

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

Section A: Organizational Information

Winters Mental Health and Consulting
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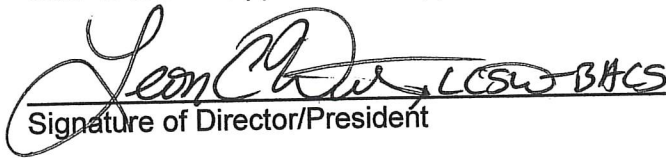
- Describe fees agency will charge to process Continuing Education Applications:

\$75 - 3hr
\$90 - 5hr
\$150 - Continuous

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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 LCSW BACS 02/08/23
Signature of Director/President Date

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18550 Highland Road, Suite B
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

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Regina Dewitt

From: Leon Winters, LCSW-BACS <leon@wintersmhc.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2023 8:48 PM
To: Regina Dewitt
Subject: Re: Application for CE Approval Organization
Attachments: J. Barthelemy .pdf; L. Friedberg.pdf

1. Our turnaround time is 3 to 5 business days
2. The fee schedule is \$25 dollars per credit hour, \$75 for 3 credit hours, \$90 for 5 hours and up (full day training) and \$150 is for a training that would be done multiple times in the year.
3. The updated recommendation letters have been attached.

On Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 1:10 PM Regina Dewitt <rdewitt@labswe.org> wrote:

Hi Leon,

Our office received your application to become a Continuing Education Approval Organization earlier today. To complete the application, we will need for you to submit the following:

1. On page 2 of the application, it asks for you to "describe time limit set for making a decision on an educational offering's suitability" Please submit in writing the amount of time that it will take for you to review and respond to a request for approval.
2. In the section that asks for you to describe fees agency will charge to process continuing education applications, you responded with the following: \$75-3 hour, \$90 -5 hour and \$150-continuous. Please explain the fee that would be charged per CE credit hour (should an offering be for one hour of continuing education) and what is meant by "continuous."
3. For the letters of recommendation to be considered, they will need to have actual signatures (wet signatures). Please have Juan Barthelemy, LCSW and Laura Friedberg, LCSW-BACS, sign their letters of recommendation.

Sincerely,

Regina M. DeWitt

Administrative Assistant

Louisiana State Board of

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February 14, 2023

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To Whom This May Concern:

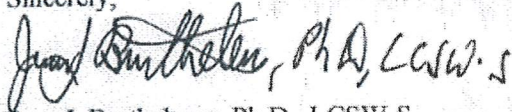
Please accept this letter of recommendation for Mr. Leon C. Winters, LCSW-BACS to have his organization, Winters Mental Health and Consulting recognized as a CEU approval organization. Mr. Winters' commitment to provide continuing education to social workers has been evident in providing trainings and assisting other social workers with their training. Approving Winters Mental Health and Consulting as a CEU organization will be a great asset to the continuing education community.

I have known Mr. Winters for many years as a student and as a professional. Through my connection with Mr. Winters, I can attest to his committed dedication to mental health awareness, educating upcoming clinicians, as well as providing resources in local community and schools.

Mr. Winters' unwavering devotion and compassion to provide education on mental health awareness is why I write this letter in full support of his organization gaining the ability to become a CEU approval organization. It is my sincere belief that Winters Mental Health and Consulting will be an asset to the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners and uphold the integrity the organization strives to uphold.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by at jbarthel@central.uh.edu or by phone at 713-743-6634.

Sincerely,


Juan J. Barthelemy, Ph.D., LCSW-S

FRIEDBERG COUNSELING ASSOCIATES

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Letter of Recommendation

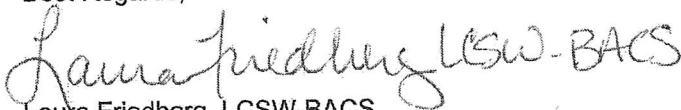
Dear Board Members,

I am happy to offer a letter of reference for Mr. Leon Winters, LCSW to have his agency, Winters Mental Health, become a CEU approval organization. I have had the pleasure of supervising Mr. Winters, both as an intern while at LSU, as well as for his LCSW. I have witnessed Mr. Winters excel as a new social worker, and now have seen him continue to grow as an experienced clinician. He has established a successful private practice, offers trainings and workshops for other professionals, and has an excellent clinical knowledge base. Clinically, Mr. Winters strives to learn new interventions and techniques, as well as developing skills and experience in providing the interventions most effective in his practice.

Mr. Winters has very good communication skills, is a self-starter, is a highly motivated learner and teacher, and gets along well with other professionals. Mr. Winters is ethical and shows respect to his clients. He has a working knowledge of the community resources available to clients in this area, and he connects people to the resources they need most.

I know that, as a CEU approval organization, Mr. Winters agency will be an asset to the community and to the social work board. Please feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions about Mr. Winters.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Friedberg LCSW-BACS".

Laura Friedberg, LCSW-BACS
La License # 3810

January 16, 2023

To Whom This May Concern:

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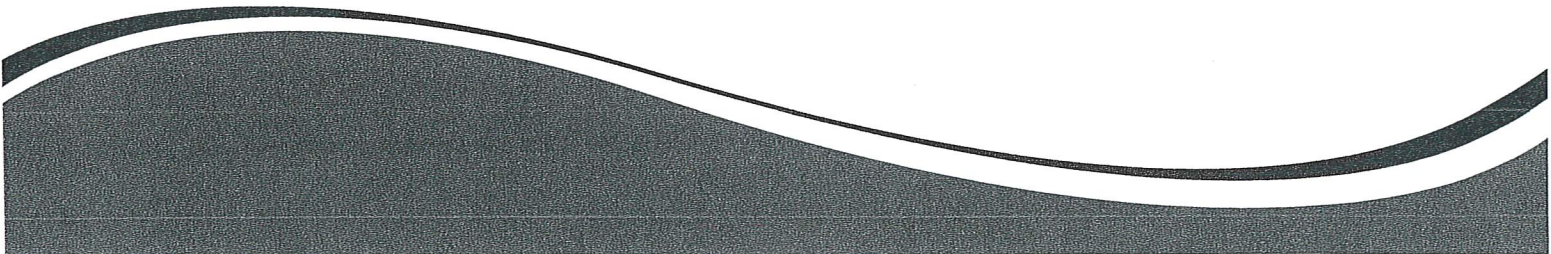
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If you have any questions I can be reached at (337) 706-4357 or by email at contact@drtiffanyzachery.com

Thank you,

Dr. Tiffany Zachery, LCSW-BACS

Tiffany Zachery, LCSW-BACS, PhD



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Victory Addiction Recovery Center
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Email Address Website

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

30 days prior to event

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

No fee to process and review application

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Signature of Director/President

3/7/23
Date

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Constance A. Konikoff, Msw, Lcsw
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Fax: 337 981 2109

3/9/2023

LABSWE
18850 Highland Rd.
Baton Rouge, La. 70809

Re: recertifying Victory Addiction Recovery Center as an approved CEU provider for clinical social work licensees

To Whom It May Concern:

As a licensed clinical social worker in the state of Louisiana, currently in private practice since 1990 serving psychotherapy clients with social work services, I am writing to positively recommend Victory Addiction Recovery Center for renewal by the LABSWE as an approved provider of CEU programs, both in the provision of them and also for the certifying of ceu offerings as appropriate for Social Workers. In addition to being a practicing social worker, I have also been the past education chair for the Louisiana Association of Clinical Social Workers and have developed discernment as to the qualities needed in an approved CEU provider.

My direct experience with Victory is both as a participant in their CEU offerings and as a social worker having organized a training through them. They are very Professional, have a beautiful environment conducive to learning, listening and practicing of techniques being taught in trainings. They are kind, diligent and Good at pivoting when things inevitably need to be managed during an offering whether it's a change in seating, providing paperwork for CEU proof of attendance, more handouts or a change in technical needs during a presentation. In my years in Lafayette, I have only ever heard positive feedback about Victory's intentions and follow-through in their continuing education offerings. Victory is diligent and committed about providing free psychoeducational programs for the community as well as professionals, along with providing their reasonably priced CEU offerings. They have a lot of experience and are committed to their responsibilities.

If I can provide more information, please feel free to contact me at 337 981 2110 or through my email:
connie@conniekonikoff.com

Sincerely,



Constance A. Konikoff, Msw, Lcsw

CC: Mr. Doug MacDiarmid at Victory Addiction Recovery Center

CHARLENE B. SPEARS, LCSW, INC.

March 9, 2023

LABSWE
18850 Highland Rd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a Clinical Social Worker & Board Approved Supervisor in Private Practice in Lafayette, LA. I have provided Social Work services to adolescents and adults in In-Patient, Out-Patient and Private Practice settings since beginning my career in 1983.

