

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

Section A: Organizational Information

Deborah Glover, LCSW-BACS		
Name of Organization Deborah Glover, LCSW-BACS		
Name of Director/President PO Box 305		
	Brittany, LA	70718
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Telephone integratedsocialservices@gmail.com	Fax	
Email Address	Website	

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

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Deborah Glover/Master of Social Work/LCSW-BACS		
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Section C: Approval Guidelines, Process and Agreement

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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:

The time limit set for making a decision on an educational offering's suitability is 3-5 business days. Ideally, responses will be aimed at completion by the 3rd business day; however, due to agency operations and needs, allowing 5 business days will provide agency with flexibility to be able to meet deadlines should the agencies priorities shift due to unforeseen circumstances.

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

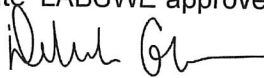
- Describe fees agency will charge to process Continuing Education Applications:

Fees charged Continuing Education Applications shall be \$50 per course offering.

Section D: Authority

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

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



8/22/2023

Signature of Director/President

Date

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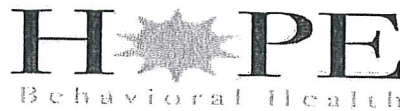
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8/18/2023

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

Subject: Recommendation Letter for Deborah Glover, LCSW-BACS

Dear Sir/Ma'am:

I, Kalina Mercier, recommend Deborah Glover, LCSW-BACS LLC, for approval to be listed as a preapproved CEU organization as designated by Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners. Deborah has proven to be a dedicated leader within the field of social work and carefully learns and disseminates the information she has obtained with the goal of increasing knowledge for social service professionals. Deborah has conducted multiple trainings at Hope Behavioral Health and Turn Around Community for Mental Health Professionals and Mental Health Specialists. I have operated in the capacity of COO at both agencies and identified Deborah as the "go to" person when my staff needs training, mentorship, and/or coaching. To say that I am impressed with her leadership, organization, knowledge, reliability, and effective communication skills would be an understatement. Deborah has continuously made herself available for my staff to ask any follow up questions. She has a passion for educating social service professions and wants them to succeed.

Once again, I recommend Deborah Glover, LCSW-BACS to become a preapproved CEU organization identified by LABSWE. If you have any follow up questions, please feel free to contact me at 225- 773-7598.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kalina Mercier".

Kalina Mercier
COO/Director

Hope Behavioral Health, LLC



August 18, 2023

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners (LABSWE)
18550 Highland Rd.
Baton Rouge, La. 70809

Subject: Recommendation letter for Deborah Glover, LCSW

Dear Ma'am/Sir,

I am writing to highly recommend, Deborah Glover, for approval to be listed on the LABSWE approved CEU provider list. Deborah possesses excellent communication skills, approachable, organized, experience with developing and facilitating CEU trainings.

Deborah and I worked together at Resources for Human Development and Correct Care Solutions where she held supervisory positions. She provided guidance, education and insight regarding mental health evidence-based modalities, development of treatment interventions and implementation. Her skills labeled her as the go to person on the job when a coworker needed additional support.

Deborah is well organized, competent, responsible and dedicated to field of social work. She represents the principles of social work and continues to seek out ways to ensure social workers are competent professionals. Deborah has provided CEU trainings at Southern University at New Orleans to students and social workers. For these reasons listed above, I highly recommend Deborah for the approval on the list of LABSWE CEU providers. If you need any additional information regarding this recommendation, please don't hesitate to contact me at 504-250-1888.

Respectfully,

Tyshica Lofton, LCSW/CEO



14090 Southwest Freeway
Suite 300
Sugar Land, TX 77478
Phone: 832-49-4413

8/22/2023

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

Subject: Recommendation letter for Deborah Glover, LCSW-BACS

Dear Ma'am/Sir,

I am writing this letter to recommend that Deborah Glover, LCSW-BACS, LLC is designated by Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners as a board pre-approval organization. Deborah Glover, LCSW-BACS LLC was created by Deborah Glover to provide social workers with an affordable option for CEUs and LCSW supervision for social workers that live in rural parishes, such as Ascension, St. James, St. John, Livingston Parishes, and beyond. When Mrs. Glover informed me of her business idea in pursuit of filling a void for social workers within rural communities it further reinforced my belief about her character and dedication to the field of social work. She is innovative and seeks to break down barriers for clients and professionals.

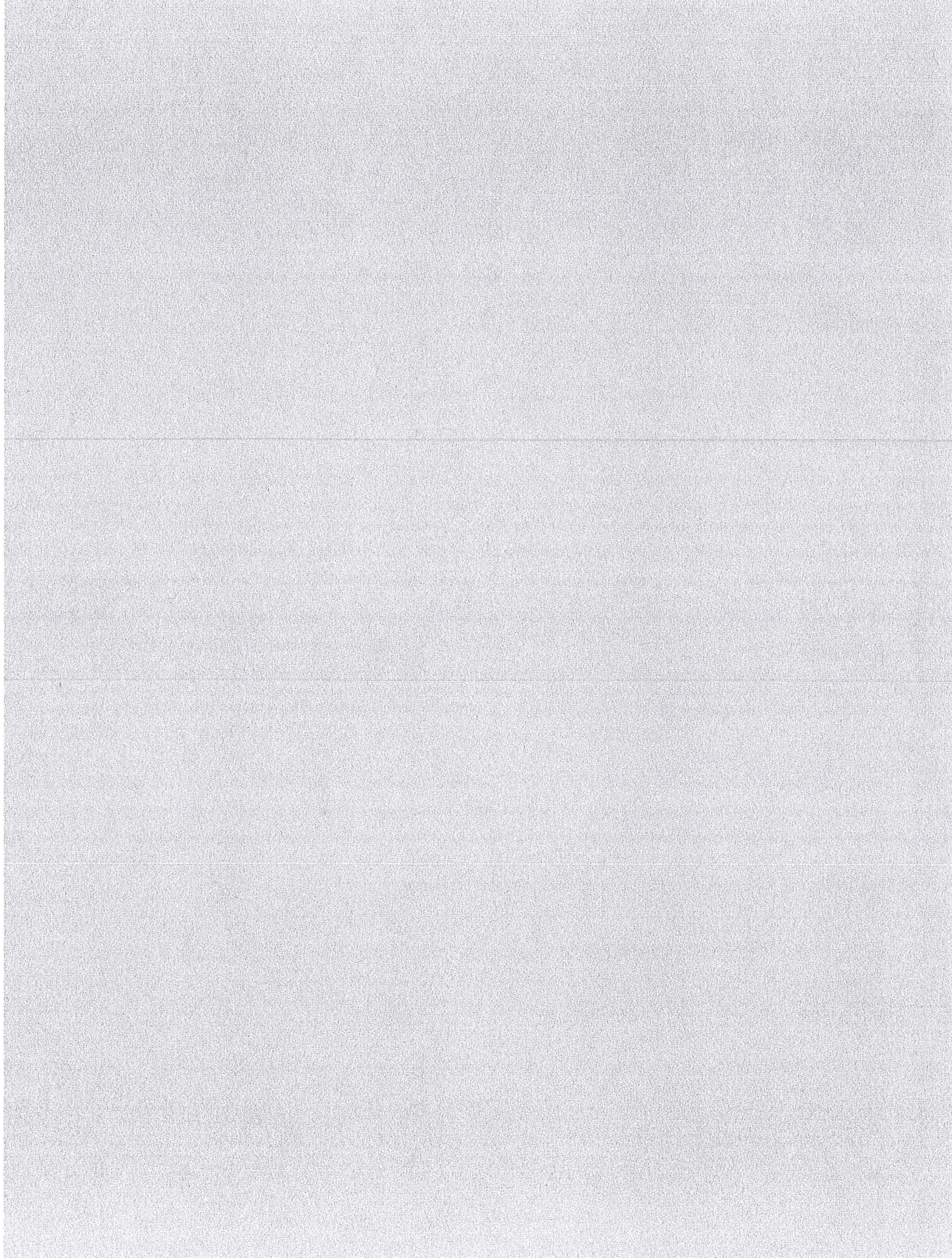
Deborah and I have shared business ideas and supported each other throughout our time in graduate school, in our professional careers, and beyond. I have worked with Deborah in various social services settings throughout the years as a colleague and her supervisee. Deborah has always taken pride in the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

For all the reasons listed above, I am recommending Deborah Glover, LCSW-BACS, LLC, serving as the Director, to become a LABSWE designated pre-approval CEU organization. If you have any further questions or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at 713-548-3975.

Sincerely,

Karissa Harris, LCSW

Karissa Harris, LCSW/CEO (Louisiana License #11507)
Next Phase Counseling & Support, PLCC



Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

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Section A: Organizational Information

Jewish Family Service of Greater New Orleans

Name of Organization

Roselle Ungar

Name of Director/President

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same

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roselle@jfsneworleans.org jfsneworleans.org

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Michelle Beard / MSW / LCSW-BACS

Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential

Director of Clinical Services

Relationship to Organization

same as above

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Physical Address (if different from above) City/State Zip

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Email Address

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We will respond to all requests within 2 weeks at a maximum.

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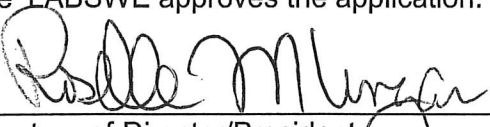
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Signature of Director/President

8/21/23
Date

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August 18, 2023

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LA State Board of Social Work Examiners
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Dear Social Work Approval Board,

I am writing to you as the director of client services of Jewish Children's Regional Service. I would like to take this opportunity to recommend that you recertify Jewish Family Service of Greater New Orleans as a CEU approval organization for the New Orleans area.

