

S. Brandon Reeves, LCSW-BACS

Greenpath Wellness, LLC

2071 Hickory Avenue

Baton Rouge LA 70810

United States

February 28, 2024

Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners

18550 Highland Rd. Suite B

Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Dear Board Members,

Please find attached my application and three support letters for becoming a Continuing Education Approval Organization. For clarity, I wanted to make sure to describe my business.

Greenpath Wellness, LLC is my "umbrella" LLC and I am the sole owner and officer. **Brandon Reeves, LCSW** is a DBA operating under the Greenpath Wellness LLC incorporation. Presentations for CE approval will be approved by Greenpath Wellness, LLC with me as the reviewer. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

S. Brandon Reeves, LCSW-BACS

S. Brandon Reeves

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

Section A: Organizational Information

Greenpath Wellness, LLC		
Name of Organization		
Sean Brandon Reeves, LCSW		
Name of Director/President		
16047 Hickory Knoll Ave.	Baton Rouge, LA	70810
Mailing Address	City/State	Zip
Same		
Physical Address (if different from above)	City/State	Zip
225 / 267-7431	/	
Telephone	Fax	
brandonreeveslcsw@gmail.com	www.brandonreeveslcsw.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

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Section B: Continuing Education Program

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Sean Brandon Reeves, LCSW-BACS		
Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential		
Owner		
Relationship to Organization		
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brandonreeveslcsw@gmail.com		
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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:

Applications will be reviewed and a decision on suitability rendered to the requester within 15 business days of 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:

Single offering: \$50; Multiple offerings of the same presentation within one year: \$75

Section D: Authority

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

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 CCSW-BACS 2/28/2024
Signature of Director/President Date

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College of Human Sciences & Education
School of Social Work

February 26, 2024

LABSWE
18550 Highland Rd., Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

RE: CEU Approver application for Greenpath Wellness (Brandon Reeves, LCSW-BACS)

Dear LABSWE,

I am happy to present this letter of support for Greenpath Wellness (Brandon Reeves, LCSW-BACS) as an approval organization for continuing education events.

I have worked with Brandon over 20 years as a field supervisor and observed his commitment to social work and taking the lead in ensuring excellence in continuing education trainings. He is an active and integral part of our social work practice community and an excellent advocate for supporting our SW community in multiple ways.

He is committed to providing high quality continuing education opportunities to social and know that he will hold all proposed trainings to the highest ethical standards and compliance to LABSWE Rules and Regulations. Brandon has been identified to oversee the process and manage all aspects of the approval process and record keeping.

Please contact my office if we can assist in providing additional information at tlilley@lsu.edu or #225-578-2133.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Traci Lilley'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Traci Lilley, LCSW, MSW
Associate Director and Director of Field Internships

Hope Himel-Benson, LCSW
9932 Smithfield Ct
Baton Rouge, LA 70810
225-939-8020

February 23, 2024

LABSWE
18550 Highland Road, Suite B
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

Re: CEU Approval Organization Application for Sean "Brandon" Reeves, LCSW-BACS #4193

Dear LABSWE Board Members:

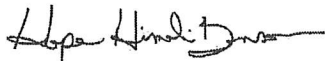
I am writing to express my support for Sean "Brandon" Reeves in his application to be recognized as a Continuing Education Approval Organization for the Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners. I have known Brandon for over twenty years and can attest to his unwavering commitment to the practice and education of social work.

Whether in private practice or within agency settings, Brandon has generously shared his expertise for many years as a presenter and sponsor of pre-approved social work CEUs. His first-hand experience makes him well-suited to evaluate social work educational offerings and ensure they align with LABSWE requirements.

Brandon is organized, professional, and a great communicator. I am confident that he will deliver outstanding customer service to all CEU approval applicants while meticulously maintaining the necessary records for LABSWE.

I wholeheartedly endorse Brandon Reeves' application and ask the board to support his request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hope Himel-Benson".

Hope Himel-Benson, LCSW

Gina M. Rossi, LCSW-BACS, DCSW, MHSW

7922 Wrenwood Suite A

Baton Rouge, LA 70809

ginarossilcsw@gmail.com

(985-606-3306)

February 25, 2024

Dear LABSWE

It is my pleasure to recommend Brandon Reeves (LA#4193) owner of Greenpath Wellness, LLC to serve as a Continuing Education Approval Organization.