I have had the opportunity to utilize the facilities at Victory Recovery Center on multiple occasions in the past to hold meetings for the South Louisiana EMDRIA Regional Network and to present seminars and workshops to social workers and licensed professional counselors. The accommodations that include a multimedia center were quite exceptional. Their support staff was very professional and responsive to any needs expressed. They are capable of hosting an event with a capacity of a hundred plus participants in a large, spacious and comfortable auditorium style room. They are responsive to requests for different seating arrangements, ranging from tables with chairs to upright auditorium style seating. They generously offer coffee for nonprofit meetings and workshops.

In addition to providing direct inpatient services for addictions assessment and treatment, Victory also provides community education programs free to the general public and hosts continuing education programs for mental health professionals presented by their clinical staff and mental health professionals from the community. The quality of the programs presented meet the criteria for continuing education programs for social workers.

I highly recommend them for recertification as an approved educational provider.

Sincerely,



Charlene B. Spears, MSW, LCSW, BCD
Certified EMDR Therapist
EMDRIA-Approved Consultant

Cc: file

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To: Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiner

18550 Highland Rd. Boulevard

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From: Marlene Lucas LCSW, ACSW, BACS

105 Kincaid Ct.

Lafayette, LA 70508

RE: Victory Addiction Recovery Center letter of recommendation as an approved CE provider

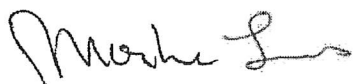
Please Let It Be Known, I have been a LCSW in the State of Louisiana since 1991. I am a social work service provider in the Lafayette area. I have always felt that Victory Addiction Recovery Center has supported both the Lafayette and state social work community in many ways. One of those being offering continuing education which is most appropriate and timely to social work and therapy community. Victory makes an effort to go out of their way to both sponsor in community and regional speakers to continue advancement and progress in our field. These CE credits have been provided at a reasonable price and in a hospitable environment.

Victory addiction recovery Center is truly one of the leaders in addiction treatment in Lafayette. It is an honorable program which seeks to support recovery.

It is my understanding victory is coming up for renewal for an approved CE provider status. I would highly recommend that this be a priority.

Please feel free to contact me should you need more information. I can be reached at 337-344-9056.

Sincerely,

 LCSW ACSW BACS

Marlene Lucas LCSW

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Courtney Nathan
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Decisions will be made within two weeks of an application.

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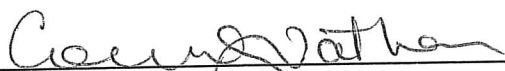
- Describe fees agency will charge to process Continuing Education Applications:

Fee for services will be \$75 per application.

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Signature of Director/President

3-2-23
Date

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socialwork@labswe.org

Dear LABSWE,

I am writing to share my recommendation of Courtney Nathan and the Professional Development Network (PDN) as a Continuing Education Approval Provider for the LABSWE.

I have worked with Courtney through PDN for many years and she is responsible, organized and capable in her work. Courtney has managed programs in Louisiana for over 25 years through work with Jewish Family Service and through her company, PDN. She has much experience and will be a reliable and trustworthy provider.

I endorse Courtney as a provider.

Sincerely,



Kristen C. Chawla, LCSW



Kristen C. Chawla, LCSW | Director of Engagement

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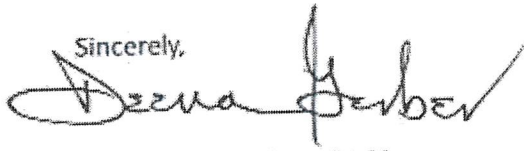
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I endorse Courtney as a provider.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deena Gerber", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Deena Gerber, LCSW, BACS

SEWANEE
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH
THE UNIVERSITY WELLNESS CENTER
COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

March 4, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

Courtney Nathan Singer has asked me to provide a letter of reference, and I am very happy to do so. I have known Courtney for over twenty years and have worked with her on several projects. We first worked together as therapists at Jewish Family Services, and we co-authored a book together, *Parenting through Illness* (2016, Hohm Press). I have attended several continuing education workshops through her organization, Professional Development Network (PDN), and I have also presented workshops for PDN.

Courtney is reliable, ethical, and extremely professional. She is an excellent social worker, and her workshops are always informative and relevant to our profession. I recommend her without qualification; she is truly an asset to our profession.

Sincerely,

Leigh Collins, LCSW

Leigh Collins, LCSW
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\$10.00 per CE hour

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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.

Ryan O'Pray, LCSW - BACS
Signature of Director/President

3-13-23
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 _____

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Angela Henry Wilklow, LCSW, BACS
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Metairie, LA 70001
angelawilklow@gmail.com

February 23, 2023

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

Re: Ryan O'Pry application to be a CEU Approval Organization

Dear LABSWE:

This letter is to recommend Ryan O'Pry who is applying to LABSWE to become a provider and approval organization of continuing education. I have known Mr. O'Pry for 9 years, as I provided BACS supervision to him beginning in January of 2014 while he worked in the Functional Family Therapy program at Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority. I also served as the director of the Child and Family Services Division in which he worked. Ryan upholds high standards for the profession. Ryan was clinically astute, organized, and a dedicated employee. He is a continuous learner who enjoys expanding his knowledge base. His documentation was accurate, well written, thorough and timely. Possessing these qualities, I trust Mr. O'Pry will be an asset to LABSWE and licensees pursuing continuing education by approving and offering additional options for training.

If I can be of further assistance to LABSWE concerning this request please contact me at my email address, angelawilklo@gmail.com, or my cell phone, 504-251-0758.

Sincerely,

Angela Henry Wilklow, LCSW, BACS

Angela Henry Wilklow, LCSW, BACS
LA License #5065

BRANDY ALEXIS, LMSW

Tulane University Counseling Center, Staff Therapist

Email • balexis1@tulane.edu

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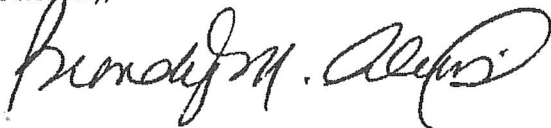
18550 Highland Road, Suite B

Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

Dear Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners,

It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend Ryan O'Pry, LCSW-BACS (Sole Proprietor, Cypress Clinical Counseling, LLC) to become a LABSWE approved Continuing Education Provider! I am currently employed as a Social Service Provider (Clinical Therapist) at the Tulane University Counseling Center, where I have the pleasure of working alongside Mr. O'Pry. During our employment at TUCC, I've observed him creating and facilitating psychoeducation workshops for our graduate and professional students. Ryan's psychoeducation workshops are well-researched, goal oriented, interactive, and aesthetically engaging. He has the unique ability to synthesize complex topics into digestible content. As a presenter, Ryan genuinely connects with his audience through using active listening, humor, and storytelling when appropriate. With over a decade of social work experience, he possesses the perfect blend of confidence and humility needed to create a high-quality transactional learning experience. I wholeheartedly support Ryan O'Pry, LCSW-BACS (Sole Proprietor, Cypress Clinical Counseling, LLC), in his pursuit to become a LABSWE approved Continuing Education Provider, as his integrative pedagogical approach and passion for teaching will prove to be a benefit to others in the social work profession!

Sincerely,



Brandy Alexis, LMSW

Staff Therapist, Tulane University Counseling Center

Elizabeth Vitter, LCSW
School Social Worker | Presence Learning
1536 St. Roch Avenue
NOLA, 70117

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

Re: Application of Ryan O'Pry #11932 for Approval Organization for Social Work Continuing Education

To whom it may concern:

I write in support of the applicant Ryan O'Pry to become an Approved Provider of Social Work CEUs.

I have known Ryan for over 12 years. We have known each other as students, and then later as colleagues in the Jefferson Parish Public School System. We first met, in 2010, during our time at LSU's School of Social Work where we both received our MSW. As a fellow student, I was able to witness his great capacity for empathy and practice skills. In addition, his friendly nature drew others to him; he was well-liked by all professors and fellow students. He nurtured his skills by answering phones at the Crisis Line in Baton Rouge where he was able to intervene and provide support to clients experiencing suicidal ideation. I personally watched him practice these abilities during a weekend long training course on suicidal interventions. He displayed impressive skills and was extremely knowledgeable about correct methodology for suicidal interventions. His skill level at such a nascent time in his career gives an indication about his proficiency now, 12 years later.

With over a decade of experience in a multitude of settings with a variety of clients, Ryan brings a depth of knowledge and understanding to his practice. As stated before, I had the pleasure of being Ryan's coworker when we were both social workers in the Jefferson Parish Public School System. I witnessed his deep commitment to his clients and his pursuit of excellence as a school based mental health practitioner. He took great time and care to understand the nuances of that job; developing a keen sense of record keeping as was required by our role. He was also able to utilize and perfect his suicide prevention and crisis intervention knowledge through a multitude of student crises.

Ryan's decade-long work experience in both community-based mental healthcare and university counseling have allowed him to hone his skills in LGBTQ care, grief, suicide prevention and other brief interventions.

As a friend of Ryan's, I am confident in recommending him to this Board. He is kind, empathic, and steadfast in his friendship. I can assure you that he is a person of remarkable maturity, great skill, and reliability. He would take great care in selecting appropriate curriculum for Continuing Education Units and would effectively deliver and provide meticulous record keeping for those CEUs.