For a number of years, I have periodically attended CEU programs that they have sponsored on a number of clinical topics. I have found the presenters to be both qualified and effective, the content to be highly academic and comprehensive, and the presentation setting to be conducive to learning. JFS provides a number of important social services to a wide variety of populations in the Greater New Orleans area, which has consistently included continuing education for individuals working in a variety of social service-related fields. I respect the work that they do as an agency and know that approving them will enhance the opportunities for professional education in our area.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Lustig, LCSW

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of Youth & Families

August 21, 2023

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

Dear Social Work Approval Board,

I am writing to you as the Deputy Director of the Mayor's Office of Youth and Families in the City of New Orleans. I would like to take this opportunity to recommend that you recertify Jewish Family Service of Greater New Orleans (JFS) as a CEU provider and approval organization for the New Orleans metro area.

Over the years, I have attended CEU programs offered by JFS on several clinical, general and supervision topics. JFS excels at collaborating with presenters that are qualified, effective, and engaging. They also ensure that they offer CEUs in the areas of ethics and supervision so that social workers can meet their requirements with ease. JFS provides essential social services to a wide variety of populations which has consistently included continuing education opportunities for mental health professionals in social work and related fields.

I ask that you recertify JFS without reservation so that social workers in our community continue to develop their professional skills at all levels.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Anamaria Villamarin-Lupin, LCSW-BACS

Deputy Director, Office of Youth and Families

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New Orleans, LA 70112
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Gail F. Pesses, MSW, LCSW
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August 23, 2023

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

RE: Recommendation for recertification of Jewish Family Service of Greater New Orleans

Dear Social Work Approval Board:

I am a Social Worker in Private Practice in the Greater New Orleans Area. I am writing to recommend that you recertify Jewish Family Service of Greater New Orleans as a CEU approved organization for the New Orleans area.

For many years, I have periodically attended JFS's CEU programs that they have presented on pertinent clinical topics. The presenters consistently have been both qualified and effective and the content was highly academic and comprehensive resulting in a presentation that was conducive to learning. JFS provides a wide range of important social services to a variety of populations in this area, at little to no cost. Their continuing education programs reflect this diversity in both their clients and clinicians' social services related fields.

As a Social Worker, I deeply respect all that they do as an agency and have referred clients to them when appropriate. I am certain that recertifying them as a CEU provider will enhance the opportunities for professional education in our area.

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

Sincerely,

Gail F. Pesses, MSW, LCSW

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Section A: Organizational Information
LSU School of Social Work

Name of Organization		
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Telephone	Fax	
<small>sswinfo@lsu.edu</small>	<small>https://www.lsu.edu/chse/socialwork</small>	
Email Address	Website	

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Ellen Tadman, LMSW #8727

Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential		
<small>employee - Continuing Education and Community Engagement Manager</small>		
Relationship to Organization	Baton Rouge, LA	70803
<small>3111 Huey P. Long Fieldhouse</small>		
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Physical Address (if different from above)	City/State	Zip
<small>/ 225.578.0092</small>	<small>/</small>	
Telephone	Fax	
<small>etadman@lsu.edu</small>		
Email Address		

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- Describe time limit set for making a decision on an educational offering's suitability:
CE applications shall be submitted for review no later than 30 days prior to the event start date; late fee applies if after that date. We reserve the right to reject late applications if unable to process due to time constraints.

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:
\$75 Single day workshop being presented once
\$100 Conference (offered over continuous days)
\$25 Late fee - an additional fee for applications submitted less than 30 days prior to the program date
\$25 Additional fee for any changes to workshop, including but not limited to date, location, time, presenter, topic, etc.
\$25 Additional dates/locations added within one (1) year of the date of the first workshop (submit all dates with original application)
Fees will be waived for other LSU entities and agencies which currently host our students.

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9/6/23

Michelle Thomas

Signature of Director/President

Date

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September 1, 2023

LABSWE
18550 Highland Road, Suite B
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RE: NASW Reapplication

Dear LABSWE,

Louisiana Mental Health Association (LAMHA) is pleased to offer this letter of support for the Louisiana Chapter of the National Association of Social Work to continue its work as an approved approval organization for continuing education events.

LAMHA has a positive working relationship with NASW LA as an approving agency for our continuing education events and trainings and we continue to witness the dedication of NASW and its staff. The office remains dedicated to offering the highest standards in its practices around the state.

Please contact my office if we can be of further assistance at msilva@louisianamha.org or 225-929-7674.

With regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa B. Silva", is written over the typed name.

Melissa B. Silva
Executive Director

August 22, 2023

LABSWE
18550 Highland Rd., Suite B
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RE: LSU School of Social Work Reapplication as a Continuing Education Provider

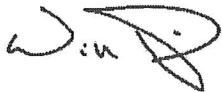
Dear LABSWE,

The National Association of Social Workers – Louisiana Chapter supports the LSU School of Social Work continuing as an approved approval organization for continuing education events.

The LSU School of Social Work is dedicated to the mission and values of the profession, ensuring that social workers across the state have access to high quality, relevant trainings that support their work and practice. Their commitment to providing high quality continuing education opportunities to social workers around the state is done with competency and the highest ethical standards and compliance to LABSWE Rules and Regulations.

Please reach out to me directly if you have any further questions or concerns about their application to continue as a CE provider.

Respectfully,



Will Francis
He/Him/His
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State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Behavioral Health

August 23, 2023

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Re: Letter of Reference in Support for Louisiana State University (LSU) School of Social Work's Continued Status as a Provider of Continuing Education Approval Organization

Dear Members of the Board:

My name is Kimberly Catalon and I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker/ Program Manager employed with the Office of Behavioral Health. The purpose of my correspondence on today is to submit a formal letter of support, with the highest recommendation, for Louisiana State University (LSU) School of Social Work's continued status as a provider of Continuing Education Approval Organization.

It is my opinion that the LSU- School of Social Work has continued to demonstrate their commitment to the profession by providing numerous opportunities for social work professionals to access continuing education learning options both in person and online.

Some of the many different interesting and dynamic education topics that LSU has offered include: Sport Social Work; Grief and Loss; Examining and Interpreting Cultural Differences; Ethics; Self- Care; The Power of Human Connection; and Board Approved Clinical Supervisor (BACS) hours.

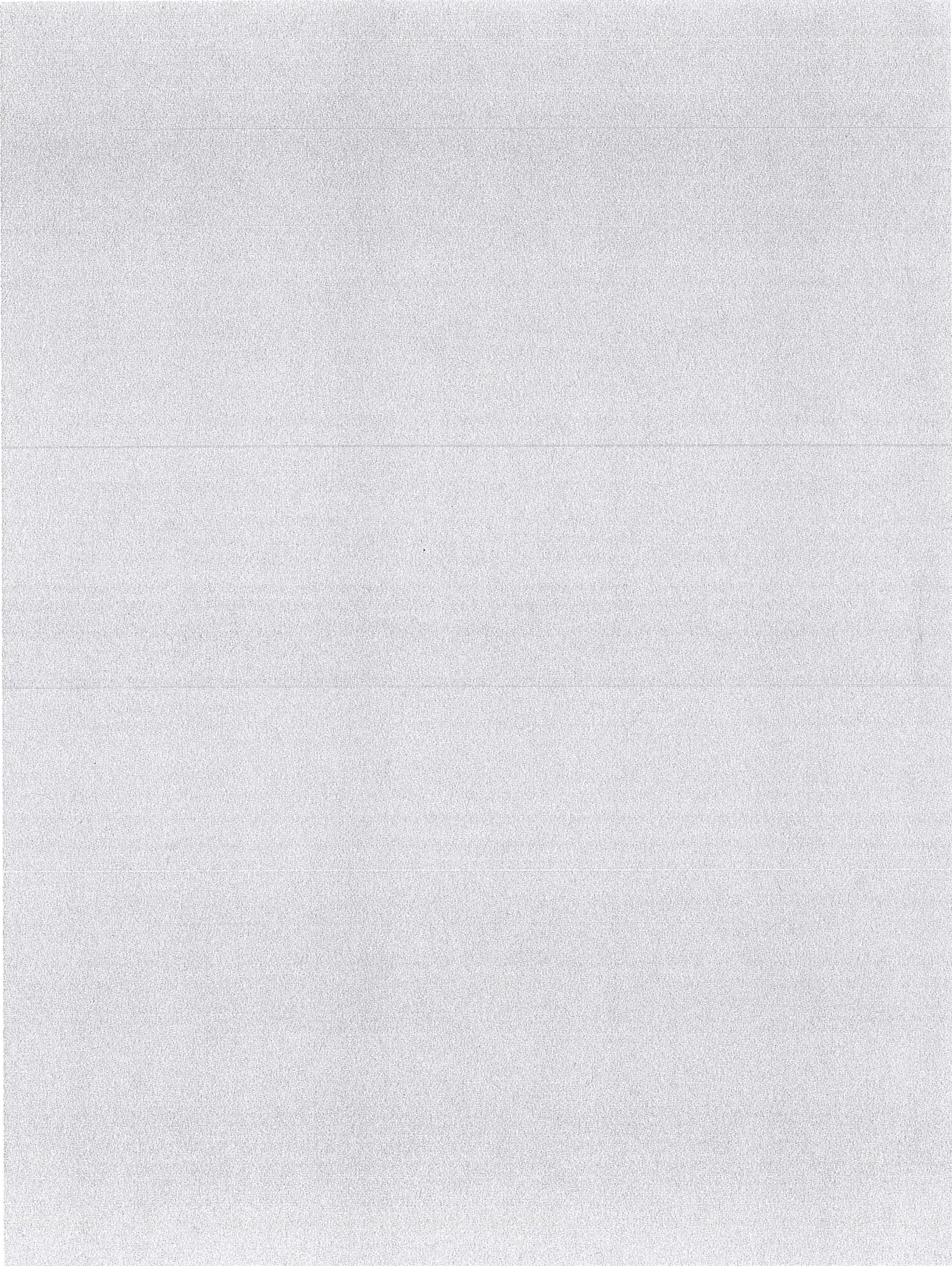
By allowing the LSU- School of Social Work to maintain their Continuing Education Approval Organization status, the board would be granting continued access to a very valuable resource to all social work professionals and students across the state.

