

May 24, 2023

NASW-LA would like to thank the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners (LABSWE) for their receptive and open response to our letter on May 4, 2023 regarding virtual supervision. Will Francis, Executive Director of NASW-LA, and Shelly Weaver, President-Elect of the Chapter, met informally with Dr. Hyacinth McKee, Chairperson of the LABSWE, and Emily DeAngelo, Administrator of the LABSWE, on Thursday, May 11 to discuss our concerns regarding the upcoming shift on August 31, 2023 from the current waiver to the rules that require virtual BACS supervision to be approved by the LABSWE based on extenuating circumstances. Dr. McKee clarified that at the Strategic Planning meeting on April 29, 2023 the LABSWE was engaged in an open discussion about the rules waiver, and appreciates the concerns raised by the public and NASW-LA. That discussion focused on both the reversion to board approval for extenuating circumstances, as well as the possibility of future rules changes. LABSWE followed up with an email to licensees on May 5, 2023 that states:

The board voted on April 28, 2023 to reconvene a Supervision Committee to review Chapter 5 and make recommendations to the Rules Committee and the board. One of the matters that the committee will consider is to allow all supervision to be conducted in a virtual, in-person setting. The current rules allow the board to consider certain circumstances as stated [in Rule 503.H.]

NASW-LA greatly appreciates the availability shown by Dr. McKee and Ms. DeAngelo to discuss our concerns around BACS supervision, and an offer was extended to have the chapter present the concerns raised in our letter at the June 2, 2023 LABSWE meeting. We plan to attend and highlight why we believe it is vital that rules be promulgated that allow for virtual supervision outside of board approval, and that place the authority to guide and determine the setting back into the supervisor and supervisee's hands. We appreciate the concerns shown by social workers in Louisiana regarding the supervision process, and we look forward to continuing this conversation with our members and the LABSWE.

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Will Francis
He/Him/His
Executive Director
National Association of Social Workers –
Louisiana and Texas Chapters
P.O. Box 4093
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Phone: 225-346-1234



June 8, 2023

Re: Requesting maximum of 72 group supervision hours allowed for Andrew Dietz LMSW, License, 16568

Dear Louisiana State Board of Social Worker Examiners, Please accept this formal request to allow Andrew Dietz, LMSW an extension to receive the maximum allowed group supervision of 72 hours vs the current 48 hours.

- 1. The supervision group member participate in surveys, exercises and role plays, Part of the supervision includes oral communication (giving brief presentation on diagnosis, a client case, documentation, etc. ). These activities enhance Andrew's knowledge by having the opportunity to see other dimensions of social work.
- 2. Participation in activities as case discussions are more robust and meaningful with observations provided by other peer supervision group members. When he shares he has the opportunity to hear from other. During the period of his supervision the 10 elements of his final evaluation will also be covered in the group experience.
- 3. As his practice is centered on homelessness, he has an opportunity to learn from others who share their practice specialties. This practice allows for more comprehensive knowledge that will be beneficial as he prepares for the ASWB clinical exam.
- 4. Andrew is a good candidate for the group experience. He attends regularly. He participates and shares well of his own practice challenges and issues and provides good observations of his social work colleagues who are in the group.

Thank you for your cooperation, Gina Rossi

Gma Rossi, LCSW-BACS #2166

LABSWE 18550 Highland Road Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Atth: Regina Dewitt

Dear Board:

I am requesting acceptance of a CE course I took last July 27, 2022 on the topic of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder for my license renewal. My thinking was a bit in the past thinking that that month could be used for either 2022 or 2023. I may have erred.

Attached is the Certificate of Completion.

With respect,

Michelle

Michelle St. Raymond, LCSW-BACS, #3353

Covington, LA 70433



### Certificate of Completion

NetCE certifies that
Michelle A. St Raymond 14662
has completed the course titled
#96473 Obsessive-Compulsive
Disorder by John J. Whyte, MD, MPH
on July 27, 2022.
This course meets the qualifications for
4 hour(s) of continuing education credit.

As a Jointly Accredited Organization, NetCE is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved under this program. State and provincial regulatory boards have the final authority to determine whether an individual course may be accepted for continuing education credit. NetCE maintains responsibility for this course.

Social workers participating in this intermediate to advanced course will receive 4 Clinical continuing education clock hours.

