-oriented criminal offense as defined by R.S. 15:622.

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12            §1810. Amount of reparations award

13                   A. Awards payable under this Chapter shall not exceed ~~ten~~ fifteen thousand  
14                   dollars in the aggregate for all claims arising out of the same crime except for those  
15                   victims who are permanently, totally, or permanently and totally disabled as a result  
16                   of the crime, the aggregate award shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

17                  \*       \*

18           §1813. Emergency awards

19                   A. If it appears to the board prior to its taking action on a claim that an award  
20           likely will be made and that undue hardship will result to the claimant if no  
21           immediate economic relief is provided, the board may make an emergency award to  
22           the claimant pending its final decision in the case. The amount of an emergency  
23           award shall not exceed ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars.

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DIGEST

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HB 648 Reengrossed

2022 Regular Session

Hilferty

**Abstract:** Modifies provisions of the Crime Victims Reparations Act pertaining to applications, eligibility, and awards.

Present law (R.S. 46:1801 et seq.) provides for the Crime Victims Reparations Act.

Present law (R.S. 46:1802) provides for definitions.

Present law (R.S. 46:1802(10)) provides for the definition of "pecuniary loss" as the amount of expense reasonably incurred by reason of personal injury, as a consequence of death, or catastrophic property loss.

Present law (R.S. 46:1802(10)(a)) provides the following as pecuniary losses for personal injury:

- (1) Medical, hospital, nursing, or psychiatric care or counseling, and physical therapy.
- (2) Actual loss of past earnings and anticipated loss of future earnings.
- (3) Care of a child or dependent.
- (4) Counseling or therapy for parents or siblings of a victim of a sexual crime.
- (5) Loss of support for a child victim of a sexual crime not otherwise compensated for as a pecuniary loss.

Proposed law retains present law and adds costs of relocation for claimants who have to relocate as a result of a crime as a pecuniary loss for personal injury.

Present law (R.S. 46:1802)(10)(b)) provides the following as pecuniary losses as a consequence of death:

- (1) Funeral, burial, or cremation expenses.
- (2) Loss of support to one or more dependents not otherwise compensated for.
- (3) Care of a child or children when the victim's surviving spouse or legal custodian or caretakers of the deceased victim's child is engaged in lawful employment.
- (4) Counseling or therapy for surviving family members and victim's close relationships.
- (5) Crime scene cleanup.

Proposed law retains present law and adds costs of relocation due to the death of the victim as a pecuniary loss as consequence of death.

Present law (R.S. 46:1806) provides for application for reparation requirements. Provides for the requirement that an application for reparations be filed within one year of the date of the personal injury, death, or catastrophic property lost.



Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the application for reparations shall only be valid if the act resulting in the personal injury, death, or catastrophic property loss was reported to appropriate law enforcement officers within 72 hours after the date of the act.

Proposed law changes present law and requires the application be submitted with reasonable documentation.

Proposed law defines "reasonable documentation".

Present law (R.S. 46:1809) provides for the criteria of making awards for payment of reparations. Provides that the board may make partial eligibility determination on an application prior to the victim or other claimant incurring a pecuniary loss.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that when one part of the reparations award is denied, the board shall prefer a partial award over total denial of the award.

Present law provides that a reparations award shall be made when:

- (1) The claimant failed to report the crime within 72 hours.
- (2) The claimant failed or refused to cooperate substantially with reasonable requests by officers.
- (3) The offender may be enriched.
- (4) The claimant was the offender or an accessory and would unjustly benefit them. Present law does not apply if claimant is a victim of trafficking.
- (5) The claim was not timely filed.
- (6) The crime was committed prior to the effective date of the Crime Victims Reparations Act (effective July 17, 1982).

Proposed law repeals present law but retains provisions of present law that provide that reparations awards may be rewarded when the board finds that:

- (1) The claimant failed or refused to cooperate substantially with reasonable requests by officers.
- (2) The totality of the circumstances indicate that the claimant was the offender or an accessory and would unjustly benefit them. Present law does not apply if claimant is a victim of trafficking.