If you should have any questions or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to call me at 225-342-8962. I thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Catalon MSW, LCSW

Kimberly Catalon, MSW, LCSW
Juvenile Competency Program Manager
Child Forensic Services
Louisiana Department of Health- Office of Behavioral Health



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NAMI New Orleans
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Name of Director/President
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Social workers @ NAMI N.O. are asked what information interests them. Their supervisors are asked for topics that require study.

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

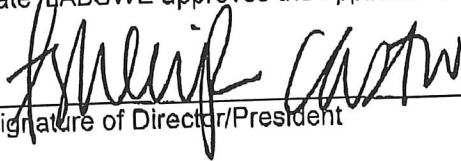
- Describe fees agency will charge to process Continuing Education Applications:

There are no fees charged for C.E.U.'s

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 the Board if interested in maintaining designation as a pre-approving body. Organization agrees to comply with scheduled LABSWE Continuing Education audits and submit a list of all approved programs to the board office for current collection period by July 15 of each year. Organization agrees to notify LABSWE within thirty (30) days if any information submitted on this application changes. Organization understands that approval is granted at the discretion of the Board and may be revoked if Organization is found to be out of compliance with any aspect of established guidelines.

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



Signature of Director/President



Date

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

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18550 Highland Road, Suite B
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

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Revised 5/16

June 6, 2023

To: The Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners

RE: NAMI New Orleans

I am writing you today on behalf of NAMI New Orleans who is in the process of renewing pre-approval continue education opportunities from the LABSWE for their ongoing continue education for their employees, board members and student Interns. NAMI is an organization that prides itself in providing educational information to the clients, community related to mental health resources and education on mental health training. It is through these in house continuing education trainings that staff stay abreast in the latest trends, have the best evidenced based practice measures and learn tools to help their clients and community.

I ask the LABSWE consider the work that NAMI has been doing and approve the renew application for NAMI to provide Continuing Education opportunities for social workers. Please feel free to contact me at 504-259-6024 if you need any additional information.

Respectfully,

Julie Beard, LCSW, BACS

Julie Beard, LCSW, BACS

SARAH SCHURMAN EBERLY, MSW LCSW

New Orleans, LA 70118 ■ 646.637.7272 ■ s

August 14, 2023

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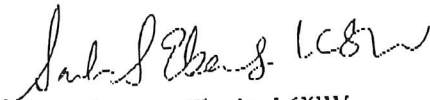
Dear Members of the Board,

Please accept my recommendation for the re-approval of NAMI New Orleans as a Continuing Education Approval Organization. NAMI New Orleans has provided social work services to those with mental illnesses in Orleans, Jefferson, St. Charles, and St. Bernard Parishes. The wellbeing of families and communities struggling with behavioral health issues continues to be a priority. The continuing education classes are offered to staff, undergraduate and graduate interns, social work professionals, and local communities and enrich the knowledge base of many people as well as the quality of social work services.

Your re-approval of NAMI New Orleans as a continuing education approval organization will strengthen the continuation of research-based and best-practice social work in Southeast Louisiana.

Please contact me at 504-521-1414 or at sarah@nami.org with any questions or clarifications.

Sincerely,



Sarah Schurman Eberly, LCSW
LA License: 10528
NPI: 1770895278

HENRY M. MANNHEIMER, MSW, LCSW #1256

New Orleans, Louisiana 70181

September 6, 2023

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to recommend the approval by the Louisiana LCSW Board of NAMI-New Orleans as a provider of continuing education programs. It is my understanding that they wish to provide these services to staff and social workers.

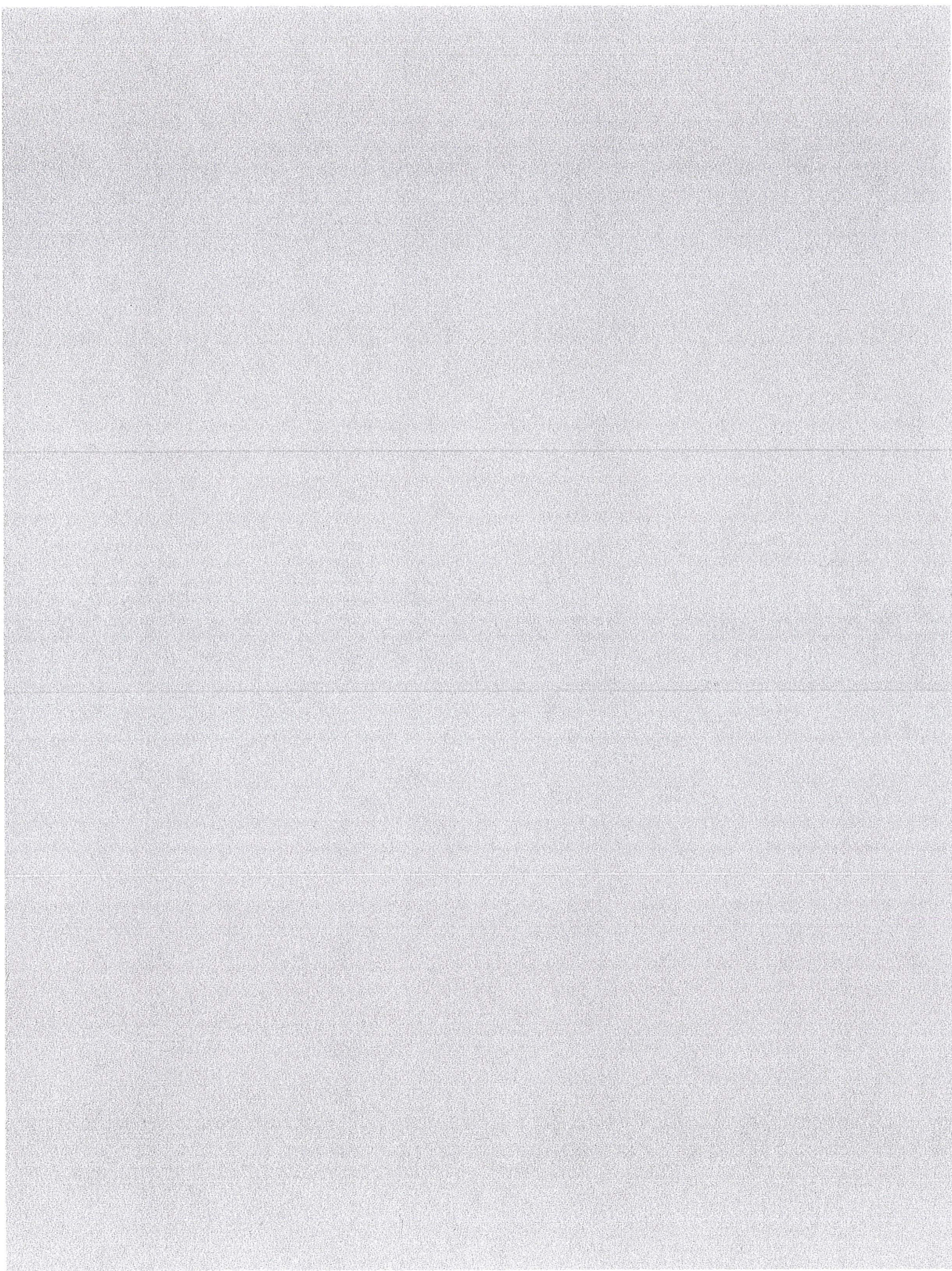
I am an LCSW in the State of Louisiana. I am very familiar with NAMI- New Orleans, having worked there as a clinical social worker from 1998-2008. While I was there we provided clinical and community support services to clients with serious psychiatric illnesses. The agency endeavored to do this work with professional quality and compassion.

If further information is needed, feel free to contact me at () 0.

Sincerely,



Henry M Mannheimer, MSW, LCSW
Licensed Clinical Social Worker



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

Section A: Organizational Information

Tides Center for Wellness, LLC

Name of Organization		
Dr. Catherine Poehling, LCSW-BACS		
Name of Director/President		
511 Mamie Street	Hattiesburg, MS 39401	
Mailing Address	City/State	Zip
1504 Saint Roch Ave.	New Orleans, LA 70117	
Physical Address (if different from above)	City/State	Zip
504 / 402 9067	/	
Telephone	Fax	
cat@TidesCenterforWellness.com	www.TidesCenterforWellness.com	
Email Address	Website	

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

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

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

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

Section B: Continuing Education Program

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

Catherine Poehling, DSW, MSW, MS, LCSW-BACS		
Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential		
CEO/Therapist		
Relationship to Organization		
511 Mamie Street	Hattiesburg, MS 39401	
Mailing Address	City/State	Zip
1504 Saint Roch Ave	New Orleans, LA 70117	
Physical Address (if different from above)	City/State	Zip
504 / 402 9067	/	
Telephone	Fax	
cat@TidesCenterforWellness.com		
Email Address		

Section C: Approval Guidelines, Process and Agreement

Protocol for receiving request for approval from education presenters:

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

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

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

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

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

Applications for continuing education will be assessed for suitability and responded to within 7 business days of their receipt.