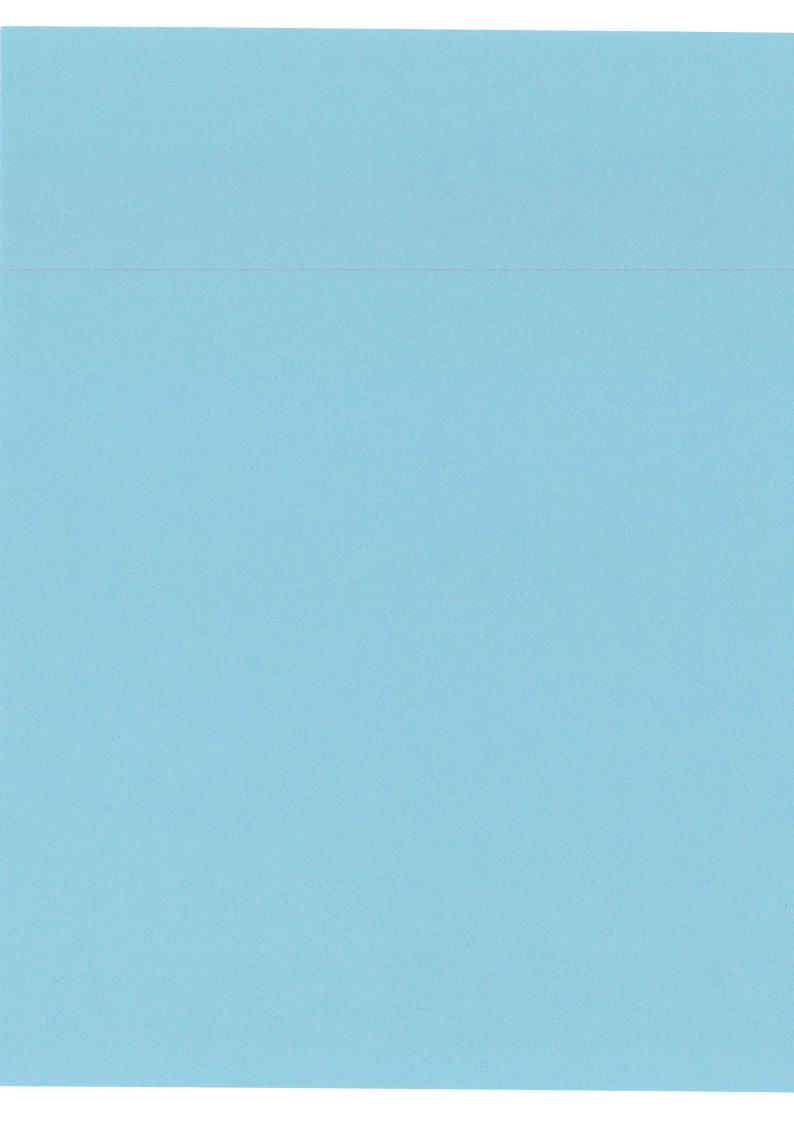
Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners, Provider #0515; Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, CE Broker Provider #50-2405; Illinois Division of Professional Regulation for Social Workers, License #159.001094; Illinois Division of Professional Regulation for Licensed Professional and Clinical Counselors, License #197.000185; Illinois Division of Professional Regulation for Marriage and Family Therapists, License #168.000190;

This course was completed by internet.

Sarah/Campbell

Director of Development and Academic Affairs





June 19, 2023

Dear LABSWE Board:

I am writing to you in hopes of using CEUs I received after submitting CEUs for 2023 (as they were sent to me late) towards my 2024 CEU hours.

I attended a 90 hour Level 1 training for Internal Family Systems (IFS) live via Zoom from January 27-April 30 2023 (through Cambridge Health Alliance and Harvard Medical School Teaching Hospital). Unfortunately they were late sending CEUs and I had already submitted my CEU hours for 2023. This training also was a financial hardship for me and it will be difficult for me to afford CEUs for 2024 if I am unable to use these.

It is my hope that you can grant me the ability to use these CEUs for 2024. Please find attached certificate and documentation. Do let me know if there is any further information needed to make this decision. I appreciate your time and attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mechele de Avila Evans, MSW, LCSW





### Center for Mindfulness and Compassion

The Cambridge Health Alliance, Psychiatry Continuing Education Division, certifies that

### Mechele Evans

has completed the following course in its entirety:

### Internal Family Systems (IFS) Level I Training

January 27 - April 30, 2023 Livestream course

Karen J. Kuc

Karen J. Kuc, MPH

Director, Continuing Education, Department of Psychiatry

Cambridge Health Alliance

Attendee's professional license #:	4065
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### **Psychologists**

The Cambridge Health Alliance, Psychiatry Continuing Education Division, is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Cambridge Health Alliance, Psychiatry Continuing Education Division, maintains responsibility for this program and its content. This course offers 90 continuing education credits.

### Marriage and Family Therapists

This activity has been certified by New England Association for Family and Systemic Therapy on behalf of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions, for LMFT professional continuing education, Certificate #041753, for a total of 90 contact hours. The States of CT and RI accept NBCC and NASW approval for marriage and family therapy.

### Counselors

The Cambridge Health Alliance, Psychiatry Continuing Education Division, has been approved by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) as an approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP No. 5444. This program meets the requirements for 90 continuing education hours. CHA is solely responsible for all aspects of the program. This offering is also applicable for Commonwealth of Massachusetts Counseling/Allied Mental Health accreditation for 90 credits.

### Social Workers

This program has been approved for 90 Social Work Continuing Education hours for re-licensure, in accordance with 258 CMR. NASW-MA Chapter CE Approving Program, Authorization #91659.