Present law provides that the board may deny or reduce an award in multiple circumstances including if the behavior of the victims bears some responsibility for the crime that caused the physical injury, death, or catastrophic property loss. Present law does not apply if claimant is a victim of a human trafficking-related offense or sexually-oriented criminal offense.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the board may evaluate the totality of the circumstances when determining whether to reduce or deny an award.

Present law (R.S. 46:1810) provides for the amount of reparations award. Provides that awards shall not exceed \$10,000 in the aggregate for all claims arising out of the same crime, except that awards shall not exceed \$25,000 for victims who are permanently disabled as a result of the crime.



Proposed law retains present law and changes the amount of the award from \$10,000 to \$15,000 in the aggregate for all claims arising out of the same crime.

Present law provides for emergency reparations awards while the final decision is pending. Provides for an emergency award of up to \$500.

Proposed law changes present law to provide for an emergency award of up to \$1,000.

(Amends R.S. 46:1806(A)(1), 1809(B)(1), (3)(a), and (4)(a), 1810(A), and 1813(A); Adds R.S. 46:1802(10)(a)(vi) and (b)(vi))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

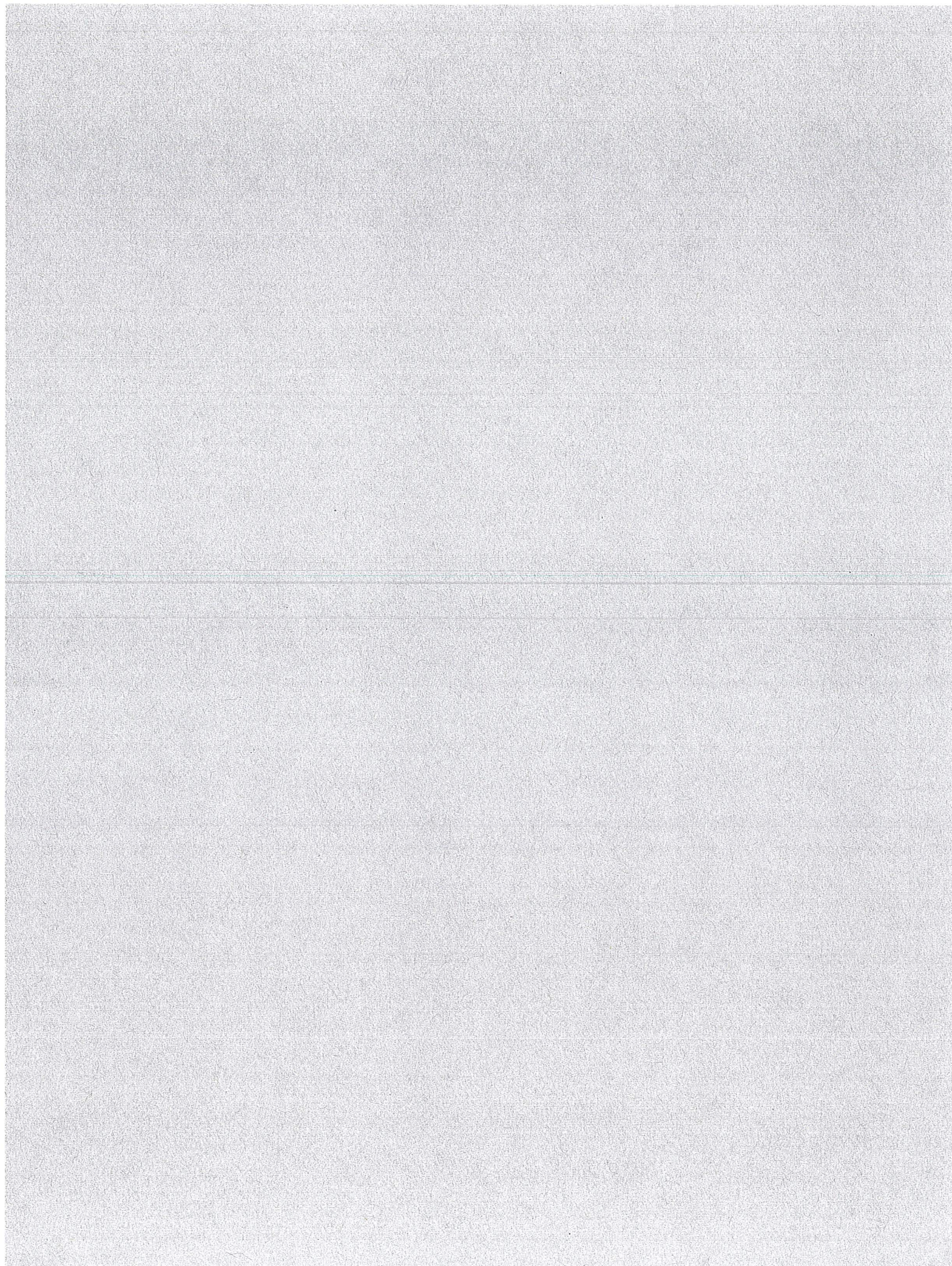
The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Restore provisions of present law.
2. Add language that states that the Crime Victims Reparations Board may evaluate the totality of the circumstances when determining whether to reduce or deny an award.
3. Change the amount of the award from \$10,000 to \$15,000 in the aggregate for all claims arising out of the same crime.
4. Make technical changes.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.