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

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

Tides Center for Wellness, LLC will charge a \$45 fee to process Continuing Education Applications.

Section D: Authority

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

Catherine Poehling

8/26/2023

Signature of Director/President

Date

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SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners
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August 03, 2023

To: CEU Pre-Approval Committee
Re: Letter of Support - Catherine Poehling, DSW, LCSW-BACS / Tides Center for Wellness

It is with confidence that I am writing to support Dr. Catherine Poehling in becoming a pre-approved entity in offering continuing educational units (CEUs) within the state of Louisiana. I have known Dr. Poehling for 7 years through our affiliation with Tulane University, the Council on Social Work Education, partnered training through LSU's Louisiana Center for Evidence to Practice, and through our differing successful peer-reviewed publications together. Dr. Poehling has numerous years of clinical social work practice experience and will bring nuanced educational opportunities in the realm of clinical practice, supervision, ethics, reproductive justice, DEI, and anti-racism.

CEUs within the state of Louisiana, and across the nation, are becoming stagnant and antiquated as the same entities are being allowed to control our profession's educational narrative. What is evident is that the world around us is greatly changing and if our profession is to stay relevant, we must be provided with educational opportunities so that we may understand and compete with these ever-changing dynamics. Dr. Poehling has dedicated her clinical practice and research to staying abreast to these nuanced evidence-based practices, macro phenomenon, and trends so that the communities, within the state of Louisiana, can be appropriately served. With that said, I wholeheartedly, and without reservation, support Dr. Catherine Poehling in becoming a pre-approved CEU social work entity within the state of Louisiana.

Please feel free to contact me at 504.258.1139 or by email at cbeasley@tulane.edu if additional information is needed.

Respectfully,

Candice C. Beasley, MSW, DSW, LCSW-BACS
Candice C. Beasley, MSW, DSW, LCSW-BACS
Clinical Assistant Professor
Tulane School of Social Work
127 Elk Place
Rm 411
New Orleans, LA 70112
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To Whom It May Concern,

I provide my professional recommendation that Dr. Cat Poehling, LCSW-BACS and the Tides Center for Wellness be approved as a Continuing Education Provider pre-approval agency. I believe that they provide quality CEU contributions to our community. The Louisiana social work community would benefit from their educational offerings. If you need additional information or have any questions please do not hesitate to call me directly at 504.233.1200 or email me at amercante@lakeviewhospital.com.

Thank you,

Anna A. Mercante, MSW, LCSW-BACS

Anna A. Mercante, MSW, LCSW-BACS
Social Worker, Behavioral Health Unit
Office Phone Number:
Lakeview Hospital
95 Judge Tanner Blvd. Covington, LA 70433

FROM THE DESK OF
Catherine Kelleher, LCSW, HTR

August 4, 2023

Catherine Kelleher

New Orleans, LA 70118

Dear Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners,

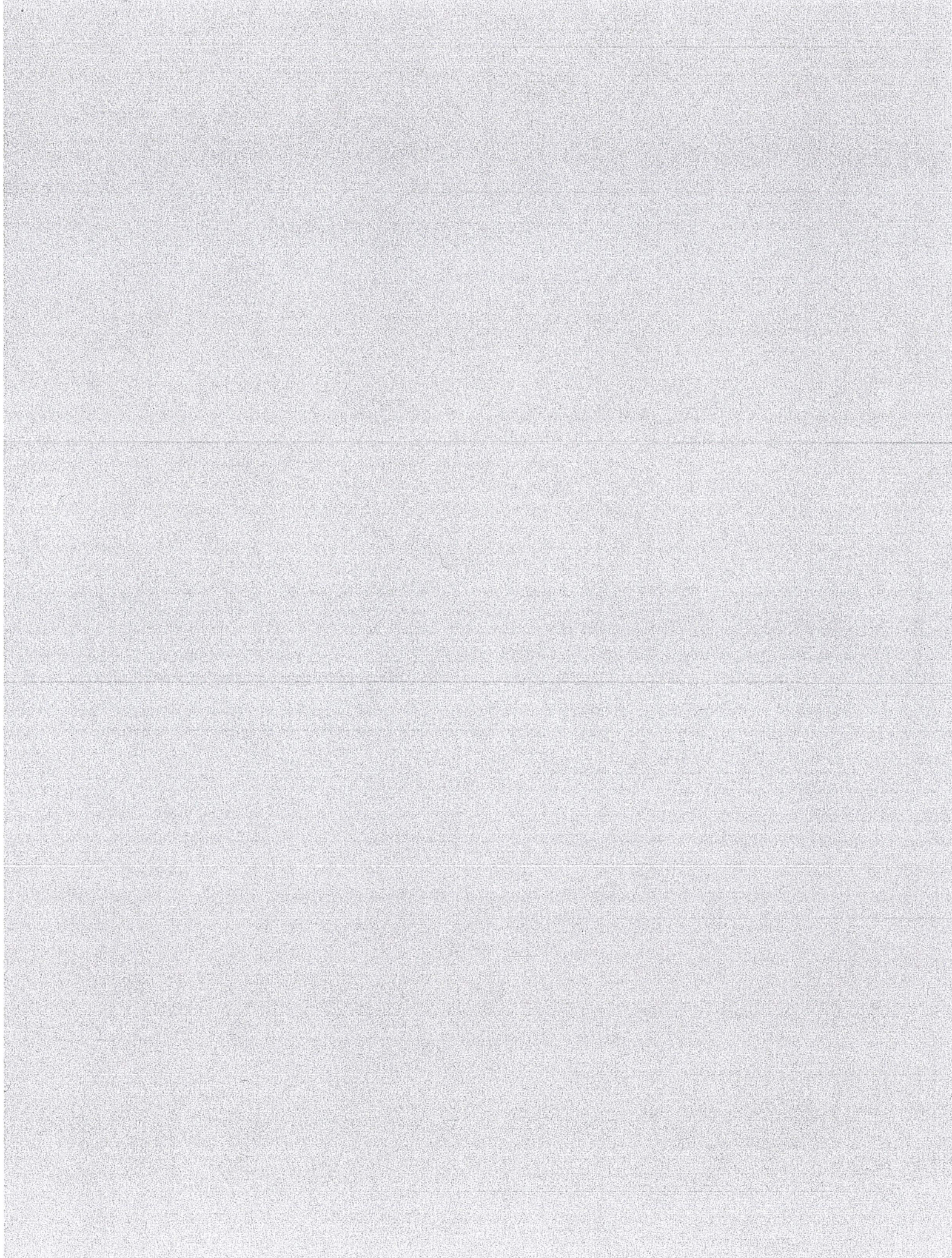
I am pleased to write to you regarding Dr. Catherine Poehling's application for Continuing Education Approval Organization status. I have known Catherine in a personal and professional way for ten years. She is a phenomenal educator and organizer. I know her to be committed to excellence in the field of Social Work. She is ethical and compassionate; I highly recommend her for approval as a continuing education provider.

Please contact me if you require any clarification or additional information.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine Kelleher".

Catherine Kelleher LCSW, HTR



Date: 7/24/2023

Joseph Buzzetta
LMSW# 12749

Pineville, LA 71360

LABSWE
18550 Highland Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

To the board;

This is a request for review of supervision hours for LMSW #12749 Joseph Buzzetta. When I started supervision with my supervisor, Vanessa Graves, LCSW-BACS #7247, on June 1, 2018, it was required that an LMSW had to receive 5,760 total hours of post-graduate social work experience with 3,840 of those hours needing to be obtained while under the supervision of a BACS. Therefore, I started supervision after I had completed 1,920 work hours which did not require the BACS supervision.

I submitted for my LMSW-BACS supervision and was approved to start on June 1, 2018. I received 21 hours of supervision. I decided to take a break from supervision after being appointed as the Director of The Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition in June of 2019. The original plan was for me to learn that role and then resume supervision but there were three issues that ultimately impacted that plan. Two were professional in nature and one was personal.

The first professional issue that arose was the COVID-19 pandemic. This occurred while in my first year tenure as the Executive Director of the Homeless Coalition. We were granted ESG-CARES funding to assist in providing programming to our homeless community over the course of the pandemic. That funding was initially supposed to last for 90 days but then transitioned into a 2-year program that eventually closed in August of 2022. The second professional issue that came up was the agency's response to Hurricanes Laura and Delta. As the lead agency for the LA-507 HUD Continuum of Care, it was our responsibility to help with disaster response and to also assist the incoming homeless population that was displaced from the southern portion of the state. The personal issue that impacted my supervision plan was that my wife and I become foster parents for the State of Louisiana. We received a placement of a 9-month-old and a 2 year old in our care in November of 2021. Both children had medical needs that required us to meet with specialists sometimes several times a week. Even now, they are somewhat stabilized but continue to require therapy sessions that occur over the course of 3 days throughout the week.

I started a new job at another non-profit which has allowed me to resume my supervision hours which began on 10/6/22. Since, I have collected 12 additional hours

This background information leads me to my questions and a request for a review of my case by LABSWE.