Based on the aforesaid, I believe that Ryan would be an excellent provider of CEUs and I recommend him unreservedly.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Vitter, LCSW
License # 11799

Will have signed
Letter prior to
meeting.

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Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

Section A: Organizational Information

<u>Grounded Wellness Collaborative LLC</u>		
Name of Organization		
<u>Carly Rogers, LCSW-BACS and Mary Cosper, LCSW-BACS</u>		
Name of Director/President		
<u>PO Box 20, Destrehan, LA 70047</u>	City/State	Zip
Mailing Address		
<u>21 Veison Pl, Destrehan, LA 70047</u>	City/State	Zip
Physical Address (if different from above)		
<u>504 / 346-9339</u>	City/State	Zip
Telephone		
<u>groundedwellnesscollaborative@gmail.com</u>	Fax	<u>bacsbook.com</u>
Email Address		Website

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<u>Carly Rogers, LCSW-BACS</u>	<u>Mary Cosper, LCSW-BACS</u>
Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential	
<u>Owners</u>	
Relationship to Organization	
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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 decisions will be made in under 10 business days. If edits are required to approve CE, they will be reviewed within 3 days of submission.

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:

GWC will charge \$20 per CE credit

Section D: Authority

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Mary Connors LCSW-PACS Carly Rogers, LCSW-BAS 3-10-23
Signature of Director/President Date

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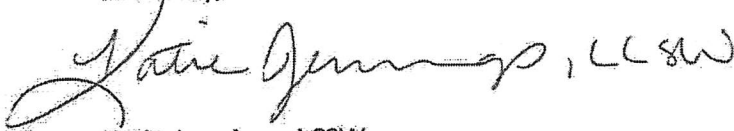
March 13, 2023

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of Grounded Wellness Collaborative becoming a CEU-approving organization. The founders of GWC, Carly Rogers and Mary Cosper, are both BACS approved LCSWs who have been in the field for over 10-years. Their experience and expertise position them well to be able to review and approve CEU credits that will educate and inform social workers.

I have worked with both Carly and Mary and know first-hand about their commitment to the Social Work profession. Both have helped to train new Social Workers in the school and medical social work field and have a commitment to furthering the profession. I believe that the Grounded Wellness Collaborative, will fairly and thoroughly evaluate any CE's that they are sent.

Sincerely,



Katie Jennings, LCSW
Manager of Behavioral Health
AbsoluteCare
1523 St Charles Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70130



Children's Hospital
New Orleans
LCMC Health

200 Henry Clay Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70118

LCMCHHealth.org



ThriveKids¹²
The Student Wellness Project

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of Grounded Wellness Collaborative (GWC) becoming a CEU approval organization. The founders of GWC, Carly Rogers and Mary Cosper are both BACS-approved LCSWs who have been in the field for over 10 years respectively. Their experience and expertise position them well to be able to review and approve CEU credits that will educate and inform social workers. Carly has led and been a part of many professional development opportunities throughout my tenure as a social worker, and I know she and Mary have a commitment to high-quality educational opportunities for Louisiana social workers.

Their additional commitment to the social work profession includes helping to train new social workers in the school and medical social work field. Carly has been a great resource for me and is someone I engage with regularly for consultation related to my practice. I believe that the Grounded Wellness Collaborative will fairly and thoroughly evaluate any CEU that they are sent.

Sincerely,

Laura Potts, LCSW-QSSW *Laura Potts*
Behavioral Health Care Coordinator for Thrivekids Student Wellness at
Children's Hospital New Orleans
504.896.9420



P.O. Box 61011
New Orleans, LA 70161-1011
www.neworleans.va.gov

March 15, 2023

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

Dear Louisiana State Board of Social Work:

I have worked with Mary Cosper, founder of *Grounded Wellness Collaborative*, and have personally witnessed the commitment she has to the Social Work profession. While working as a medical social worker, she has spent time training social workers who are new to the field, and helped to instill the values and ethics of social work into their everyday work so that they are competent, and provide safe services. She has always been very openminded, having an interest in researching new topics and sharing her findings with others, allowing them to enhance and develop their skills and knowledge. I am very confident that Mary and her colleague Carly Rogers will critically evaluate CEs to ensure that they are providing the most current, unbiased, and evidence-based information to social workers across the state.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Caroline P. Crowley'.

Caroline P. Crowley, MSW, LCSW- BACS
Inpatient Medical Social Worker
Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System
2400 Canal St., New Orleans, LA 70119
carolinepcrowley@yahoo.com
614-406-5111

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Date: March 14, 2023

Re: Requesting maximum of 72 group supervision hours for Kim Franklin, LMSW License number: 11359

Dear Louisiana State Board of Social Workers Examiners,

Please accept this formal request to allow Kim Franklin, LMSW, an extension to receive the maximum allowed group supervision of 72 hours vs. the current 46 hours for the following reasons:

1. Group supervision is useful for the social workers involved to share their extensive knowledge of their particular fields through roleplaying, exercises, intervention strategies and techniques, and sharing different perspectives of scenarios.
2. This group is specifically capped at 2 persons (even though a maximum of 5 is allowed). This cap is designated to ensure adequate time and attention to the group members. Without Kim, the group could not exist.
3. This group allows for us to focus on practicing for the LCSW exam and offer insights, tips, and feedback in a detailed narrative.
4. Lastly, yet an important consideration for many LMSWs in supervision, is the reduced group supervision rates. As is typical in group experiences, group supervision is more financially feasible than individual supervision. This allows for Kim to be able to get her hours toward LCSW in a way that's less costly to her, as she is on a timeline of August 2023 to complete her supervision to obtain credit for her older supervision hours.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact me at _____ or email me at _____



Katie Dotie, LCSW-BACS

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ARLENE M. HULING, LMSW

• BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA 71111

January 10, 2023

LABSWE

18550 Highland Road

Suite B

Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

Greetings:

Please find the enclosed obituary for my previous clinical supervisor, Marsha McCall, license #3073. Per previous correspondence to the board, dated October 3, 2022, I would like to receive credit for completed hours and have my information updated in Certemy.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Respectfully,



Arlene Huling, LMSW #10836

REC'D JAN 27 2023



6/17/55 – 9/09/21

A memorial service celebrating the life of Marsha Anders, 66, was held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Rose-Neath Chapel in Mansfield, Louisiana with Bro. Azell Ott, Jr. officiating. Marsha was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She left this world on September 9, 2021.

She was born to Thomas Joshua and Marjorie Paul on June 17, 1955. After graduating from high school Marsha went on to college and received a Bachelor of Arts from Northwestern State University. She didn't stop there, and received a Master of Arts degree from Louisiana Tech as well as a Master of Social Work from Louisiana State University. Marsha was also a licensed clinical social worker. She always knew she wanted to be a social worker; she loved people and wanted to make a difference.

Marsha loved spending time with her family and friends, especially her son Thomas Joshua McCall (TJ). He was the light of her life. Then she met Jim Anders and made him her husband. She took him and his children on as her own. She loved her Mardi Gras family as well, dressing up and having a night out especially as Demeter's Queen V. She was so loved and will be missed by so many. There wasn't a person she met that she didn't touch their lives in some way.

Marsha was preceded in death by her son, Thomas Joshua McCall, and her parents, Thomas Joshua and Marjorie Paul.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband Jim Anders, her stepchildren Jason and Kristie Cook, Cassie and Ceirra Anders, Zachary and Vicki Brewster, and Clint and Stephanie Caldwell as well as 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She leaves behind her special fur babies that brightened her days.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Louisiana Lions Camp at 292 L. Beauford Dr, Anacoco, Louisiana 71403.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

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Social Work

Subject:

FW: Contact Us Form Submitted

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

From: LABSWE Complaints <FileComplaint@labswe.org>

Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 9:53 AM

To: Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>

Subject: Contact Us Form Submitted

First Name: Peyton

Last Name: Eschette

Phone Number:

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Question:

I am a school social worker in East Baton Rouge Parish, and I am onsite at a high school. Aside from my work at the school, I am also a softball coach. I give private softball lessons. The softball team at my high school has been struggling this season, and there are players that have reached out to me about private lessons, and one of them is a client. I am asking for consultation on what is okay in this situation, because I do not want to break any ethical codes.

For the players who are not a client, I wanted guidance on how the girls/ their parents should contact me for lessons. I usually communicate about lessons through Facebook messenger or text, but I didn't know what would be more appropriate, as I do not want students having access to my personal information. My facebook page is private and you have to be my friend to see personal info.

For the player that is my client, I wanted understanding on if this is a person I could give private lessons to. After this school year she will no longer be my "client" per say, but she will still be a student at the school. She is actually the most interested in private lessons. I wasn't sure if I could give her lessons during the summer or once we terminate our clinical relationship, or how I should go about this.