18550 Highland Road,  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

9/13/2022

ATTN: **LOUISIANA SOCIAL WORK BOARD OF EXAMINERS**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept this written letter as my formal request to have the disciplinary action removed from my license #11873 on the LABSWE website.

My name is LaToya Spencer License #11873. I was placed on a consent agreement order back in 2017 and to date I have successfully completed all the terms and conditions set forth. (3-hrs of ethics, paid \$900.00 in fees and completed the additional testing/course work as outlined.)

My reason for requesting this removal is because at this tenure in my career, I want to advance myself and my knowledge professionally and having this flag continues to put me in a category in which I am overlooked, pre-judged and at times not even considered. I am a Social Worker who works day in and day out to advocate for my clients, to empower them in situations where they are forced to go up against stereotypes and challenges because of mistakes in their past and/or their current situations. I feel that it is important for me to advocate for myself in the same manner as this whole incident stemmed from a malicious act and has affected me and my career for far too long.

Please, if you will consider my humble request, I am respectfully asking to have the flag removed from my LMSW licensure. If there are any additional steps that I need to take for this process to be completed, I am willing and able. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding your decision.

Thanking you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Latoya Anderson Spencer



LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF

COMPLAINT NO. 2017-168

LATOYA B. ANDERSON

REGISTRATION NO. 11873

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, Latoya B. Anderson ("Ms. Anderson") is a credentialed social worker subject to the jurisdiction and rules and regulations of the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a complaint and an administrative investigation, Ms. Anderson has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order as provided for in Rule No. 907 of the Board's Rules, Standards and Procedures and La. R.S. 49:955(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Anderson has admitted the following:

1. Ms. Anderson is a Registered Social Worker ("RSW"), licensed by the Board to engage in the practice of social work in the State of Louisiana pursuant to the Social Work Practice Act, La. R.S. 37:2701 *et seq.*, as evidenced by Registration No. 11873.
2. Ms. Anderson was arrested on April 3, 2017 for violation of La. R.S. 14:37, aggravated assault.
3. Ms. Anderson failed to report the arrest to the Board within seven (7) days of her arrest on April 3, 2017.
4. Ms. Anderson answered "no" to the question, "Have you been charged or convicted of any state or federal, civil or criminal law? (Includes convictions on any charges

Latoya B. Anderson 2017-168  
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except minor traffic offenses whether the conviction resulted by verdict, guilty plea, plea of no contest or nolo contendere and includes arrests, charges, and convictions that have been expunged?)” on her June 7, 2017 license renewal application.