First, now that the requirements for LCSW supervision have changed, how many of my hours, if any, can be counted towards my current supervision? As stated previously, I received 33 hours of supervision (21 before my break in supervision and 12 since I resumed supervision)

The second question that I have is if I could have the board grant an exception to window that one has to complete their supervision in. At the time of this letter, it will be over 5 years since my initial agreement I wanted to request from the board to grant me an extension on this window equal to the time that was lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic with the start date being March 16th, 2020 when President Trump announced the "15 Days to Slow the Spread" initiative to May 11, 2023 when President Biden declared the official end of the pandemic. This extension would be equal up to 39 months for me to complete whatever my remaining supervision hours would be. I am not sure if this information would be helpful but over the course of the pandemic, I did keep in touch with my BACS Supervisor but this in a professional/collaborative setting as opposed to formal supervision to work through the challenges that the COVID Pandemic presented.

I appreciate your time and consideration in this manner.

Thanks,

Joseph Buzzetta

MSW, LMSW

Joseph Buzzetta, LMSW

04/26/2018- Supervision Agreement w/ Vanessa Graves, LCSW-BACS approved for Employment with VOA. According to the record provided, they met 21 hours.

June, 2019- appointed as Director of the Central Homeless Coalition (no updated contract)

October, 2022- stated he started a new job at another non-profit (no updated contract)

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Quinnieka Kent

Fort Drum, New York 13603

8/28/2023

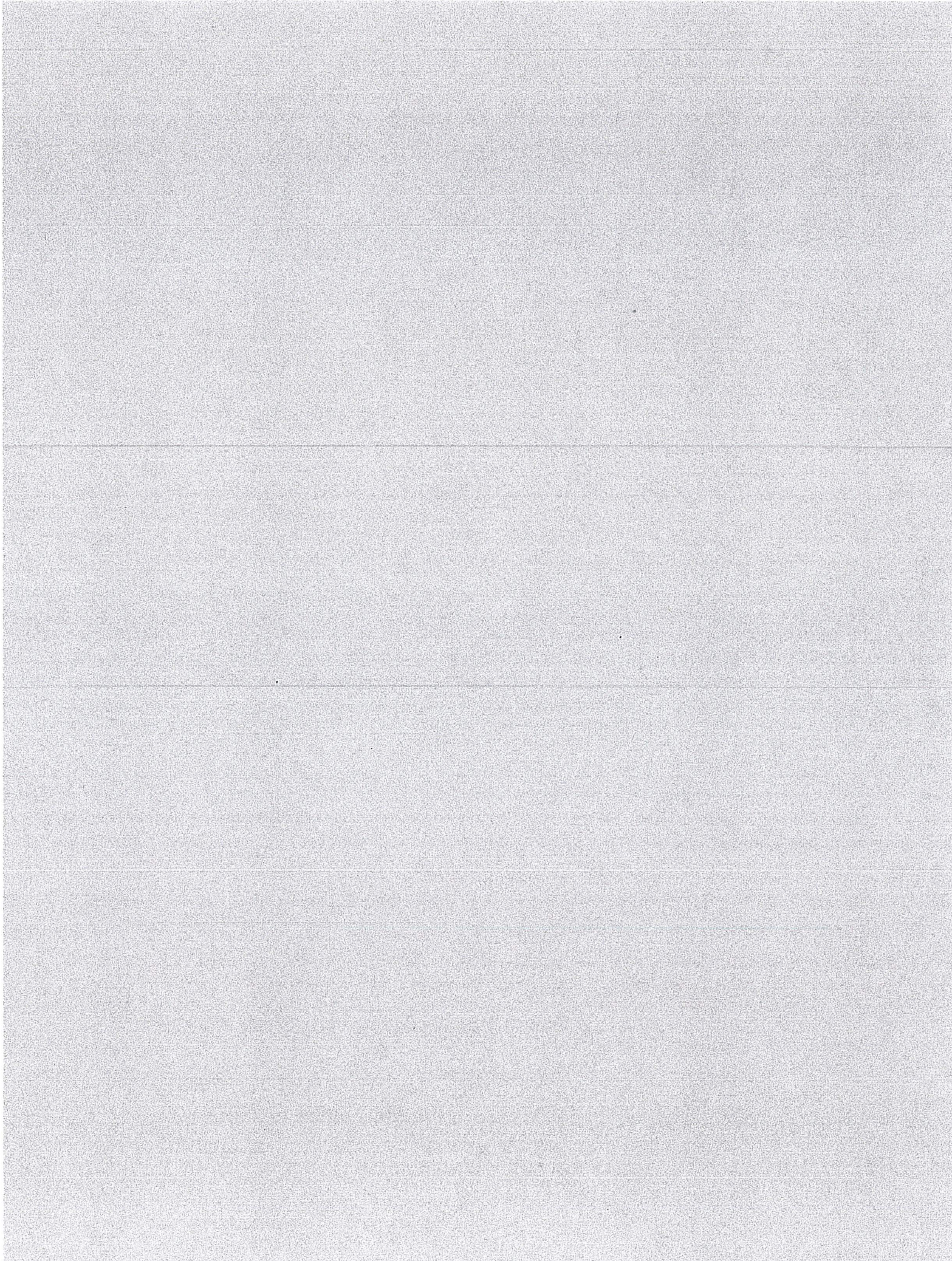
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners
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Dear Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners :

The purpose of my letter is consideration and potential approval for completion of continuing education units (ceus) via distance learning for the 2023-2024 reporting period. Recently, my husband received a permanent change of duty station outside of Louisiana. As a result, my family is currently residing in New York. Due to our status as an active-duty family, I am unsure how long I may be residing in New York. However, I wish to maintain my Louisiana license as a means to potentially return back to Louisiana once my husband completes his contract. Therefore, due to the distance and financial aspect of completing in-person ceus while residing out of the state, I ask to be granted permission to complete all my ceus via distanced learning for the 2023-2024 reporting period. I will attach documentation supporting my residence in New York due to military obligations.

Sincerely,

Quinnieka Kent



To the Louisiana State Board of Social Work

I am writing this request in hopes that the board would consider approving continued electronic communication in regards to my LCSW-BACS supervision. I am currently supervised by Annie Vaden (License # 12369). She is an employee at Children's Hospital in New Orleans where I previously worked. I recently transitioned to a new role with Children's Hospital doing clinical counseling in two schools in the Kenner area. I chose this position in order to be closer to my three children in case of an emergency and to be able to pick them up when they are dismissed from their school, which is located in Kenner. I am requesting continued electronic communication with my supervisor as I do not have the weekly resources that would allow me to travel to and from New Orleans to complete weekly supervision which is on Thursday's at 5:30pm. I am currently a little more than halfway to my goal of becoming an LCSW and your consideration in this matter would be vital to the completion of it. Thank you so much for your time and willingness to review this matter.

Nabila Barrera, LMSW

License number 11290

Social Work

From: Nabila Barrera <nabila.barrera@labswe.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 26, 2023 2:41 PM
To: Social Work
Subject: Re: Remote Supervision

Hi, thank you for your response. See below for the responses requested.

Security information from the company regarding program/software.

-For weekly supervision we utilize a Business Zoom meeting account.
See the link to their
privacy statement. <https://explore.zoom.us/en/privacy/>.

Explanation of how confidential information will be protected.

-To ensure added protection for confidential information each time we
meet we lock the meeting so that no one else can join and we use
password protected meetings.

Explanation of how emergencies will be handled

-I inform my supervisor of my location and address before beginning the
session. My supervisor has two of my emergency contacts names and
numbers in case she needs to reach someone who has closer access to
me. She also has my home address, where I am located during
supervision and can report any emergencies to local law enforcement
by calling 911 and providing my address.

Actual drive time/mileage to meet in person with your supervisor

During our weekly time it can take up to an hour to drive to meet my
supervisor due to heavy traffic. The mileage is approximately 20 miles
one way.