Please let me know the best way to proceed. Thank you Peyton Eschette, LMSW

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School of Social Work

**New Board Approved Supervisor Training
Social Work Supervision Models and Methods:**

Cultivating Peak Performance

Traci Lilley, BACS-LCSW

March 31, 2023

Zoom link: <https://lsu.zoom.us/j/9833397049>

Agenda

Friday, March 31st

8:30a – 11:45a

Morning Session

Overview of Clinical Supervision in Social Work (1.5 hours)

Theoretical Frameworks

Evidence-Based Models with focus on Reflection Model

Administrative Functions of Supervision (1.5 hours)

Leadership and Power

Ethics and Legal considerations for Supervision

Legal

Supervision plans

Afternoon Session

12:30a-4:15pm

The Practice of Supervision (1.5 hours)

Techniques and Strategies

Managing challenges

Documentation

Structure of sessions

In person and virtual techniques and strategies

Special Issues in Supervision (2.0 hours)

- DEI, Cultural responsiveness
- Group and Off-site Supervision
- Tele supervision
- Self-care
- Termination

6.5 clinical supervision contact hours

TRACI FAUNTLEROY LILLEY, MSW, LCSW-BACS

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PROFILE

- Seasoned social work administrator with more than 25 years of administrative, teaching and social work experience
- Knowledgeable and skill to maintain compliance with accreditation standards (CSWE EPAS)
- Dedicated, resourceful professional with proven ability to create and monitor policies and procedures that promote a respectful and productive environment
- Provides 20-25 social work presentations a year on supervision, ethics, technology social work standards and self-care
- Teach 6-8 courses per year focusing on SW Practice with Individuals and Groups and ethics in on campus and online MSW and BSW programs
- Effective problem solving and conflict management skills
- Encourages and maintains open communication with colleagues, clients, and community partners
- Highest commitment to ethical practice
- Demonstrated ability to work with a wide variety of people to achieve the objectives and goals set by the organization
- Knowledgeable of all state social service agencies and resources-public, private and non-profit.

EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

LCSW-BACS, Licensed Clinical Social Worker-Board Approved Clinical Supervisor

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners September 2013

LCSW-BACS, Licensed Clinical Social Worker-Board Approved Clinical Supervisor

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners August 2000

Master of Social Work

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge LA May 1995

Bachelor of Social Work

Louisiana College, Pineville, LA May 1990

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Louisiana State University, School of Social Work, Baton Rouge, LA

Associate Director of the School and Director of Field Education

Office of Field Education (September 1996 – Present)

- ***Administrative***
Manage all activities related to field education. Oversee field education placements and assignment of 500+ students and 450 field agencies.
 - Manage all aspects of the field education program for in-state and out-of-state placements
 - Oversee all aspects of the field budget
 - Implement and manage all field discipline issues
 - Oversee all risk management issues for field placements
 - Recruited 90+ new field agencies since 2001
 - Maintain compliance for CSWE EPAS and assist with accreditation process

- Developed more "user" friendly field placement procedures for students and supervisors
- Interview all newly admitted students for placement
- Provide supervision training for field supervisors
- Provide field orientation for students
- Assign and coordinate faculty liaison activities
- Adapted field manual and field forms to web page which resulted in over \$2000 in cost savings
- Created timeline for field office activities to increase planning efficiency
- Created School of Social Work JOBLINE to streamline career development effort

Page 2 – TRACI F. LILLEY, MSW, LCSW

- Developed effective gate keeping policies and procedures to deal with field concerns and issues
- Developed ACCESS database for student, agency, supervisor and liaison information which resulted in increased accuracy, efficiency and professional forms
- Coordinate all University paperwork for Continuing Education seminars
- Participate in Admissions, Foundation Curriculum, Faculty Liaison and CSWE academic committee
- Developed new field agencies and supervisors in the Natchitoches and Alexandria area to address distance education format
- Written 22 grants (American Cancer Society, Student Technology Fee, East Baton Rouge School Board Behavioral Disorder Program, OJJ) , 5 granted for over \$180,000
- Oversee compliance with CSWE standards for field education
- Complete all CSWE statistical reports for field education

• ***Instruction***

- Teach one course per semester
- Consistently high course evaluations for Fulfill liaison role to assigned students and field agencies
- Teach online course modules: Practice with Families and Individuals, Practice with Groups and Ethics

• ***Supervision***

- Supervise adjunct faculty liaisons
- Supervise Field Education staff
- Supervise Continuing Education staff
- Supervise Child Welfare Coordinator

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, Baton Rouge, LA
Newsletter Editor (July 2000 – 2004)

- Edit newsletter articles for publication
- Write and compose articles for publication
- Provide desktop publishing for publication

Livingston Youth and Family Counseling, Denham Springs, LA

Therapist (August 1995 – January 1999)

- Conducted long and short-term psychotherapy with children and adults presenting with a diversity of issues.
- Assisted in developing fund raising ideas and implement strategies.
- Assisted in developing public relations and referral sources within the community.
- Facilitated a parenting class for parents with children 4-18 years of age.
- Networked with community educators to effectively meet the challenging needs of students and parents.
- Developed marketing tools and literature to promote parenting programs.
- Served as Board Member.

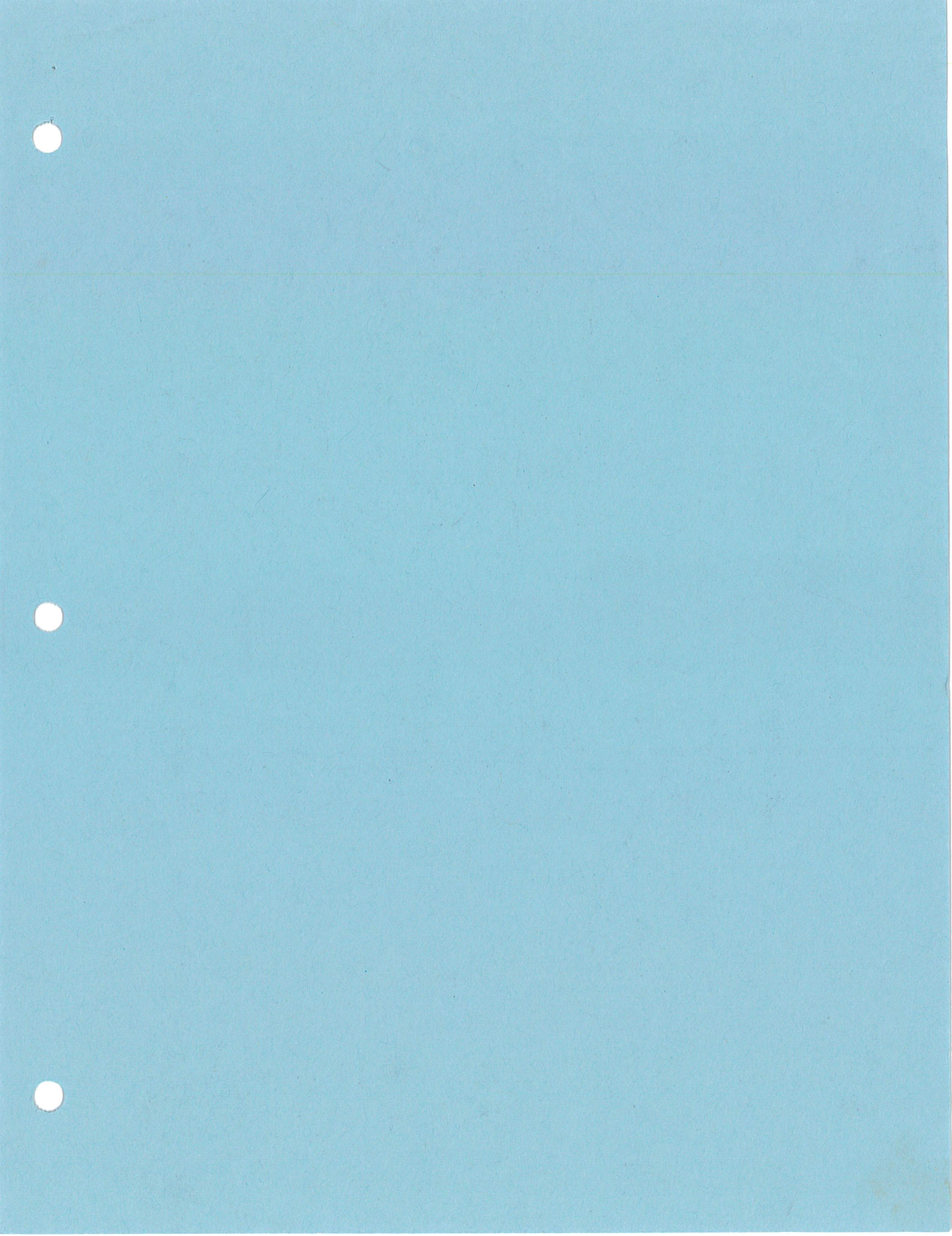
Alexandria Community Support Program, Alexandria, LA

Case Coordinator (July 1990 – August 1993)