Cambridge Health Alliance • Psychiatry Continuing Education • 1035 Cambridge St., Suite 26, Cambridge, MA 02141

## Certificate of Completion Mechele Evans

attended in its entirety

# CHA Center for Mindfulness and Compassion internal Family Systems, Level 1

January 27 - April 30, 2023 Live Online via Zoom

Center Director, Center for Mindfulness and Compassion Zev Schuman-Olivier, MD







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### Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

### Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

Section A: Organizational Information
Thrivekids Student Wellness  Name of Organization Chelsea Moore, LCSW
Name of Director/President July Ave - New Orleans LA 70118  Zip  City/State Zip
Physical Address (if different from above) City/State Zip  For 1996-9750  Fax
Telephone Fax  Thive Kids @ Lementh . org  Email Address  Website
Organization applying for Continuing Education Approval Organization status must have a significant and continual affiliation with the social work profession. Please indicate that which applies:
Professional Social Work Organization  CSWE Accredited School of Social Work  Social Work Service Provider
Organization applying for Continuing Education Approval Organization must have three (3) letters of references from any combination of the following:
Professional Social Work OrganizationSocial Work Service ProviderCSWE Accredited School of Social Work
Section B: Continuing Education Program
Review and approval of continuing education applications from continuing education providers must be completed by a credentialed social worker. Identify the social worker assigned to administer this process for the organization.
Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential
Relationship to Organization 200 Henry Clay Ave New Orleans LA 70118
Mailing Address Gif above City/State  Sume as a ove Physical Address (if different from above) City/State  504 1896 9430
Telephone Pottse LCMLhealth. org

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

Protocol for receiving request for approval from education presenters:

 Organization will provide LABSWE Continuing Education Approval Application to education presenters upon request.

LABSWE Continuing Education Approval Application may be mailed, faxed, sent

electronically and/or published on Organization website.

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

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

Organization will review application and supporting documentation to determine that it
meets <u>all</u> 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:

Thrivekids would require 7-14 days to process and review applications. We plan to provide the best turn around time possible,

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

Describe fees agency will charge to process Continuing Education Applications:

We do not intend to charge for these services.

### 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 preapprove 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 preapproving 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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May 31, 2023

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of Thrivekids Student Wellness Project, a community-based program with a mission to improve both academic and healthcare outcomes for kids, at Children's Hospital of New Orleans. I strongly believe ThriveKids should be authorized as a CEU approval organization for providers of continuing education in Louisiana. ThriveKids fulfills their mission by bridging the gap between medical and school-based care. With their involvement in both the healthcare and education, Thrivekids' staff have developed the necessary range of expertise to approve CEU credits that will further develop social workers in multiple sectors of the field.

One of the pillars of their program is to provide professional development to specialists providing mental and behavioral health support to students; they have been actively providing professional development opportunities for social workers in Jefferson and Orleans parish over the last 3 years, including hosting an annual Mental Health Summit at Children's Hospital. I am confident in the commitment to quality care that Thrivekids has made to the community, and I endorse the value they would bring to social workers in our state by authorizing CEU events.

Sincerely,

Tuyl Mogabgab, LCSW-BACS, MPH

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Clinician, Mercy Family Center

Director of Suicide Prevention Programming & Development, Project Fleur-de-lis

### To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Thrivekids Student Wellness Project, a community-based program with a mission to improve both academic and healthcare outcomes for kids, at Children's Hospital of New Orleans. As a BACS clinical supervisor for two Thrivekids employees, I have seen firsthand ThriveKids fulfill their mission to bridge the gap between medical and school-based care. Therefore, I strongly believe ThriveKids should be authorized as a CEU approval organization for providers of continuing education in Louisiana. With their involvement in both healthcare and education, Thrivekids' staff have developed the necessary range of expertise to approve CEU credits that will further develop social workers in multiple sectors of the field.

Part of the Thrivekids commitment to increasing access to mental health services in Orleans and Jefferson Parish will entail providing ongoing professional development opportunities for both their school based mental health staff as well as school mental health professionals across both districts. I am confident in the ethical and high-quality care that Chelsea Moore and the Thrivekids team contribute to our community, and I endorse the value they would bring to social workers in our state by authorizing and providing CEU events.

Sincerely,

Carly Hogus, LCSW-BACS Larry Rogers # 10413



Monday, May 1, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Thrivekids Student Wellness Project, a community-based program of Children's Hospital of New Orleans, becoming a CEU approval organization for the state of Louisiana. Chelsea Moore, the director of Thrivekids, has served as a consultant for me throughout my tenure of social work practice. I believe she and the Thrivekids staff will be able to provide timely, thoughtful, and ethical approval of CEU's throughout the state.