**WHEREAS**, by failing to report the arrest to the Board within seven (7) days of her arrest, Ms. Anderson violated Rule 117(E) which is cause for disciplinary action pursuant to La. R.S. 37:2717(A)(5).

**WHEREAS**, by failing to disclose the arrest on her June 6, 2017 license renewal application, Ms. Anderson obtained her license by fraud or deception which is cause for disciplinary action pursuant to La. R.S. 37:2717(A)(3).

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Anderson has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order;

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned Assistant Attorney General has confirmed the respondent's desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. R.S. 49:955(D), the Board orders and Ms. Anderson accepts the following administrative action which is a final decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:958:

1. Ms. Anderson shall pass the Board's Open Book Examination on the Social Work Practice Act and Rules, Standards & Procedures within ninety (90) days after the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. This exam is available on the Board's website at [www.labswe.org](http://www.labswe.org).
2. Ms. Anderson shall complete a total of three (3) hours of continuing education on the subject of ethics. These hours are to be pre-approved by the Board prior to completion. This continuing education is in addition to the annual hours of continuing education



required to maintain her RSW. Ms. Anderson shall provide the Board with evidence of attendance within one (1) year after all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.

3. Ms. Anderson shall pay a fine in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$500.00) within one (1) year from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. The payments shall be made on a quarterly basis with the first payment due within ninety (90) days from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. Payments shall be made with credit card, money order or certified check. There shall be no pre-payment penalty.
4. Ms. Anderson shall pay all legal costs associated with Complaint No. 2017-168 in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$450.00) within one (1) year from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. The payments shall be made on a quarterly basis with the first payment due within ninety (90) days from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. Payments shall be made with credit card, money order or certified check. There shall be no pre-payment penalty.
5. Ms. Anderson specifically acknowledges that failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order may result in a denial, revocation, or suspension of any license, certificate, or registration issued by, or applied for, in accordance with La. R.S. 37:2717.

**Waiver of Rights.** Licensee is aware that she has the right to consult with an attorney of her choice and understands she has the right to an administrative hearing on the facts in this case. She understands and agrees that by signing this agreement, she is waiving her rights to a hearing. Further, she understands and agrees that she is relieving the prosecutor of any burden it has of proving the facts admitted above. Licensee further understands and agrees that by signing this



agreement she is voluntarily and knowingly giving up her right to present oral and documentary evidence, to present rebuttal evidence, to cross-examine witnesses against her, and to appeal the Board's decision.

**Effect of Non Acceptance of Agreement.** Licensee and the prosecutor agree that this Consent Agreement and Order is subject to the approval of the Board. They agree that, if the Board rejects this agreement, it will be void, and an Administrative Complaint may be filed. If this agreement is rejected by the Board it will not constitute a waiver of licensee's right to a hearing on the matters alleged in an administrative complaint and the admissions contained herein will have no effect. Licensee agrees that, if the Board rejects this agreement, the Board may decide the matter after a hearing, and its consideration of this agreement shall not alone be grounds for claiming that the Board is biased against him/her, that it cannot fairly decide the case, or that it has received ex parte communication.

**Address of Board.** All payments ordered and any reports required by this Consent Agreement and Order shall be addressed to: Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, 18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

**IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED** that this Consent Agreement and Order shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board and is a public record of the Board. The terms of this Consent Agreement and Order may be published and reported, including but not limited to, the LABSWE Newsletter, the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB), and the National Practitioner Data Bank-Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (NPDB-HIPDB).

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The prosecutor acknowledges negotiation and preparation of this Consent Agreement and Order in order to resolve, with prejudice, all matters for which the social worker could be charged under Complaint 2017-168, and further certifies that this Consent Agreement and Order is consistent with the evidence, adequately addresses the complaint, and represents a true and correct statement of that which could be proven at a hearing of this matter.