- Assisted in developing the agency's policy manual to meet state regulations for adult day care program licensing
- Managed a caseload of 30+ chronic mentally ill adults in a psychosocial day treatment program.
- Provided crisis intervention and suicide assessments in cooperation with the community mental health center.
- Served as an advocate to psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers to assure highest quality of services for clients

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND AWARDS

- National Association of Social Workers
- Council on Social Work Education
- LEAD (LSU Executive Team Training) Class of 2010
- Louisiana NASW Social Worker of the Year 2013
- NASW Baton Rouge Region Social Worker of the Year 2012-2013
- LSU School of Social Worker Teacher of the Year 2014
- CSWE Field Educator Training Series, Gatekeeping Strategies



Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

Section A: Organizational Information

Freedom Therapy Center, LLC

Name of Organization

Danielle Bailey

Name of Director/President

1102 Texas Ave

Mailing Address

Alexandria, LA

City/State

71301

Zip

Physical Address (if different from above) City/State

318 / 613-0147

Telephone

Fax

888-476-3246

Email Address

FreedomTherapyCenter@gmail.com / www.FreedomTherapyCenter.com

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Danielle Bailey, LCSW-BACS 10610

Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential

OWNER

Relationship to Organization

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

Once Freedom Therapy Center (FTC) has received a completed "Applications for pre-approval" with required documents stated on the "Applications for pre-approval" form. We will then have 72 hours to respond back to the person.

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:

Yes the agency will charge a \$125 ~~fee~~^{DB} nonrefundable processing fee.

Section D: Authority

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Danilee Bailey, LCSW-BACS
Signature of Director/President

2/10/23
Date

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February 7, 2023

Re: Recommendation of Danielle D Bailly, LCSW-BACS

Louisiana State Board of Social Work of Examiners,

This letter of recommendation is being submitted at the request of Ms. Bailey. It is my honor to recommend Ms. Bailey to be approved to present continuing education hours. I have known Ms. Bailey for over a decade and she possess and wealth of knowledge in multiple areas of the field of Social Work. She continuously strives to increase her knowledge base and attends many trainings at her own expense to broaden her skills and services provided directly to clients. Her willingness to provide education to her peers within the profession will serve the profession as a whole.

In the time that I have known Ms. Bailey, I have come to respect and intellectual competences, character, ethical practices, interpersonal qualities, professionalism, organizational skills, drive to success, passion in helping others and so much more.

I, without reservation, recommend that Ms. Bailey be approved to present continuing education hours. If there are any questions or further information needed, please feel at liberty to contact me directly at (318) 730-3719.

Sincerely,

Temika Rhines, BS, LCSW-BACS, CCM

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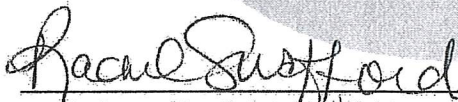
Attention: Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

I am sending this letter of reference for Freed Therapy Center, LLC; which was founded by Ms. Danielle Bailey, LCSW-BACS in 2017. I continue to have the pleasure of watching Ms. Bailey and her agency evolve into an agency that helps her community, personally and professionally. Ms. Bailey's work extends beyond the CENLA area. She is involved in training, community programs, and other social work endeavors which makes her valuable to this profession.

I have had the opportunity to benefit from and participate in training and community endeavors. She continues to be an advocate for upholding social work principles and values.

Freedom Therapy Center, LLC is an asset to the community and the Social Work field. This practice continues to grow and has roots in the community and surrounding areas. It should be noted that Ms. Bailey was a presenter at the social work conference this year in Baton Rouge. This speaks to her drive and passion for helping her colleagues. It is my pleasure to recommend that Freedom Therapy Center, LLC continue as a continuing education approval organization.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 318-834-5454 or email me at rachels@empoweringyousws.com.


Rachel Swafford, LCSW-BACS

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To whom it may concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write a letter of recommendation for Freedom Therapy Center, LLC. I first met the owner Ms. Bailey in 2010 while we worked at Department of Children and Family Services. Since meeting and working with Ms. Bailey I have observed her to be an excellent and hardworking social worker. She's extremely helpful and doesn't mind helping anyone. She treats everyone with dignity, respect, and compassion. I have observed her stress the importance of client self-determination and service to every individual. As social workers these are some of the core values that we must keep in the forefront of our mind as we work within our communities.

Over this past year I have watched Freedom Therapy Center, LLC (FTC) give back to the community in several different ways. I have witnessed FTC host a Free Mental Health Conference, Brunch and Diaries, Free Budget Workshops, Free therapy groups and so forth. In essence Freedom Therapy Center, LLC is a true asset to the CENLA community with the advancement of their patients and helping future social workers.

In closing, Freedom Therapy Center, LLC is a true asset to the community and the Social Work field. I have watched this practice operate in the spirit of excellence. It is my pleasure to recommend that Freedom Therapy Center, LLC become a Continuing Education Approval Organization.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 318-703-6200 or a.carroll2010@yahoo.com

Amanda Carroll, LCSW - BACS

Amanda Carroll, LCSW-BACS
Next Generation Therapy Services, LLC
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Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

Section A: Organizational Information

North West Regional Association of Black Social Workers
Name of Organization
Dr. Artuon Butler LCSW BACS
Name of Director/President
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Email Address Website

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

☒ Social Work Service Provider

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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.

Andrew Wilson LCSW BACS
Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential
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Email Address

Section C: Approval Guidelines, Process and Agreement

Protocol for receiving request for approval from education presenters:

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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:

Time limit established by ABSW for Approval of CEUS must complete necessary application within 30 days of presentation.

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

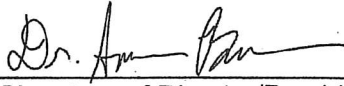
- Describe fees agency will charge to process Continuing Education Applications:

ABSW Application fee is 100.00 dollars for every 1-3 hours of continuing education credits.

Section D: Authority

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Signature of Director/President

3-16-2023

Date

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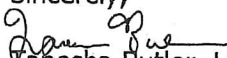
To the Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners

Re: North La Association of Black Social Workers

This letter is to serve as recommendation of the aforementioned organization to continue to provide continuing education units to the social work community. This organization has been in a pillar in our community and a great resource to so many social workers and others in the social services community. They have provided community forums, CEU events and other outreach venues that keep our profession current.

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

Sincerely,


Yanesha Butler, LMSW
Licensed Master Social Worker



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March 16, 2023

LA State Board,

I attend many CEU offerings that are provided by The Association of Black Social Workers. I recommend that the board continues to give this organization the authority to approve continued educational offerings. I am a practitioner and this organization offers continuing education that assist me with staying abreast of changes in the profession. I like that the organization seeks to provide a variety of offerings on ethics, cultural competence, and clinical issues that highlight evidenced based practices. This organization plays a valuable part in ensuring that there are offerings for social workers to meet licensing obligations. Thank you in advance for considering my request,

Kindest Regards,

Shauna C. Gilbert, LCSW, BACS

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Yolanda Adams-Johnson MSW, LMSW

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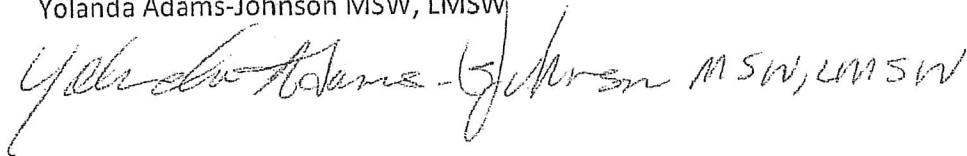
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Dear Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners

I'm writing in regards to the need for continuation of CEU provision to be provided by the North La Association of Black Social Workers. This organization provides monthly, event, conference and other opportunities for social workers of the African American community to receive general, ethic and clinical CEU's to meet licensing standards. The information gained through their CEU provision has helped to uplift the standard of competency for social worker's and will continue to upon your approval. I am thankful for the opportunities provided by the North La Association of Black Social Workers in my professional development.

Best Regards,

Yolanda Adams-Johnson MSW, LMSW

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yolanda Adams-Johnson MSW, LMSW". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.



March 16, 2023

Dr. Gayberyl Wesley
Grambling State University
College of Professional Studies
School of Social Work
P.O. Box 4274
Grambling, LA 71245

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
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RE: Continuing Education Professional Social Work Provider Application

Dear Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners,

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide a letter of reference for the North Louisiana Association of Black Social Workers. This organization has continuously been a very professional, well-respected resource in the community that offers a multitude of clinical, ethics, and general continuing education trainings. Their professional development has maintained, improved, and expanded my and many others skills and knowledge in social work practice over the years. I have really enjoyed their trainings especially those focused on substance abuse which is my area of specialization. To name a few others that really help me as a social work practitioner are on various mental health disorders, cultural competence, self-care, licensure preparation. This organization ensures that they are providing the community and beyond relevant information that can be applied today. Their social work practitioners who present are competent in area of presentation, welcome questions, participant engagement, and add a wealth of usable information. I am looking forward to continued participant in trainings offered by this organization as they are well deserving and do an outstanding job serving the community.