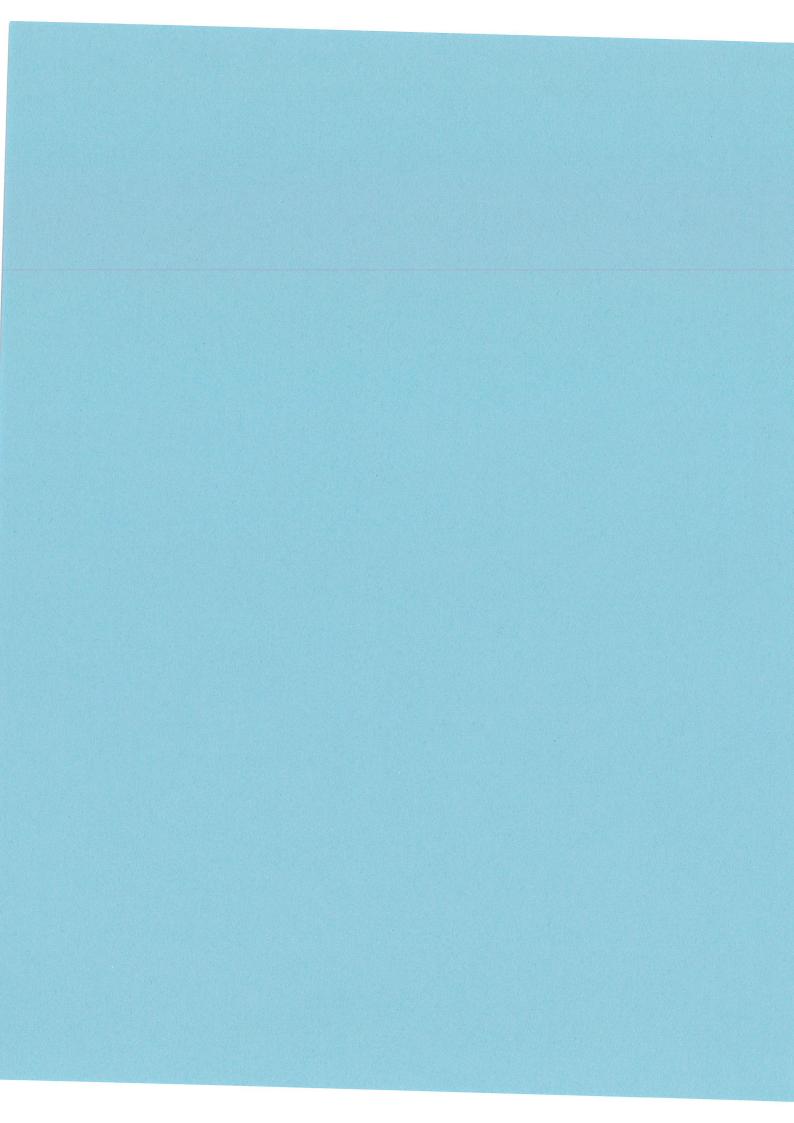
Thrivekids has the goal of improving both academic and health outcomes for kids in our community, and a large part of their vision is to provide ongoing professional development for school mental health professionals. They will continue to have the support of other Children's Hospital social workers like me in seeing these goals come to fruition. In conclusion, I confidently suggest the Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners designate Thrivekids as a CEU approval organization.

Sincerely,

Maria Isabella Pontoriero, MSW, MPH, LMSW

Lead Social Worker New Orleans Children's Advocacy/Audrey Hepburn CARE Center Children's Hospital of New Orleans

(504) 896-7730 Maria.pontoriero@lcmchealth.org



### Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

### Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

Section A: Organizational Information  Name of Organization  Name of Organization
Name of Director/President 100-BM: Fen H Mailing Address  City/State  Zip
Physical Address (if different from above) City/State Zip  Telephone Fax  WWW.No.a.gov/jwwenie-Count  Email Address Website
Organization applying for Continuing Education Approval Organization status must have a significant and continual affiliation with the social work profession. Please indicate that which applies:
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Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential
Relationship to Organization Street New Orleans, LA 20122 Mailing Address City/State Zip
Physical Address (if different from above) City/State Zip  504 / 658 - 959  Telephone Fax  Michael Hieroson @ ND a . 9N  Email Address

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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:

See supplemental to application

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:

### Section D: Authority

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Supplemental to Application for Continuing Education approval Organization Application for Orleans Parish Juvenile Court

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

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

Describe time limit set for making decision on an educational offering's suitability.

If approved, OPJC will acknowledge receipt of application within 2 business. OPJC will make determine and notification of educational offering's suitability within 8 business days.

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

Describe fees agency will charge to process Continuing Education Applications:
 OPJC will not charge a fee to process Continuing Education Applications.

### D'Ana Smith, MSW, LCSW-BACS 2440 Park Place Drive Gretna, LA 70056 504.228.3793

May 8, 2023

Orleans Parish Juvenile Court 1100 Milton Street New Orleans, LA 70112

Dear Board Members of LABSWE:

I am writing on behalf of Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, specifically the Family in Need of Services (FINS) program. This program is critical to social justice aims in that it seeks to empower court involved youth and families with information, resources, legal and case management support to live successfully in the community. The individuals that work within this program are from a variety of fields (i.e. law, social work, counseling), and their experience and expertise would definitely be a benefit to those in the helping professions. For this reason, I recommend that Orleans Parish Juvenile Court be allowed to host and issue continuing credit units to social workers.