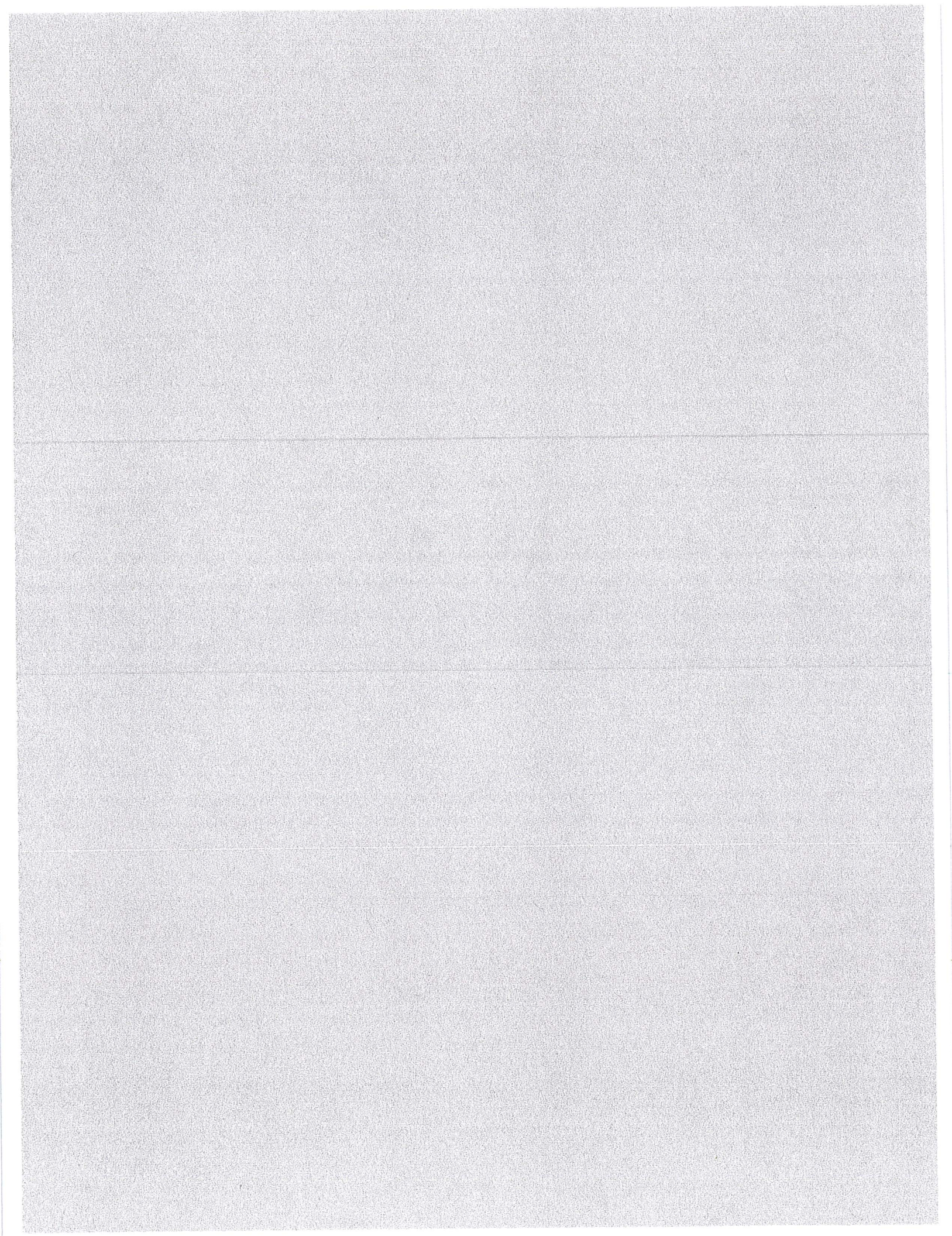
Thank you for your consideration

Nabila Barrera #11290

On Thu, Aug 24, 2023 at 7:58 AM Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org> wrote:

Hi Nabila,

Thank you for your email. Please submit the following information:





Child Welfare –
Franklin Parish
Division of Child Welfare
2406 West Street
Winnsboro, LA 71295

(O) 318-435-2188
(F) 318-435-2177
www.dcfsls.gov

John Bel Edwards, Governor
Terri Porche Ricks, Secretary

August 8, 2023

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

RE: Request for waiver of supervision

Dear Board Members,

My name is Brittany Peoples, and I am employed by the State of Louisiana, Department of Children and Family Services. I worked in the Family Services Program for eight years before taking on a new role as a Child Protection Investigator in January 2023 with my domicile office being in the rural area of Franklin Parish, but I live in Ouachita Parish. I have a 45-minute commute to and from work each day. That does not include the travel time for driving when working a CPI case. There is never a set time when I may be called out to work a case. The travel time when working a case is often one hour or more for each parish not including how long a case may take since each case is different.

As an investigator for the agency, we are required to work Region 8 of Louisiana which includes twelve parishes in the northeast part of state: Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll. There is times when as an investigator you may have to travel outside of Region 8, to complete contacts with families while ensuring the safety of the children and also meeting timeframes that the agency has in place.

Being able to complete my supervision virtually has been a lifesaver for me due to my hectic and unpredictable work schedule. I am required to work one week on-call every month which includes the weekend and lately due to short staff, I have been working two weeks of straight on-call. Being on-call means that any cases that comes in after the closing time of the office and on the weekends, I must go out and work. I am also employed PRN at the Glenwood Behavioral Health Hospital in West Monroe on the weekends which doesn't allow me to complete my supervision on the weekends.

I am asking for approval from the board to grant my request for supervision to continue virtually because of the travel time and the unknown of my daily work schedule. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to explain my reason for the request of the waiver.

Sincerely,

Brittany Peoples, MSW, LMSW





700 University Avenue
Stubbs Hall, Suite 207
Monroe, Louisiana 71209
(318) 807-8430
gracerestoredccs@outlook.com

August 26, 2023

Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners
Attention: Regina M. DeWitt, Administrative Assistant
18550 Highland Road, Suite B
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

Re: Additional information regarding waiver request for remote supervision – Brittany Peoples

Dear Ms. DeWitt or Board Member,

As requested, see below the addendum to the original letter of waiver request for remote supervision sent by supervisee Brittany Peoples (License # 17308). A copy of the informed consent form will accompany this letter. Please contact me at the above-referenced number with any additional questions or concerns.

Additional requested information:

Request for Waiver for Remote/Virtual/Tele-Supervision for Brittany Peoples

Name of Supervisor: Christian Specks, LCSW-BACS

Number of Supervisees involved: One possible additional supervisee for group sessions if the board approves. If approval is not granted, the supervisor and the supervisee will conduct individual sessions accordingly.

Time Frame needed to complete remote supervision: 48 of the 96 hours have been completed thus far. I am requesting the remainder 48 hours (equivalent to the next 12 months of supervision)

Security information from the company regarding program/software: Supervision is provided by Christian Specks, LCSW-BACS, under the practice of Grace Restored Counseling & Consulting, LLC. Secure programs/software used for supervision purposes will be Teams and Zoom.

Explanation of how confidential information will be protected: An informed consent (see attached) is provided that outlines specific details relating to the protection of confidential information as are provided as follows:

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I, Brittany Peoples, hereby consent to participate in Remote/Virtual/Tele-Supervision services with Christian Specks, LCSW-BACS, QSSWS, as an alternative part of my clinical social work supervision modality. I understand that Remote/Virtual/Tele-Supervision delivers clinical supervision services using technology-assisted media or electronic communication between a practitioner and a supervisee. This revision to my clinical supervision modality will continue to adhere to my professional growth needs, including protecting my confidentiality. I understand the following concerning tele-supervision services:

- 1) I understand that I can withdraw consent at any time without affecting my right to future clinical supervision services or support to which I would otherwise be entitled.
- 2) I understand that there are risks, benefits, and consequences associated with tele/remote supervision, including but not limited to disruption of transmission by technology failures, interruption and/or breaches of confidentiality by unauthorized persons, and/or limited ability to respond to emergencies.
- 3) I understand tele/remote supervision delivery methods will include Teams and/or Zoom for our session. There will be no recording of any online sessions by either party. All information disclosed within sessions and written records pertaining to those sessions are confidential and may not be disclosed to anyone without written authorization except where the disclosure is permitted and/or required by law.
- 4) I understand that the privacy laws that protect the confidentiality of my protected health information (PHI) also apply to Remote/Virtual/Tele-Supervision unless an exception to confidentiality applies (i.e., mandatory reporting of a child, elder, or vulnerable adult abuse; danger to self or others; I raise mental/emotional health as an issue in a legal proceeding).
- 5) I understand that we could encounter technical difficulties during our Remote/Virtual/Tele-Supervision session, resulting in service interruptions. If this occurs, end and restart the session. If we cannot discuss it since we may reconnect within ten minutes, please call me at 318-807-8430 or 318-480-9460 to re-schedule.
- 6) I understand that my clinical supervisor may need to contact my emergency contact and/or appropriate authorities in an emergency.

Explanation of how emergencies will be handled: Through the previously mentioned informed consent form, an explanation of the emergency protocol will be adhered to as follows:

Emergency Protocols

As a considered alternative to face-to-face supervision, I understand that due to an undue burden due to hardship, disability, or travel time, the state board may approve remote supervision as a pose to face-to-face supervision as a primary modality of the clinical supervision process. Therefore, the supervisor will need to establish an emergency protocol. The supervisee shall agree to inform the supervisor of his/her location at the onset of each session and in case of an emergency. In addition, the supervisee will provide a contact person (i.e., direct supervisor) who may contact you on your behalf for work-related emergencies.

In case of an emergency, my location is _____ and my emergency contact person's (direct supervisor) name, address, and phone: _____

I have read the information provided above and discussed it with my supervisor. I understand the information in this form, and my questions have been answered satisfactorily.

Brittany Peoples, MSW, LMSW

Printed Name

Brittany Peoples, MSW, LMSW

Signature/Parent Signature (for minors)

Christian Specks, LCSW-BACS

Witness

8/26/2023

Date

8/26/2023

Date

Christian Specks, LCSW-BACS
Christian Specks, LCSW-BACS (License # 9505)
Owner, Grace Restored Counseling & Consulting, LLC



Grace Restored Counseling & Consulting, LLC
Christian Specks, LCSW-BACS

Remote/Virtual/Tele-Supervision - Informed Consent

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- 3) I understand Remote/Virtual/Tele-Supervision delivery methods will include Teams and/or Zoom for our sessions. There will be no recording of any online sessions by either party. All information disclosed within sessions and written records pertaining to those sessions are confidential and may not be disclosed to anyone without written authorization except where the disclosure is permitted and/or required by law.
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In case of an emergency, my location is _____ and my emergency contact person's (direct supervisor) name, address, and phone:

Willie Lyons, direct supervisor

I have read the information provided above and discussed it with my supervisor. I understand the information in this form, and my questions have been answered satisfactorily.