It is for these reasons that I highly recommend without reservations the North Louisiana Association of Black Social Workers to serve as a Continuing Education Approval Organization. If you should need any additional information, please contact me at weslevy@gram.edu or (318) 614-4518.

Best regards,

Dr. Gayberyl Wesley, LCSW, LAC, CCGC

Dr. Gayberyl Wesley, LCSW, LAC, CCGC
Assistant Professor/MSW Admissions Coordinator

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Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

Section A: Organizational Information

Herzing University Master of Social Work program

Name of Organization

Elizabeth Wilson PhD, MSW, LCSW

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<https://www.herzing.edu/behavioral-health/social-work/masters-degree>

Email Address

Website

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☐ Social Work Service Provider

☒ CSWE Accredited School of Social Work Candidacy status

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Elizabeth Wilson PhD, MSW, LCSW (PhD in Social Work, Masters degree in Social Work, Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Missouri)

Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential

MSW program Chair

Relationship to Organization

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

The Herzing MSW program is committed to providing a prompt response to organizations submitting proposals for consideration.

We will review and respond with a decision on an educational offering's suitability within 2 weeks from the date the request is made.

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:

Herzing MSW program will not charge any fees to process Continuing Education Applications.

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Signature of Director/President

3/17/23

Date

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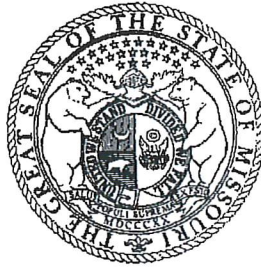
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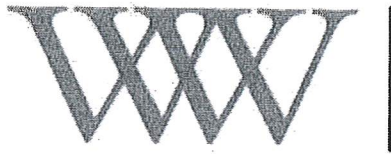
Dear State Board members,

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Elizabeth Wilson for nearly twenty years. We met at a week-long training on Community Crises Response. This led to Dr. Wilson, myself, and a few other colleagues developing a local community crises response team. Since then we have worked together on numerous occasions.

Much of my experience working with Dr. Wilson was at William Woods University, where she was, at the time, the Program Director for their Bachelor of Social Work Program. I worked there as an adjunct instructor in the program. I also served on the program's Advisory Board and was the President for a period of time. Dr. Wilson demonstrated expertise in social work accreditation, social work curriculum development and assessment. The Counsel on Social Work Education spoke highly of her and the program during their site visit. Also, many of the program graduates have demonstrated the success of the program through their acceptance into Master of Social Work programs and their employability in the field. As I write this letter, I am on a break from the NASW-Missouri Spring Symposium. At lunch I sat by a William Woods University BSW alum, who spoke very highly of Dr. Wilson.

I have also worked with Dr. Wilson in providing continuing education. She coordinated three events at William Woods University where I provided continuing education training on suicide prevention. These events were very well organized and well attended, thanks to efforts. Dr. Wilson also arranged for me to provide continuing education on suicide prevention to a state wide conference, the Missouri Crime Victims Assistance Academy. This was a large conference, with many different professionals present (law enforcement to social workers and others). She effectively assessed potential presenters, secured qualified presenters, who presented on topics that were relevant and informative for the diverse group of attendees. She demonstrated further competence in her ability to assess qualified presenters and appropriate professional curriculum while at William Woods University. She was involved in the development, coordination, and implementation of annual symposiums on race and gender. These events include speakers who were national leaders in their fields.

Dr. Wilson is also herself a very qualified provider of continuing education, both regionally and nationally. She has presented in a variety of settings. I was fortunate to attend two different trainings she provided to Fulton State Hospital social workers on ethics. Both trainings were excellent and received favorable feedback from the social work department. She utilized effective teaching techniques, which kept the attendees engaged and furthered their learning and thoughtful consideration of a topic that can sometimes be seen as dry to attendees.



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March 16, 2023

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
LABSWE
18850 Highland Rd Suite B
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Dear LABSWE,

It is my privilege to correspond with you in support of the application from the MSW Program at Herzing University. As you know, Herzing is seeking credentialing to become an authorized Continuing Education Approval Organization in the state of Louisiana. Under the direction of MSW Program Director Dr. Elizabeth Wilson, Herzing University is well aligned to coordinate and administer all aspects of continuing education for your state.

I have known and worked with Dr. Wilson since 1994 in various direct social work practice capacities, as well as a faculty member for the University of Missouri School of Social Work. She became the William Woods University (WWU) BSW Program Director in 2008 where we worked together daily as my supervisor and colleague until 2022. Dr. Wilson's leadership in our program and on campus was exceptional, and earned her promotions to Full-Professor and a tenured faculty member. Her influence upon students and faculty continues to resonate today.

Prior to employment with WWU (2004), Dr. Wilson and I served on a team that developed and coordinated the first Missouri Victim Assistance Academy. This was a 40 hour certificate program with participants from across the State of Missouri. The Academy organized expert speakers and trainers to provide information, training and activities regarding the field of crime victimization. The Academy was highly successful and merged as a partner with the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorney's.

Dr. Wilson developed the continuing education component for the Academy that helped legitimize its leadership in crime victimization education.

Dr. Wilson has taken the initiative to develop, organize and administer other trainings and education endeavors for Missouri and WWU. In 2009, she worked with the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) to coordinate their 40 hour, Community Crisis Training Program for first responders, victim service providers, community members and students. The training was hosted by WWU and provided room and board for attendees that were not local. In 2016, Dr. Wilson worked with a private donor and chaired a committee that developed a Diversity Symposium-Conversations on Gender and Race for the WWU campus and surrounding community. This symposium continued annually through 2021 when resources were no longer available. In 2020, Dr. Wilson initiated a four-part discussion forum by Zoom to educate and provide discussion around race, discrimination and equity after the George Floyd tragedy. Participants from multiple states joined in this offering. From this, Dr. Wilson formed and chaired a WWU committee that established the WWU Multicultural Enrichment Center and Black Student Union on campus.

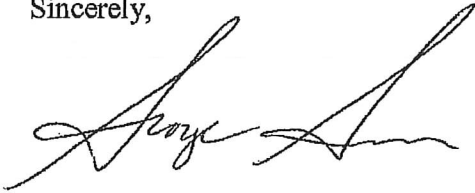
With Dr. Wilson's 25 years of experience providing social work education and continuing education at local, regional, state and national levels, she has repeatedly proven the understanding of adult learning models and the ability to deliver continuing education. Her resources in the national social work community have allowed her to assess qualified presenters and develop appropriate professional curriculums that serve the needs of professional social workers. Dr. Wilson has the support from Herzing administration as well as her faculty who are all educated at the PhD level and who are Licensed Clinical Social Workers. These faculty are committed in assisting with CEUs and professional development opportunities to ensure social workers maintain professional competency.

Additionally, Dr. Wilson has completed multiple Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Self-Studies for re-accreditation. These involved assessment and development of curriculum as well as other aspects of program administration. She was hired as a consultant for Herzing University to initiate the development of their MSW Program, and was subsequently hired as the Director of the MSW Program. She wrote the curriculum and assessment plan, hired faculty and lead Herzing through the CSWE Accreditation process. Herzing University has achieved Candidacy for Accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation. All of this was under the direction of Dr. Wilson

Considering Dr. Wilson's pedigree in social work education, her experiences and successful completion of multiple educational endeavors, I have no reservations regarding her ability to professionally, competently and successfully administer all aspects of continuing social work education for the State of Louisiana. I would strongly

encourage the Continuing Education Approval Organization for Louisiana to consider credentialing Herzing University with this status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Garner", with a stylized flourish at the end.

George Garner, MSW, LCSW
Associate Professor of BSW Social Work
Director of BSW Field Practicum

March 16, 2023

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LABSWE 18850 Highland Rd Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA 70805

Dear Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners:

I have worked with Dr. Elizabeth Wilson, Program Chair of Social Work at Herzing University in a professional social work educational capacity for many years, first at the University of Missouri, School of Social Work where Dr. Wilson and I were both faculty members. I have also served on the advisory board for the BSW Program at William Woods University in Fulton, MO where Dr. Wilson was the Director.

I am confident that under her leadership, Herzing University would be able to provide organization support for administering and coordinating the approval of Continuing Education events. Dr. Wilson is a good fit for this role as she has over 25 years of experience providing social work continuing education, both regionally and nationally. Given her many years of social work practice and as a social work educator, Dr. Wilson understands andragogy and can assess the qualifications of presenters and professional curriculum that is appropriate and meaningful for professional social workers. Elizabeth has expertise in social work accreditation, social work curriculum development and assessment, social work practice and social work education.

Dr. Wilson will have support in this role as Herzing social work faculty will assist her in organizing the CEUs and professional development opportunities. All Herzing social work faculty are licensed clinical social workers who must maintain their own CEUs, therefore they are aware of the importance of professional development. Dr. Wilson reports that Herzing administration is supportive of this application.