Sincerely,

D'Ana Smith, MSW, LCSW-BACS



NEW ORLEANS ASSOCIATION OF BLACK SOCIAL WORKERS, INC.

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May 8, 2023

Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners (LABSWE) 18550 Highland Road, Suite B Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

Dear LABSWE,

I am writing this letter in support of Orleans Parish Juvenile Court's (OPJC) application to become a Continuing Education Approval Organization here in New Orleans. OPJC is staff with credentialed social workers in various departments of the court who will assess continuing education offerings and make the appropriate determination if the educational offering meets the criteria for a continuing education course for social worker.

We believe the court will be committed to following all the rules, regulations, and guidelines set forth by LABSWE that will ultimately enhance social worker continuing education opportunities here in New Orleans.

We look forward to working with Orleans Parish Juvenile Court Continuing Education Program.

Sincerely. Janyaka B. Cline, MSW

Tanyaka B. Cline, MSW

New Orleans Association of Black Social Workers

President

Harmabee

### Positive Direction Supportive Services 1995 Gentilly Blvd., Suite C-10 New Orleans, Louisiana 70119

May 9, 2023

Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners (LABSWE) 18550 Highland Road, Suite B Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

Dear LABSWE,

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Orleans Parish Juvenile Court (OPJC) in support of their application to become a Continuing Education Approval Organization. The Families In Need of Services (FINS) program and other service programs that operate for the court are staffed with licensed/credential professional social workers who will assess continuing education offerings and determine if the offering meets the LABSWE criteria for a continuing education course for social workers.

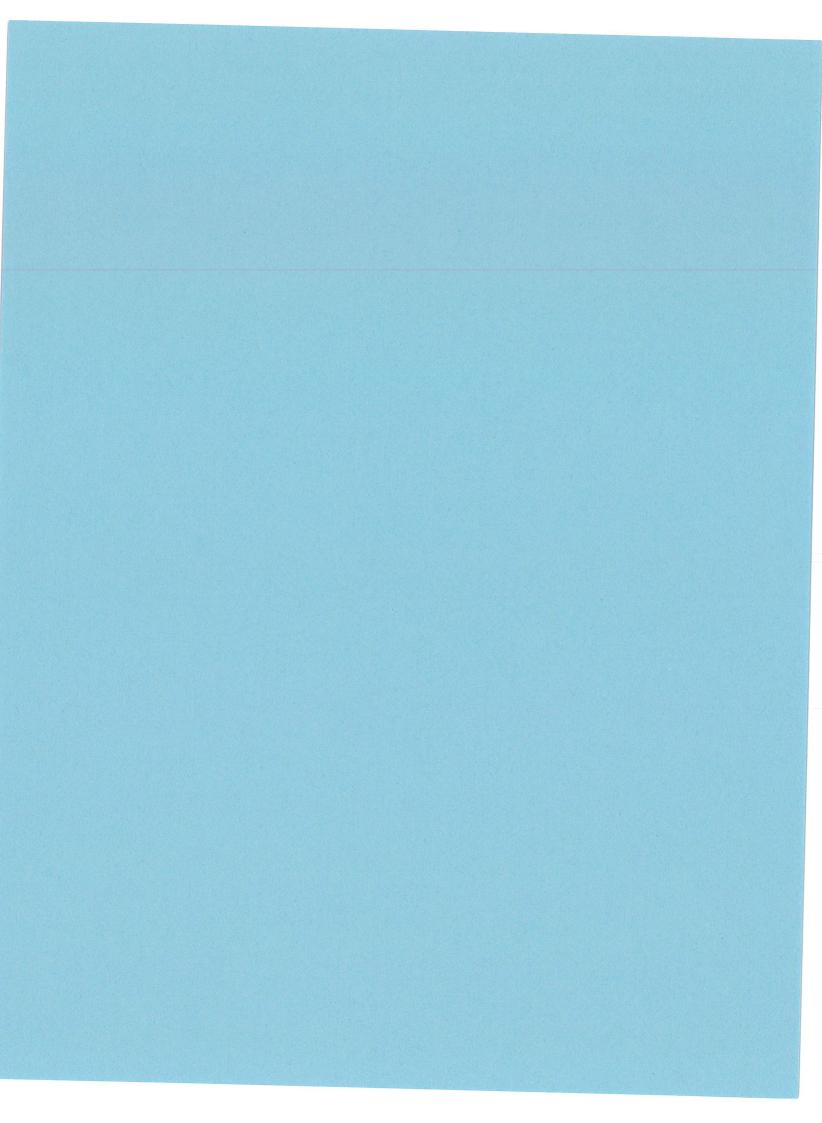
I believe that this organization will follow the rules, regulations, and guidelines set forth by LABSWE to ultimately enhance social work continuing education opportunities her in New Orleans.