DATED: 4/20/18

Madeline Carbonette  
Madeline Carbonette  
Assistant Attorney General  
Prosecutor

I, Latoya B. Anderson, have read the Consent Agreement and Order, understand it, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions. I specifically acknowledge that failure to comply with the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order may result in revocation or suspension of my license. The admissions contained herein will be considered proven and the only issue will be failure to follow the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order.

DATED: 3/19/2018

Latoya B. Anderson  
Latoya B. Anderson

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 19 day of March, 2018 at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Connie Arbour  
Notary Number # 69925  
St. Bernard Parish, State of Louisiana  
My commission is for life

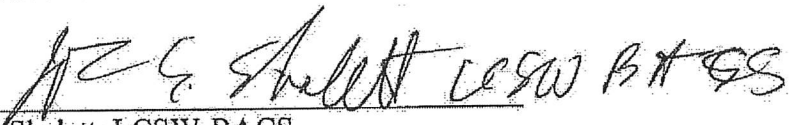
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Print Name: Connie ARBOUR  
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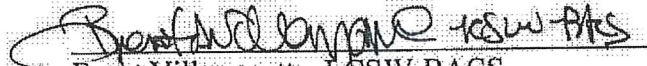
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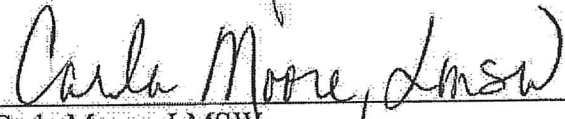
The Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, having examined the Consent Agreement and Order, Case No. 2017-168, adopted the Consent Agreement and Order in this matter.

DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

  
John Shalett, LCSW-BACS

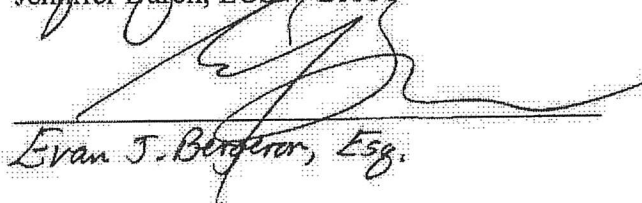
  
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## Emily DeAngelo

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**From:** Myra Hidalgo <[myra.hidalgo@ny.gov](#)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 3:13 PM  
**To:** Emily DeAngelo  
**Subject:** Reporting child abuse