For these reasons, I encourage you to approve Herzing University as a Continuing Education for Approval Organization for the Louisiana State Board of Social Work.

Sincerely,



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March 15, 2023

Subject: Louisiana – State Board of Social Work Examiners License determination – Anna Silva

Dear Board Members:

I am writing this letter as an appeal of a recent determination. I was denied reinstatement of clinical social work license.

I would like to begin with providing you with some information about my social work experience. I graduated from Tulane University with a master's degree in social work. I then began working as the social worker on an inpatient children's psychiatric unit. I focused on working with children, adolescents, and their families during my internship at the New Orleans children's inpatient psychiatric program. I quickly realized that this was the type of social work I wanted to pursue and specialize in. When I began working as an MSW, I immediately began supervision toward my license and prepared to take the social work examination. I later was named as the Program Coordinator for Children's Services and completed the requirements and received my license to practice independently. I subsequently moved back to New Orleans and began working at DePaul Hospital as a social worker on the children's inpatient psychiatric unit. A year after beginning at DePaul, I was named Assistant Service Director over inpatient and outpatient services for children and adolescent which covered all inpatient and residential services. I was later appointed as the Service Director over this area. At the same time, I was a therapist in a private practice working with other social workers and psychiatrists specializing in children, adolescents and their families. I also worked with the faculty of Tulane University and LSU School of Medicine in their child psychiatry program.

I was then provided with the opportunity to join Our Lady of the Lake to develop their child and adolescent services. I established the Family Center which is now part of the Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital and worked directly with the psychiatrists that continue to service the community today. I also developed inpatient services for adolescents. At Our Lady of the Lake, I began taking on more administrative duties over time which led to me eventually becoming Vice President of the medical center. I eventually moved on to other health care settings in a variety of administrative, executive and consultative roles.

I would like to also note that during the time I was active as clinical social worker, I provided supervision to several MSWs. I also served as the supervisor for social work interns.

After selling my interest in a business that I had started with several others, I decided to take a couple of years to help take care of our adopted grandbaby. The baby is now three and recently started school. After much reflection and input from those closest to me, I decided to look into reinstatement of my clinical social work license. I have always believed that as a social worker, working with children, adolescents, and their families, I best utilized my gifts and talents and leveraged my extensive clinical experience. I thought that I had let my license lapse when I was working as Vice President at Our Lady of the Lake because I did not complete the required CEUs.

I reached out to the Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners in October of 2022 to determine if it was possible to reinstate my license and if so, what the process was to do so. I was provided the following information by email:

I have assigned a reinstatement application to your account for your completion. According to Rule 2714, the following are required:

Rule 2714

E. If any license, certificate, or registration is lapsed for more than sixty months, the applicant for license, certificate, or registration shall submit proof of completion of forty hours of approved social work continuing education and pass the board exam on the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act and the rules, standards, and procedures prior to reinstatement. Continuing education requirements for LCSW applicants shall include at least twenty hours of clinical content and three hours of ethics training. Continuing education requirements for LMSW and RSW applicants shall include at least three hours of ethics training.

I then called the Board to ensure that I understood the process and requirements as well as the system used to document the process and CEUs. Once I had validated the process, I began to diligently work on completing my CEUs as required for an LCSW. I completed 40.25 hours of CEUs and then provided the information and forms for my background check. Once the background check was complete, I took the exam required and provided my score. I understood at this point that I had satisfactorily completed all the requirements to reinstate my clinical social work license. I contacted the Board again to validate my understanding and was told my application for reinstatement was pending Board approval. The credential program also reflected this status.

I received no further communication from the Board. After a period of time, I noted that my status in the credentialing system had changed and believed that this indicated that my clinical license had been reinstated. I was surprised to learn that this was not the case.

I then contacted the Board by email and then a couple of days later by phone to inquire about resolving this obvious error. I was told that the situation needed to be investigated and I would be called back. I did receive a call back shortly thereafter, but I was on another phone call and the call went to voicemail. When I finished with my call, I immediately called the Board back but went to voicemail. I then listened to voicemail which indicated that I was not eligible for reinstatement of my clinical license and would need to complete 2 years of supervision and retake the social work exam. I then called the Board again and left a message requesting that someone contact me as soon as possible. I did not receive a return call.

Ten days after I sent the email noted above, I received the following in an email in reply:

Please see the attached letter mailed to you in 2001. You will have to apply to take the Clinical level exam which should be done through the LCSW application on our website. The first phase of the LCSW application is the supervision portion. I added one to your account for you. After this has been completed and approved by our office, you will then move to the application for board review for test approval.

The letter referenced is provided as an attachment. I had in fact received the letter referenced although initially I did not recall receiving it.

I further inquired by email and was provided with the following in an email:

However, the license you held when your license was active was called GSW, but the name has since changed to LMSW. A LMSW reinstatement application is the correct application that should have been completed being that LMSW is the level of licensure that you had. Your LMSW licensure was reinstated on 01/13/2023 after completion and approval of your LMSW reinstatement application. Being that your license lapsed, you will have to pass the clinical level exam to be granted LCSW licensure. Laws and requirements change over time and at this time, a LCSW application completion and test approval from such is required for this level of licensure. Please refer to the Social Work Practice Acts for current requirements:

§2708. Qualification; licensed clinical social worker A. No individual shall be eligible for licensure by the board as a licensed clinical social worker unless the individual: (1) Is of good moral character and whose screening for criminal history pursuant to R.S. 37:2710 contains no disqualifying information. (2) Holds a master's degree from an accredited graduate school of social work. (3) Has completed at least three thousand hours of postgraduate social work practice over a minimum of two years and a maximum of four years while under the supervision of a board-approved clinical supervisor. The board shall consider circumstances warranting more than four years to complete this experience requirement. (4) Has passed an examination approved by the board. B. An individual holding the licensed clinical social worker license may independently engage in advanced social work practice based on the application of social work theory, knowledge, ethics, and methods to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or biopsychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations, and communities. The practice of clinical social work requires the application of specialized clinical knowledge and advanced clinical skills in the areas of prevention, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of mental, emotional, and behavioral and addiction disorders. Treatment methods include the provision of individual, marital, couple, family, and group psychotherapy. The practice of clinical social work may include private practice, employee assistance and addiction services, and the provision of clinical supervision. A licensed clinical social worker may work as an employee in a practice setting or independently in private practice.

The license I held at the time I let my license lapse was not a GSW. I was a licensed clinical social worker at the time my license lapsed.

I apologize for this lengthy letter. I wanted to provide an accurate and complete outline of the situation.

I am requesting that my clinical social work license be reinstated. I entered into this reinstatement process in good faith and adhered to the requirements as outlined to me both by email and verbally. This obviously took significant time and energy as well as financial commitments. I hold a master's degree from an accredited graduate social work program. I then completed the supervision requirements in a two-year period and passed the examinations. I have many hours of clinical social work practice. I held a license as a clinical social worker and practiced as an independent clinical social worker for many years and in many settings. I followed the exact instruction provided to me by the Board for reinstatement of my clinical social work license.

The team members that I have spoken to at the Board have been courteous. The process unfortunately has been flawed.

I appreciate the time and attention of the Board and anxiously await your decision.

Sincerely,

Anna Silva

Anna Silva

Historical Notes for Anna Silva to help clarify the situation.

Anna Silva was issued a BCSW (Board Certified Social Work) on April 4, 1988 after completing 2 years of supervised practice and passing the AASSWB Level C exam.

When the Practice Act was amended in 1999, BCSWs were required to submit an affidavit acknowledging that they wanted the LCSW. If an affidavit was not received by December 31, 2000, the BCSW was reverted to GSW (Graduate Social Work). An affidavit was not received and her BCSW was changed to GSW.

Anna also did not renew, and her credential lapsed effective August 31, 2000.

Through legislation passed in 2010, on January 1, 2011 everyone with the license type GSW was switched to LMSW.

When Anna called about reinstating her license a check of the database showed that she held a LMSW that lapsed in 2000 so she was assigned the LMSW Reinstatement application. That application was approved at the January 2023 board meeting and the LMSW was reinstated. She did not receive a denial letter or we would have offered her a compliance hearing.

At the time that she called there was nothing in the database to indicate she held the BCSW at one time. We pulled her paper file after getting contacted by her about why she wasn't issued the LCSW.



LOUISIANA

STATE BOARD *of* SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

January 8, 2001

Anna M. Silva
5036 Westdale Dr
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

RE: Graduate Social Work Status

Dear Sir or Madam:

Our records indicate that you did not submit an affidavit to the board office on or before December 31, 2000, therefore, in accordance with Rule No. 305. E., you have been assigned the graduate social work status effective January 1, 2001. I am enclosing an identification card that reflects that status along with a copy of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act. Please note that Section 2706 outlines the qualifications and scope of practice for a Graduate Social Work (GSW).

To secure the LCSW license, it will be necessary to meet the qualifications listed in Section 2707. I can be reached at 225-763-5470 or 800-521-1941 if you have questions concerning your status.