I look forward to working with the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court Continuing Education Program.

Sincerely,

Donnyette Love, EdD., LCSW-BACS

Positive Direction Supportive Services, Executive Director





### GLO THERAPEUTICS, LLC

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

711-C ROYAL STREET NEW ORLEANS, LA 70116

504-534-8456 PHONE 504-456-7663 FAX glotherapeutics@gmail.com

June 16, 2023

LABSWE 18550 Highland Road Suite B Baton Rouge, La 70809

Dear Board Members,

Enclosed is GLO Therapeutics, LLC's completed and signed application for Continuing Education Approval Organization, along with three (3) reference letters.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Signorelli, Esq., LCSW-BACS

Owner, CEO

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### **Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners**

### **Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization**

Section A: Organizational Information
GLO Therapeutics, LLC
Name of Organization
Name of Director/President
P.O. Box 640886 Kenner, LH 10067
Mailing Address 711-C Royal Street New orleans, LA 70116
Physical Address (if different from above) City/State Zip
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glotherapeutics @ gmail.com
Email Address Website
Organization applying for Continuing Education Approval Organization status must have
a significant and continual affiliation with the social work profession. Please indicate
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Gina L. Signorelli, Esq., LCSW-BACS
Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential
Relationship to Organization
P.O. Box 640886 Kenner, LA 10064
Mailing Address City/State Zip 7/1-C Rôyal Street New Orleans LA 70116
Physical Address (if different from above) City/State Zip 504 / 534-8456 504 / 456-7663
Telephone Fax
<u>Glotherapeutics (a) gmail</u> com Email Address

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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:

Iwo weeks, to commence upon receipt of request for renewal.

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:

\$ 65 per workshop \$ 100 per conference

### Section D: Authority

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Therapy and Wellness Center

June 16, 2023

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

Re: GLO Therapeutics, LLC

Dear Board:

I am pleased to recommend GLO Therapeutics, LLC as a continuing education approval organization. The owner, Gina L. Signorelli, Esq., LCSW-BACS, has practiced social work for nearly 25 years. She is an experienced clinician and presenter, having presented for LABSWE, NASW-LA, and GLO Therapeutics, LLC. Ms. Signorelli takes great care to approve or sponsor continuing education offerings ethically and in accordance with the state board's guidelines. A dedicated and conscientious professional, she ensures all offerings approved by GLO Therapeutics, LLC are reviewed in a fair, equitable, and timely manner. We are fortunate to have her, on behalf of GLO Therapeutics, LLC, to represent our field in continuing education.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Sincerely,

Annsley Stoma, LCSV

Owner & CEO

Evolve Therapy and Wellness Center

337-523-8556 phone

evolvetherapyandwellnesscenter@gmail.com



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123 E. Bridge St. Breaux Bridge, LA 70517 p (337) 909-2701 f (337) 909-2704

Hospice 1025 Camellia Blvd. Ste. 201 Lafayette, LA 70508 p (337) 347-8826 f (337) 456-1202

June 13, 2023

To LABSWE Board,

It is my honor to recommend GLO Therapeutics as an approving organization for social work CEUs. I have known the owner professionally and personally for over 20 years and have always been impressed by her integrity and dedication to the field of social work and advocacy for the profession. I feel that she possesses the ability to look at proposals and determine whether they meet the standards set forth by the Board for continuing education units. She has worked in various fields in social work and has the knowledge base that would make this task easily accomplished. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions please contact me at 225-288-0387 (cell) or 337-347-8826 (work)

Sincerely,

Edgar Guedry, LCSW-BACS, ACSW, ACHP-SW

Carolyn R. Read P.O. Box 2273 Natchez, MS. 39121 601-597-3774

Louisiana

Mississippi

Licensed Certified Social Worker

Licensed Clinical Social Worker/ Board Approved Clinical Supervisor June 13, 2023

To the Attention of the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners:

I am recommending the renewal of GLO Therapeutics, LLC as a preapproval organization for social work continuing education. GLO Therapeutics continues to review and approve social work continuing education offerings in an ethical manner that meets the guidelines of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act and Professional and Occupational Standards.

Gina L. Signorelli is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker/Board Approved Clinical Supervisor and a Louisiana Attorney. She has conducted workshops for the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners in the past related to licensure requirements and form completion. Dr. Signorelli exemplifies our profession of social work at the highest levels. She ensures that GLO Therapeutics, LLC thoroughly and professionally reviews all submitted requests for continuing education approval.

We are fortunate to have an agency and individual such as Dr. Signorelli and GLO Therapeutics, LLC to review and approve social work continuing education workshops in Louisiana. Please feel free to contact me at my business address and/or phone number if further information is needed by the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners.