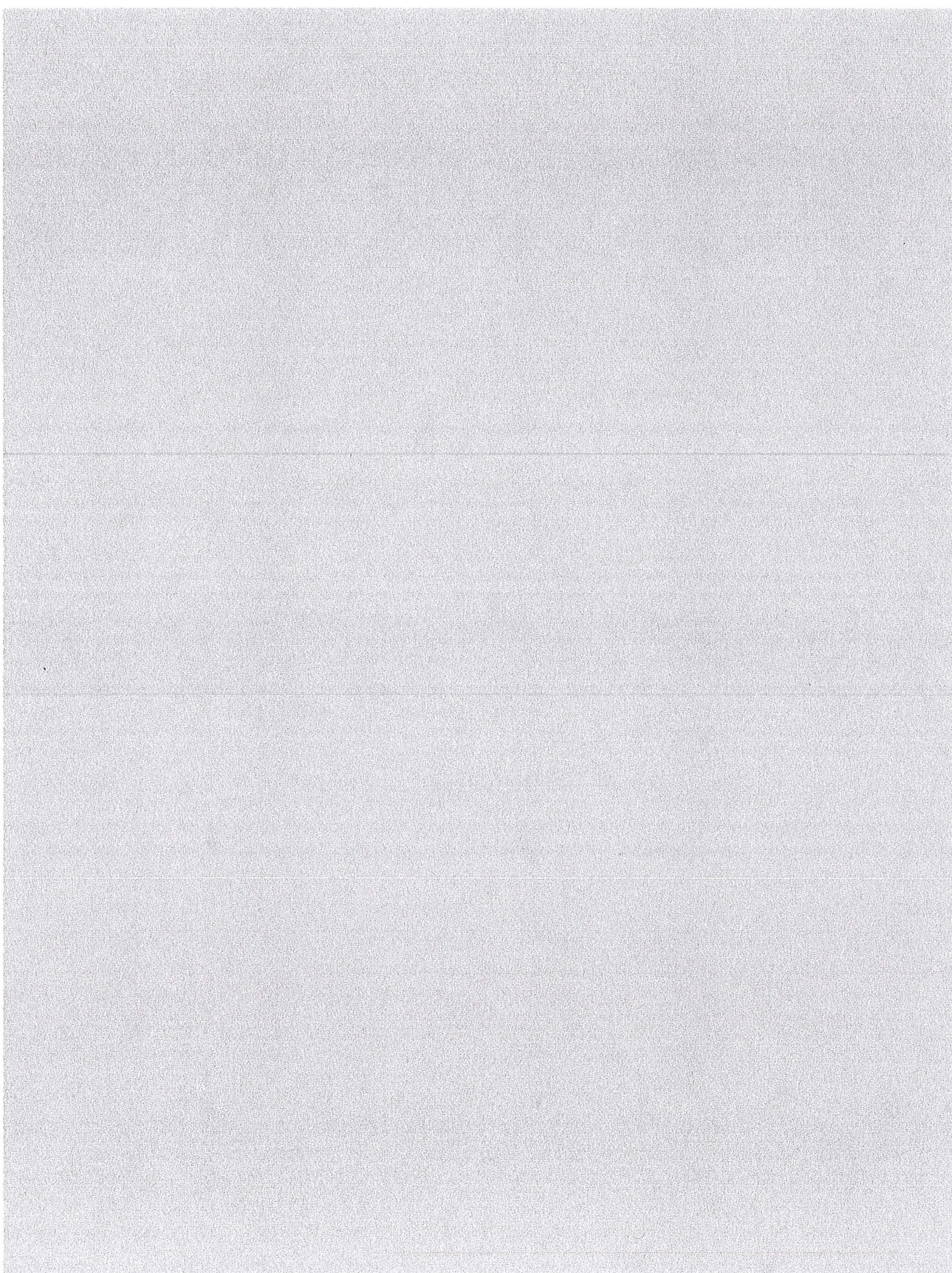
Brittany Peoples, MSW LMSW
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Brittany Peoples, MSW LMSW
Signature/Parent Signature (for minors)

8/26/2023
Date

Christian Specks, LSW-BACS
Witness

8/26/2023
Date



To whom it may concern,

My name is Caroline Wegener and I am an LMSW currently in the process of attending remote supervision for LCSW licensure. I am writing to the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners to request I be allowed to continue remote supervision due to various circumstances.

I work as a mental health counselor for Educators for Quality Alternatives, specifically at the Net: Gentilly in New Orleans. I currently live in Metairie and my supervisor is located on the West Bank in Harvey. I get off work at 4:00 pm; due to traffic and the distance of these three locations, it would be very hard for me to make it to my sessions with my supervisor. In the afternoon after school lets out, the traffic in the city going to the west bank is very dense. It can take 45 minutes to an hour to get across the CCC. This could lead to missed appointments which could result in a longer amount of time in supervision.

In my current position, I work with highly at risk youth at an alternative school. They need more support and crisis intervention than students at a typical high school. There will be many times where I will need to stay later at work to deal with a crisis or be called after work to support a student/family. Remote supervision helps me better serve the population I'm working with because it allows me to focus on them and not travel time.

On a personal note, remote supervision also benefits me and my family. I get to spend more time supporting and spending time with my family and dedicate time to self-care. With remote supervision, I have the ability to spend less time driving to another part of the city and more time taking care of those I love.

I appreciate the Board for taking the time to consider my request. I hope I will be able to continue with remote supervision as it will greatly benefit me and my students.

Sincerely,

Caroline Wegener, MSW, LMSW

Social Work

From: Tyshica Lofton <tylofton@impactcounselinginfo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2023 2:07 PM
To: Social Work
Cc: Caroline Wegener
Subject: Re: Request for continued remote supervision

I'm thinking it's for the length of time she's employed with her current job. I thought that's what the approval was for.

Respectfully,
Ty Lofton, LCSW-BACS
CEO/Owner
Impact Counseling & Support Services
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On Fri, Aug 4, 2023, 11:10 AM Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org> wrote:

Hi Tyshica,

The question relative to time frame is asking how long will you need to continue remote supervision.

Thank you,

Regina M. DeWitt

Administrative Assistant

- Explanation of how emergencies will be handled: the supervisee would contact supervisor by phone to advise they would need a case consult for an emergency & supervisor will arrange to speak with the supervisee that same day or within hours from request

Respectfully,

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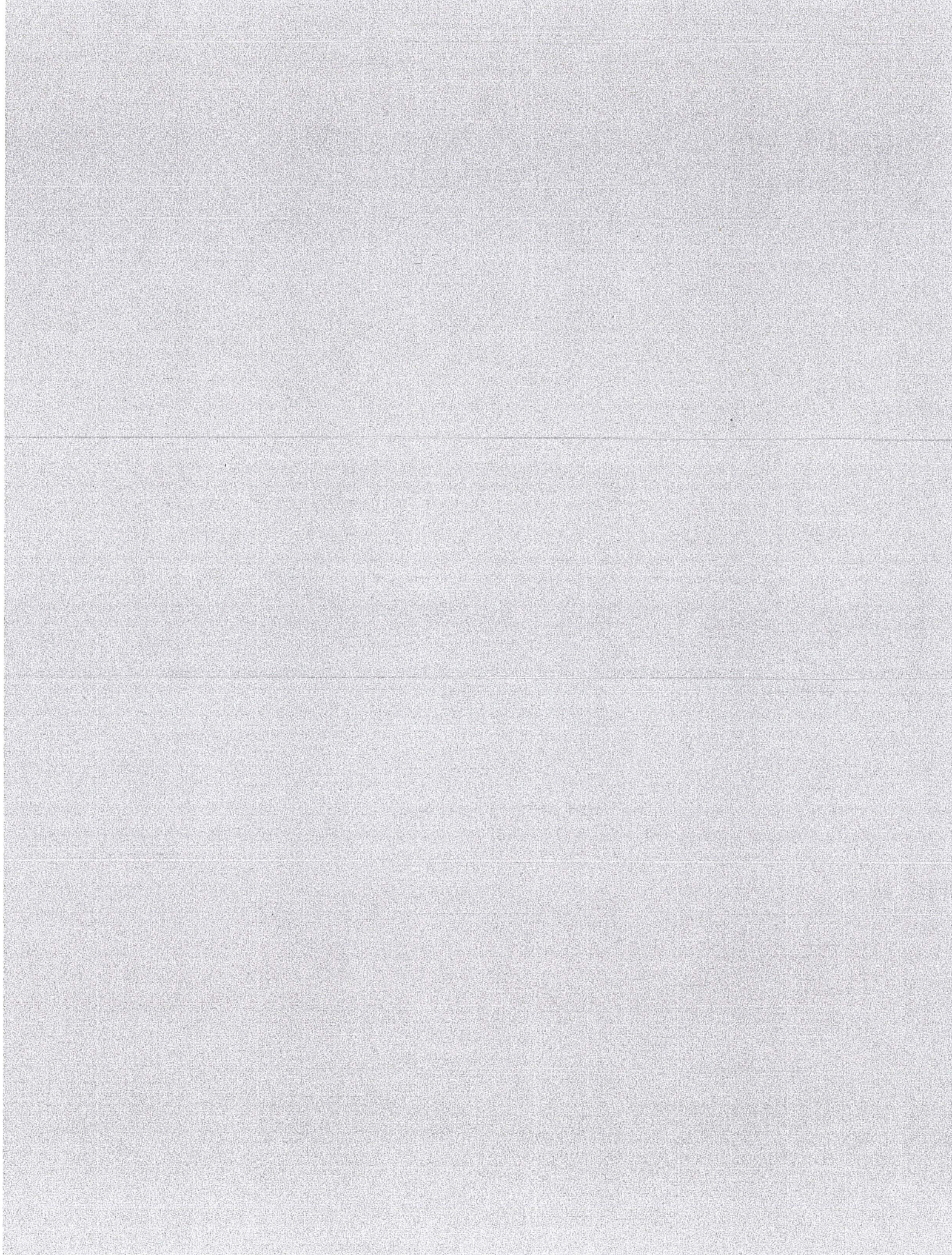
On Thu, Aug 3, 2023 at 7:55 PM Caroline Wegener <cgwegener729@gmail.com> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>