Sincerely,

Suzanne L. Pevey
Administrator

slp

1 Enclosure



LOUISIANA

STATE BOARD of SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

January 29, 2001

ANNA M SILVA
5036 WESTDALE DR
BATON ROUGE, LA 70808-0000

Dear Licensee:

This letter will serve as notification that if you do not renew your Graduate Social Work certification postmarked before February 28, 2001, your certification will expire. You will be required to apply as a new applicant and pass the Board's examination to reinstate your certification. If you allow your license to lapse, will not be entitled to function as a social worker in the State of Louisiana and will no longer be able to identify yourself as a Graduate Social Worker.

This letter is being mailed to you by certified mail, to allow you adequate time to submit your renewal application, fee and continuing education hours. Please contact our office at 225-763-5470 or 800-521-1941 if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

Dorinda Noble, LCSW

Dorinda Noble, LCSW
Chairperson

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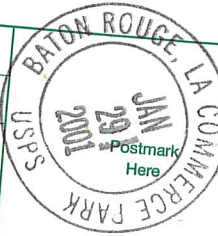
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Article Sent To:

SILVA, Anna

Postage	\$.34
Certified Fee	1.90
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Total Postage & Fees	\$ 3.74



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City, State, ZIP+4

PS Form 3800, July 1999

See Reverse for Instructions

Is your RETURN ADDRESS completed on the reverse side?

SENDER:

- ☐ Complete items 1 and/or 2 for additional services.
- ☐ Complete items 3, 4a, and 4b.
- ☐ Print your name and address on the reverse of this form so that we can return this card to you.
- ☐ Attach this form to the front of the mailpiece, or on the back if space does not permit.
- ☐ Write "Return Receipt Requested" on the mailpiece below the article number.
- ☐ The Return Receipt will show to whom the article was delivered and the date delivered.

3. Article Addressed to:

ANNA M SILVA
 5036 WESTDALE DR
 BATON ROUGE, LA 70808-0000

5. Received By: (Print Name)

6. Signature (Addressee or Agent)

I also wish to receive the following services (for an extra fee):

- 1. ☐ Addressee's Address
- 2. ☐ Restricted Delivery

4a. Article Number

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4b. Service Type

- ☐ Registered
- ☐ Express Mail
- ☐ Return Receipt for Merchandise
- ☒ Certified
- ☐ Insured
- ☐ COD

7. Date of Delivery

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8. Addressee's Address (Only if requested and fee is paid)

Thank you for using Return Receipt Service.

PS Form 3811, December 1994

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Domestic Return Receipt

Supervisee—any person under the supervision of a credentialed social worker. The supervisee may be an applicant for social work credentials, an employee under the supervision of the LCSW, GSW or RSW, or a person who contracts with the licensed social worker for supervision.

Supervision within an Agency—the professional relationship between a supervisor and a social worker that provides evaluation and direction over the services provided by the social worker and promotes continued development of the social worker's knowledge, skills, and abilities to provide social work services in an ethical and competent manner.

Supportive Counseling—the methods used by social workers to help individuals create and maintain adaptive patterns. Such methods may include building community resources and networks, linking clients with services and resources, educating clients and informing the public, helping clients identify and build strengths, leading client and community groups, and providing reassurance and support.

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§303. Practice

A. Social Work Practice. Any person practicing social work without license, certification, provisional certification, or registration is subject to the provisions of R.S. 37:2720, including injunctive proceedings and prosecution.

B. Independent and Private Practice. Only a licensed clinical social worker may engage in the independent and private practice of social work.

C. Graduate Social Workers, Provisional Graduate Social Workers and Registered Social Workers shall not:

1. contract directly with individuals, couples, families, agencies or institutions for clinical services, consultation, supervision or educational services;
2. bill for services rendered;
3. receive direct payment for services;
4. claim to be licensed or in private practice.

D. Graduate Social Workers and Provisional Graduate Social Workers may:

1. practice clinical social work within an agency under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker and shall meet the supervision requirements of Chapter 5, Minimum Supervision Requirements, §505.

E. Applicants for registration, certification, or licensure who indicate on their application that they have been employed for more than 120 days as a social worker in the state of Louisiana are subject to the provisions of R.S. 37:2720.

F. An applicant who meets all the requirements of R.S. 37:2706, 2707, or 2708 and who has worked more than 120 days as a social worker in the state of Louisiana and who has not otherwise violated any part of R.S. 37:2701-2723 or its rules, shall be offered the following in the form of a consent order and agreement in order to process the application:

1. completion of five pre-approved continuing education hours in ethics to be completed within 90 days of issuance of the registration, certification or license, in addition to the 20 clock hours of continuing education required for the annual renewal of the registration, certification or license; and

2. passing score on an open book examination on the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act and the *Rules, Regulations and Procedures*, which include the Standards of Practice for Social workers within 90 days of the date the Consent Order and Agreement is signed;

3. the consent order and agreement shall not be considered disciplinary action and shall not be reported to the professional organizations or published in the board's newsletter.

G. In accordance with R.S. 37:2709, which states in part that the license, certificate, provisional certificate, or registration shall be kept conspicuously posted in the office or place of business at all times, it is permissible to post the original certificate of license, certification, provisional certification, or registration or a copy of the original certificate of license, certification, provisional certification or registration, or the current identification card received from the board upon renewal of the license, certification, provisional certification or registration.

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§305. Qualifications for Registration, Certification, Licensure

A. Registered Social Worker (RSW)

1. Must be of good moral character.

2. The applicant shall have his/her university submit official transcript indicating the receipt of a bachelor of social work, bachelor of arts, or bachelor of science degree from an undergraduate social work program, accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, or a master's degree of social work from a graduate social work program, accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

B. Graduate Social Worker (GSW)

1. Must be of good moral character.

2. The applicant shall have his/her university submit official transcript indicating the receipt of a master's degree of social work from a graduate social work program, accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

3. The applicant shall obtain a passing score on an examination approved by the board.

4. Grandfather Period: The board shall waive the examination requirement for applicants who submit a completed and notarized application and appropriate fee at any time within one calendar year from January 1, 2000.

C. Provisional Graduate Social Worker (Provisional GSW)

1. The board may issue provisional certification to an applicant who meets all requirements for the GSW certification except for passing the examination approved by the board.

2. The individual may hold the provisional certificate for up to three years from the date of issuance of the original certificate provided the individual takes the examination approved by board at least once each year.

3. It is the responsibility of the Provisional GSW to submit proof of examination to the board office once each year of eligibility.

4. The Provisional Graduate Social Worker who does not pass the credentialing examination for the GSW certification within three years from the date of issuance of the original certification may apply for the registered social work.

D. Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)

1. The applicant must be of good moral character.

2. The applicant shall have his/her university submit official transcript indicating the receipt of a master's degree of social work from a graduate social work program, accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

3. The applicant shall submit documentation verifying at least 36 accumulated months of full-time post graduate social work practice on a form provided by the board.

4. The applicant shall submit documentation verifying at least 24 accumulated months of supervision post graduate social work experience in accordance with the board's supervision rules and on the form provided by the board.

5. Supervised experience must be under the supervision of a board-approved clinical supervisor.

6. The applicant shall obtain a passing score on an examination approved by the board.

E. Board certified social workers who hold valid, current licenses on January 1, 2000, must submit an affidavit to the board on or before December 31, 2000, requesting that their status be changed to licensed clinical social worker. Board certified social workers who do not submit an affidavit by December 31, 2000, will be assigned the graduate social work status effective January 1, 2001, and shall be subject to the qualifications listed in R.S. 37:2708 to change their status after January 1, 2001.

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§307. Administration of Examination

A. Examination

1. The social work examination shall be administered at least once per calendar year at a time and place designated by the board.

2. The Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners recognizes the examinations of the Association of Social Work Boards as the national examination for social workers.

3. Examination Pass Point. The board shall administer and grade a written examination or employ a national recognized testing firm to do the same. Whichever method is used, the board will consistently strive to improve reciprocity with other states having licensure comparable to Louisiana. A pass score of 70 will be used to grade the examination for the licensed clinical social worker and the graduate social worker.

B. Retake of Examination

1. Applicants must complete a retake application and submit the retake fee to the board office.

2. If more than 18 months have lapsed since the last examination an applicant for retake must submit an updated application for license.

3. Applicants for the LCSW license must submit an Employer Verification Affidavit for each place of employment after receipt of the MSW degree.

4. The board shall observe the retake policy of the testing service.

C. Examination Review Policy. The board may allow candidates to review failing examinations, at applicant's expense, in accordance with the rules of the Association of Social Work Boards.

D. Preparatory Course

1. The board shall not endorse nor in any way participate in the operation or planning of any preparatory or cram course allegedly preparing applicants for the social work examination.

2. No former member of the Board of Examiners may take part in the development, sponsorship or administration of any preparatory or cram course offered to candidates for the social work examination for two years after said board member's term of office has expired.

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