Hi Emily,

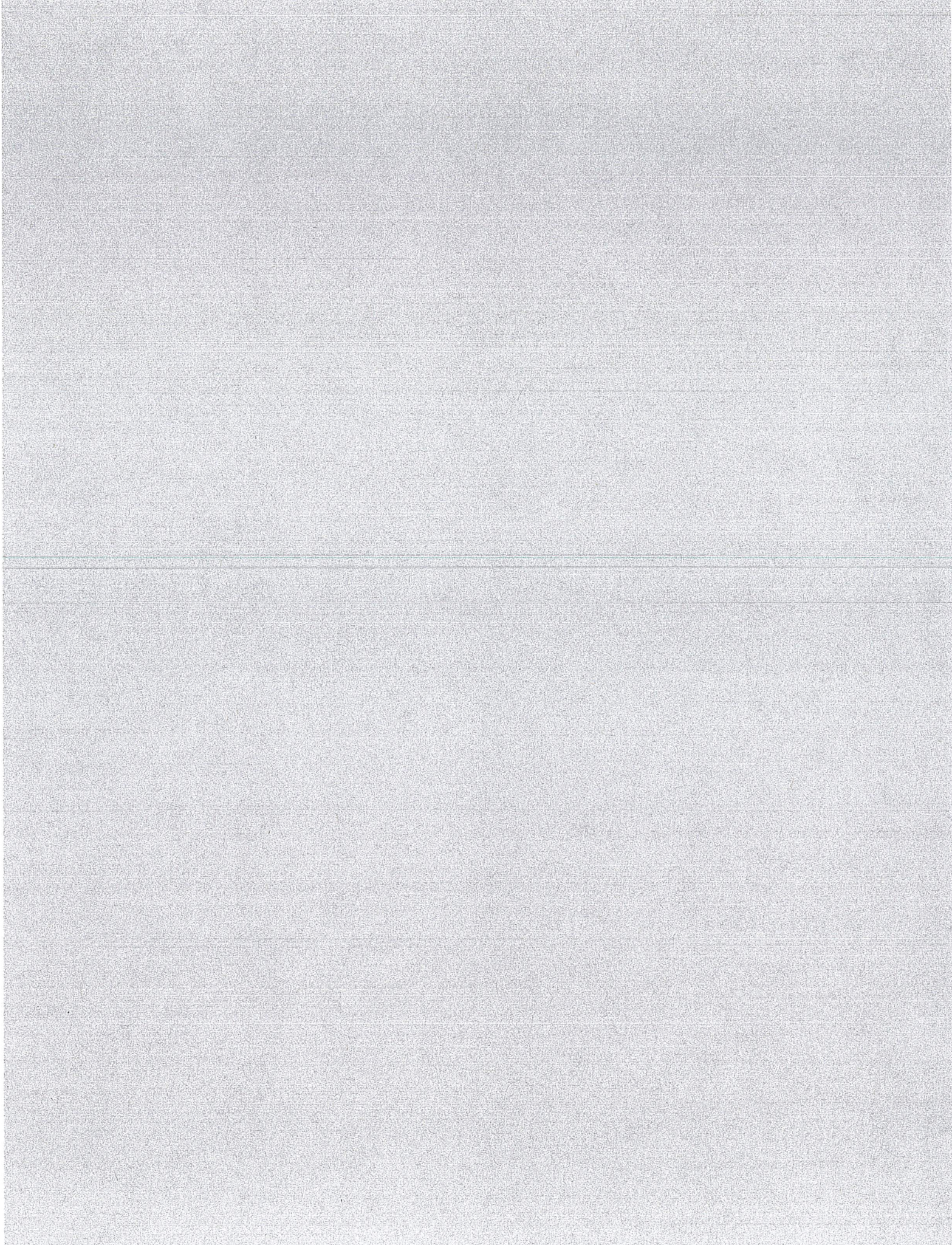
I have an adult client who was sexually and physically abused as a child in another state. The abuse was never reported. It is my understanding that the crime must be reported now. However, the police in the city/state where the abuse occurred said they could not take the report over the phone and that an officer from the client's current place of residence must take the report in person. In turn, the local police department said they do not do "courtesy reports" for other jurisdictions. Where/how are we supposed to make a police report if no one will take it? Please advise.

Thank you,

Myra Hidalgo

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## Emily DeAngelo

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**From:** Seleana LaChapelle  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2022 8:21 AM  
**To:** Emily DeAngelo  
**Subject:** FW: LATE FEE REIMBURSEMENT

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**From:** Elois Parquet  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2022 8:59 PM  
**To:** Seleana LaChapelle <Seleana.LaChapelle@labswe.org>  
**Subject:** LATE FEE REIMBURSEMENT

Sent from my iPhone

Missing the September 6, 2022 License Renewal Application deadline was due to technical issues with the Certemy System. The Renewal Application for the 2022 -2023 period was not available on the Certemy System for the extended deadline period. Certemy was contacted via an email as well the listed telephone number. Also, an email was sent to LABSWE and that email forwarded to Certemy. Certemy advised me on September 9, 2022 that the application appears to be available. I successfully completed the application on the date of availability, September 9, 2022.

Therefore, I am due to be reimbursed for late fee charged for the license renewal application.

Respectfully,

Elois F. Parquet LCSW-BACS