, L(SN) BACS

Sincerely,

Carolyn R. Read, LCSW/BACS



### Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

### Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

Section A: Organizational Information Changing Directions, LLC		REC'D JUN 28 20
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Dollie Burton- Boles		
Name of Director/President		
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### Section C: Approval Guidelines, Process and Agreement

Protocol for receiving request for approval from education presenters:

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

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

(X) 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:

1. Changing Directions, LLC's timeline in which a decision should be rendered on or before 72 hours/3 business days which allows adequate time for consultation and collaboration with established professional partnerships in the specialty area of consideration, if applicable.

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:

- 1. Changing Directions, LLC will charge at flat hourly rate of \$65.00 an hour to review material in assessing for approval for continuing education units.
- 2. Changing Directions, LLC rates vary in conducting continuing education workshops, seminars, and developing customized training curriculums.
- 3. Changing Directions, LLC continues to partner with human service organizations in providing pro bono continuing education credits/units for professional development opportunities in meeting the needs in the social work industry.
- 4. Changing Directions, LLC continues professional development partnerships with licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, psychologists, psychiatrists, and nurse practitioners with expertise in behavioral health who will serve as qualified presenters that are approved by Changing Directions, LLC.
- 5. Changing Directions, LLC conducts (25-35) or more continuing education hours annually in meeting the professional development needs of social workers, counselors, psychologists, and other disciplines that are within the scope of behavioral health.

### **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 basis; 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

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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.

Changing Directions, LLC continues to consistently utilize the Guide for Assessment when requests are made for approval of continuing education credit. Changing Directions, LLC continues to demonstrate documented evidence of all requests, approval or denials which can be accessed in promoting compliance. Changing Directions, LLC continues to provide on-going professional development, required on-boarding and annual training to various practice.

behavioral health providers in the State of Louisiana. Changing Directions, LLC continues to research and utilize evidence-based and best practices in providing training and professional development opportunities for all attendees in the domain of social work, counseling, psychology, psychiatry, sociology, and other human service-related fields of This designation also designates the organization as an approved provider of continuing education. This designation will be authorized for three (3) years from the date LABSWE approves the application. Signature of Director/President Submit completed and signed application, along with three (3) reference letters, to: Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners 18550 Highland Road, Suite B Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809 For LABSWE office use only: Application Received \_\_\_\_\_Application Reviewed \_\_\_\_\_Application Approved/Denied \_\_\_\_ Approval Expires \_\_\_

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Office:504-281-4913

### A Better Way Health Care Services LLC 3500 North Causeway Blod Ste 1140 Metairie, La 70002

Fax:888-651-2597

March 31, 2023

### To: Louisiana State Board of Social Work

A Better Way Healthcare Services, LLC (ABWHS) has partnered with Changing Directions, LLC since 2016 who continues to provide continuing education workshops & webinars that has been extremely beneficial to the social workers in which we employ to provide behavioral health services. ABWHS highly recommends that your agency renews Changing Directions, LLC as an approved organization through the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners.

ABWHS ensures that all of Changing Directions, LLC's professional trainings are comprehensive and provides a wealth of knowledge to our staff in trending social work practices and evidence-based research for best practices that have served as an integral part of our staff's professional development. Changing Directions, LLC ability to create a distant learning platform for on-boarding and required annual trainings for our agency during the public health crisis during 2020 through 2023 promoted accessibility to our staff in obtaining their required continued educational credits needed for licensure.

Changing Directions, LLC has a qualified and diversity professional staff in the domains of social work, counseling, psychology, nursing and psychiatry that has demonstrated the capacity to meet all of our training needs. Changing Directions, LLC's willingness to adapt to our agency's budgetary constraints yet agreeing to provide quality and professional trainings speaks volumes of the commitment to social work practice and importance of on-going professional development for peers and colleagues.

Changing Directions, LLC continues to meet a gap in training needs for our organization and other similar organizations that serves as an integral part of professional development and organizational goals. If additional information is required, you may contact me at our office at (504) 281-4913.

APRIL, PMHNP-BC

Sincerely,

Shawana Nealy, APRN, PMHND

Chief Operating Officer



4747 Earhart Blvd. Suite G, New Orleans, Louisiana 70125 Phone: (504) 731-1607 \* Fax: (504) 910-3065

January 31, 2023

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

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Serenity Outreach Center, LLC is pleased to recommend Changing Directions, LLC to continue providing training opportunities for our organization for our clinical and administrative team. Serenity Outreach Center, LLC provides behavioral health services through our mental health rehabilitation program to children, adolescents, and adults.

Changing Directions, LLC continues to provide a broad spectrum of trainings in the areas of clinical, ethics, diagnostic, and other relevant generalized topics applicable to our provisions of services. Such training opportunities from Changing Directions, LLC promotes compliance for required trainings, professional development opportunities and capacity to earn continuing educational credits needed for social workers and other qualified professionals.

Changing Directions, LLC's qualified, professional, and multi-disciplinary trainers demonstrate the ability to render training and educational relevant material that promotes inclusion, diversity, and accommodations to all attendees. Serenity Outreach Center, LLC continuous partnership with Changing Directions, LLC as an approved organization by the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners is an asset to our organization.