Date: August 3, 2023 at 9:57:15 AM CDT



September 5, 2023

To the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners,

I am writing you today for your consideration and understanding in my request to attend group supervision sessions virtually. I began my supervision toward LCSW licensure with Shelly Weaver, LCSW-BACS on 8/24/2023. We meet for confidential face-to-face individual sessions at The Hospice of Baton Rouge's Hammond office located at 1250 Southwest Railroad. Suite B. Hammond, LA 70403. The group sessions are held face-to-face at The Hospice of Baton Rouge's Baton Rouge office at 3600 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806. This would be a travel of 45 miles to attend. Additionally, my home address is Ponchatoula, LA 70454. My home is 56 miles from the Baton Rouge office location. I have a caseload of about 45 hospice patients who reside in the Tangipahoa and Livingston Parishes. I often travel upwards of 100 miles/day to visit my patients enrolled in hospice.

I am requesting LABSWE to grant approval for me to be allowed to attend the group supervision sessions via Microsoft Teams. We use the HIPPA compliant healthcare version. Additionally, my camera would be on during the group supervision session. I feel the opportunity to attend group supervision will enhance my hospice social work practice and would allow me to gain varying perspectives. It would be an undue hardship to travel 56 miles to and from the Baton Rouge office where the in-person, one-hour sessions are held. My individual supervision sessions would remain as in-person as my BACS Supervisor, Shelly Weaver, is able to travel to the Hammond office location for these meetings.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should I be needed for further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (225) 767-4673.

Sincerely,

Marsha Guthrie, LMSW

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From: Abigail Mullen <at_____com>
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2023 1:50 PM
To: Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>
Subject: Hardship request

To LABSWE Board,

First of all, as this contains personal information I would not like it to be read aloud at the board meeting.

I would like to officially request approval for virtual supervision due to hardship. I work for Jefferson Parish School System and have recently been assigned to a school on the Westbank. My Supervisor works on the Eastbank of Orleans Parish, however our sessions are held at a location in New Orleans East. The distance and travel time presents a barrier for me as it may take between 45 minutes to an hour depending on traffic. Meeting on the weekends is not an option either; I live in Orleans Parish and my supervisor resides in St. Tammany Parish. When we initiated supervision, it was with the understanding that the majority of supervision would take place virtually with some face to face sessions when feasible for both. Also, at that time I was working on the Eastbank. Each year, Jefferson Parish places social workers where they are needed, and it could be at any location.

Both my supervisor and I are School Social Workers and by the nature of our work are expected to respond to crisis situations quite often. Usually, these occur at the end of the day keeping either me or my supervisor late at work, sometimes for several hours. Virtual supervision has offered me the opportunity to maintain my weekly supervision, which is required by Jefferson Parish, by having the flexibility to adjust the meeting times when crises arise for either of us. The stress of having to navigate the logistics of travel across several parishes for an hour-long meeting is only a hindrance to the supervision process.

A healthy supervisory relationship is vital and has been established. It would be a further burden if I had to seek a new supervisor should virtual supervision not be approved. It was very difficult seeking BACS supervision due to the limited pool of supervisors willing to take on new supervisees. I reached out to many people and missed the ability to have supervision for the first several months of work while I searched for someone. Approval of virtual supervision would afford me the opportunity to continue supervision with my current supervisor.

Our virtual sessions have been and will continue to be in compliance, with the use of a HIPAA Compliant Platform, with cameras on, in a setting where privacy can be maintained during each session.

It is with great hope that the board considers these factors as truly a burden in obtaining professional supervision and approves this request.

Sincerely,

Abigail Mullen

Abigail was
advised that this
letter does not
qualify to be in
executive session
as per open
meetings law

Social Work

From: Abigail Mullen <abigailmullen@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 4:02 PM
To: Social Work
Subject: Re: FW: Hardship request

Good afternoon,

I have several supervisors that I am required to call in the case of a threat of violence, suicidal ideation, or DCFS report who are either employed by Jefferson Parish or Children's Hospital (my employer). We have a phone tree with several people (about 6) for the West Bank, four people at Children's, and then another list of East Bank people we would call if we could not (for some reason) staff with the first ten people. I am not allowed to release a child back to their classroom (or anywhere else) until I have staffed with someone from the list that JP provides. Three days a week there is another mental health professional at my school that I consult with as well. Regarding my BACS supervisor, she is available if she is not meeting with a student and gets back to me quickly whenever I have reached out during the day. I have never felt unsupported due to the sheer number of supports that children's hospital and Jefferson parish not only provide but require us to staff with.

Thank you
Gail

On Wed, Sep 6, 2023 at 10:25 AM Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org> wrote:

Hi Abigail,

The question regarding emergencies is relative to if there were an emergency on the job and you needed guidance from your BACS, how would you handle this situation? Do you have quick access to your BACS?

Sincerely,

Regina M. DeWitt

Administrative Assistant

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From: Abigail Mullen <abigailphelan@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 9:42 AM

To: Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>

Subject: Re: FW: Hardship request

Good morning!

I am going to answer your questions as best as I can below.

- Time frame that you will need to continue remote supervision: We would like to continue with remote supervision for as long as we can if we continue to work long distances from each other (as we will also continue to live far apart). If I was placed at a school in Metairie next year, for example, we would be much closer.
- Name of your LCSW-BACS: Kellie Dejan, LCSW-BACS
- Security information from the company regarding program/software: We have been using the Microsoft Teams, which is listed as a HIPAA compliant telehealth platform by the Health and Human Services government website (<https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/special-topics/emergency-preparedness/notification-enforcement-discretion-telehealth/index.html>) but we are happy to use a different platform if it is required.
- Explanation of how confidential information will be protected: Confidential information is protected as it is in person. We do not use full names or any obvious identifying information. We do not send information back and forth with any names. Our meetings are extremely similar to an in-person meeting. All confidentiality is conducted in the same way on Teams as it is in person.
- Explanation of how emergencies will be handled: I am not sure what this question means, so please clarify if I do not respond in a way that you intended. I am wondering if you mean if one of us had an emergency during a session? I take my meetings with her from my home and she has my

address so she knows my current location if I was having an emergency at home. She usually takes her meeting from her private office, so I also know her location as well.

Thank you so much for considering this. I would love to stay in compliance with Jefferson Parish requirements by having weekly supervision sessions and telehealth allows us to do this.

On Wed, Aug 23, 2023 at 8:20 AM Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org> wrote:

Hi Abigail,

Thank you for your email. Please submit the below requested information:

- Time frame that you will need to continue remote supervision
- Name of your LCSW-BACS
- Security information from the company regarding program/software
- Explanation of how confidential information will be protected.
- Explanation of how emergencies will be handled

I can add your request to the September 15, 2023 meeting agenda. However, we will not be able to add your request under executive session. Open Meetings Law requires the agenda item to meet the following criteria:

§17. Exceptions to open meetings

A. A public body may hold an executive session pursuant to R.S. 42:16 for one or more of the following reasons:

- (1) Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, provided that such person is notified in writing at least twenty-four hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, before the scheduled time contained in the notice of the meeting at which such executive session is to take place and that such person may require that such discussion be held at an open meeting. However, nothing in this Paragraph shall permit an executive session for discussion of the appointment of a person to a public body or, except as provided in R.S. 39:1593(C)(2)(c), for discussing the award of a public contract. In cases of extraordinary emergency, written notice to such person shall not be required; however, the public body shall give such notice as it deems appropriate and circumstances permit.
- (2) Strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining, prospective litigation after formal written demand, or litigation when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body.
- (3) Discussion regarding the report, development, or course of action regarding security personnel, plans, or devices, including discussions concerning cybersecurity plans, financial security procedures, and assessment and implementation of any such plans or procedures.
- (4) Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct.

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Danielle Henry, LCSW

From: Danielle Henry <_____.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2023 12:09 PM
To: Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>
Subject: Ethical Question

Hi,

I am a social worker at a mental health agency and I have an ethical dilemma which I need guidance on.

A licensed social worker sought services at the agency through which I am employed and presented the social services team with a dilemma. Patient confidentiality dictates that I cannot disclose anything the licensed social worker said or did while they were seeking services to the social work board, specifically because nothing they said or did led the social services team to believe she or anyone else was in danger. However, this licensed social worker contacted the agency after being discharged and left a voicemail that is problematic.

I need clarification on what my duty to report to the board is, specifically if I have knowledge of a licensed social worker practicing with patients while actively experiencing a mental health crisis. Additionally, I need clarification on what my responsibility is regarding reporting inebriation to the board if the licensed social worker refuses to self report.

I have contacted my supervisor and consulted with professionals within my agency and have struggled to come up with an appropriate plan of action. Any help provided would be greatly appreciated. I am concerned for this individual's well-being and the well-being of the patients in their care.

Thanks