Serenity Outreach Center, LLC is in support of the renewal through Louisiana State Board of Social Worker Examiners for Changing Directions, LLC to continue as an approved organization. If additional information is needed, please contact our office at (504) 731-1607.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daina Allen, CEO

### LEI Behavioral Services, LLC

January 24, 2023

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

### TO: LABSWE BOARD MEMBERS:

LEI Behavioral Services, LLC agrees that Changing Directions, LLC should continue as an approved organization through the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners. LEI Behavioral Services, LLC and Changing Directions, LLC entered into partnership in 2015. Changing Directions, LLC continues to provide professional development trainings to our clinical staff.

Changing Directions, LLC's professional training staff's broad spectrum of knowledge relevant to evidence-based modalities, clinical diagnoses, ethical code of conduct, service delivery, clinical practice guidelines and other generalized clinical domains provides a platform for all clinical staff to excel in the knowledge and application of clinical practice. Changing Directions, LLC's hybrid training model and non-traditional training workshops promotes a more flexible approach to accessibility while increasing compliance to required training for our organization.

Changing Directions, LLC not only provides competent based trainings, yet integrates professional development opportunities for all clinical staff through clinical supervision rendered by a fully licensed clinical staff. This concept fosters an individualized approach to enhancing the knowledge base and skills level of all clinical staff as demonstrated through the application of service delivery to our behavioral health targeted population of adults, adolescents, and children. Although our organization does not provide clinical supervision relevant to licensure, access and utilization of professional development opportunities from Changing Directions, LLC serves as a platform to assess and provide on-going clinical guidance to our masters and non-licensed staff specific to readiness in seeking becoming fully licensed.

Our organization has benefitted greatly through Changing Directions, LLC's on-going training events and/or workshops. Changing Directions, LLC serves as an integral part of desired clinical outcomes for our organization. We are excited and enthusiastic for your consideration of renewing Changing Directions, LLC as an approved organization. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if additional information is needed. We can be reached at (504) 301-9990.

Warm Regards,
Malikka Kent

Malikka Kent Administrator



June 12, 2023

Dear Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners,

Re: Waiver for in-person continuing education

I am writing the committee to request a special recommendation to continue online distance learning in lieu of the pandemic. I have been successful thus far at obtaining my continuing educational credits by utilizing distance learning for the entire year of 2023. This option has not placed a financial strain on me personally either.

I am also requesting all of my continuing educational credits be approved through online distance learning over 10 hours for the 2024 renewal year since I reside with my seventy-nine year old Mother who I do not wish to infect with the COVID -19 virus by attending seminars, workshops, etc with individuals who have not either been vaccinated or boosted.

I too am at risk, since I am vaccinated and boosted once. I refuse to receive the second booster due to an allergic reaction I had when given the first booster shot. I find it is in my best interest and in the interest of my Mother to avoid crowded meetings as there is no cure for COVID-19 and individuals are still contracting the disease.

I hope the committe approve my request to have my continuing education credits be taken online throughout the rewnewal period for 2024. Stay safe and in the best of health.

Sincerely,

Connie Smart, LMSW

LA License # 15084



From: Social Work

Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 10:28 AM

**To:** 'Katelyn Fitzpatrick' < KFitzpatrick6@humana.com > **Subject:** RE: Attention To Board - LCSW Supervision

### Hi Katelyn,

Thank you for your email. I apologize for our delay in responding to your email. Do you have a copy of your Supervision Record that was completed in 2019? If so, please email me a copy of this when you get a moment. If you had any extenuating circumstances that prevented you from completing supervision after 2019, please provide this information along with documentation. The board will also want to know when you believe that you would be able to finish supervision. This board decision does not prohibit you from beginning supervision with a new supervisor. As a reminder, you have 60 days from your first supervisory session to submit all supervision forms.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Regina M. DeWitt

Administrative Assistant
Louisiana State Board of
Social Work Examiners
18550 Highland Road, Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA 70809
(225)756-3470, Option 4
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From: Katelyn Fitzpatrick < KFitzpatrick6@humana.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 11:45 AM
To: Social Work < socialwork@labswe.org >
Subject: Attention To Board - LCSW Supervision

### Good afternoon,

I'm writing this email to request to accept my supervision hours toward my LCSW from 2018-2019. I completed half of the supervision hours before I moved to Texas in October 2019. When I was in Texas, I didn't continue supervision. However, I have moved back to Louisiana and I'm in the process of starting supervision again with my previous supervisor. I have completed the Supervision Contract 1 and have sent that to my supervisor. Please disregard the Supervision Contract 2 that is listed in My Credentials as I chose the wrong one.

Thank you for your time. Please let me know if you need anything and I look forward to hearing from you.

Katelyn Fitzpatrick, LMSW Telephonic Care Manager | Humana at Home

Supervision Plan approved, credit began 8/8/18