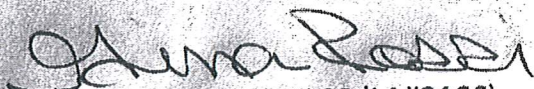
I have had a professional association with Brandon for over 5 years in my role of faculty liaison for LSU School of Social Work. In his position as a social work manager and field supervisor I have been able to evaluate his dedication, integrity, and advanced level of clinical expertise.

He demonstrates the clinical expertise and judgment necessary to evaluate social work CEU proposals. As a regular provider of CEUs and often being a team member in planning CEUS I am familiar with the details and requirements necessary in the process. I have observed his diligent attention to the level of detail in documentation and adherence to rules established by LABSWE.

I have full confidence in his integrity to thoroughly vet, screen, and evaluate proposals. His career success in supervisory, management, and leadership positions are evidence of his solid decision-making processes, necessary in the proper coordination and maintenance of records as required by the LABSWE.

Brandon's willingness to provide this service benefits the social work community by adding a capable and respected organization. His participation will be appreciated and welcome.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in approving his application.


Gina Rossi, LCSW-BACS (LA#2166)

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

Section A: Organizational Information

NEW ORLEANS ASSOCIATION OF BLACK SOCIAL WORKERS, INC		
Name of Organization		
TANYAKA B. CLINE, LMSW		
Name of Director/President		
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Email Address	Website	

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CSWE Accredited School of Social Work | |

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CYNTHIE HONORE'-COLLINS Ph. D, MSW		
Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential		
EDUCATION CHAIR		
Relationship to Organization		
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- Describe time limit set for making a decision on an educational offering's suitability:

The following factors will be considered in the timeline: Identifying learning goals, research educational offering, evaluate course structure, target audience, and evaluation. This process can take up to 7-10 business days once application is received with all required documents.

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:

\$15.00 Per Certificate
\$75.00 One-time Workshop
\$125.00 Multiple Workshop

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Anyaka B. Cline, LMSW
Signature of Director/President

2.16.2024
Date

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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE
UNIVERSITY.

January 30, 2024

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

Re: New Orleans Association of Black Social Workers/Letter of Recommendation

Dear Sir/Madame,

It gives me great pleasure to recommend the New Orleans Association of Black Social Workers (NOABSW) to continue providing the approval of continuing education opportunities for the New Orleans and national social work community. Over the years, NOABSW has approved quality workshops holding the State Board of Social Work Examiners' highest standards with and for the top practitioners in the field of Social Work, in Louisiana and many other states.

I, Dr. Cynthia P. Honore'-Collins, the MSW Program Director and Associate Professor of an accredited MSW Program at Mississippi Valley State University, recommend NOABSW continue to provide great service to local, state, and national organizations help to educate our social work community. If you have further questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me at chcollins@mvsu.edu or by phone (662) 254-3365 or (504) 729-0505.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Honore'-Collins', written over the typed name.

Dr. Cynthia P. Honore'-Collins
MSW Program Director/Associate Profession

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

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www.mvsu.edu

Orleans Parish Juvenile Court
1100-B Milton Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112



TELEPHONE (504)658-9500

FAX (504)658-9556

CHIEF JUDGE
CANDICE BATES ANDERSON

JUDGES
RANORD J. DARENSBURG
DESIREE COOK-CALVIN
CLINTON "CLINT" SMITH

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 the New Orleans Association Black Social Workers (NOABSW) located in New Orleans, Louisiana. The NOABSW is applying to become a Continuing Education Approval Organization. Our courts are all staffed with social workers who will benefit from continuing education credits provided by this organization.

I believe that NOABSW will follow all the rules, regulations, and guidelines set forth by LABSWE to ultimately enhance social work continuing education opportunities and social work practice here in New Orleans and throughout the state.

Sincerely,

Michael Hickerson, MSW RSW
Families In Need of Services Director.



To The Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners:

Please accept this letter of reference on behalf of the BACH Therapeutic Counseling Services (BACTCS) in endorsement of the New Orleans Association of Black Social Workers being authorized to approve Continuing Education Units within the state of Louisiana.

Founded in November 2017, BACHTCS is a private practice counseling agency offering individual, couples, family, and group counseling and psychotherapy in a welcoming, comfortable, and safe environment. I am a licensed psychotherapist with over 20 years of experience and currently serve as the executive director and clinical supervisor for the agency. In addition, I work as social work faculty at the University of Southern Mississippi, as a public health adjunct at Xavier University of Louisiana and has adjunct at his alma maters: Southern University at New Orleans School of Social Work and Tulane School of Social Work.

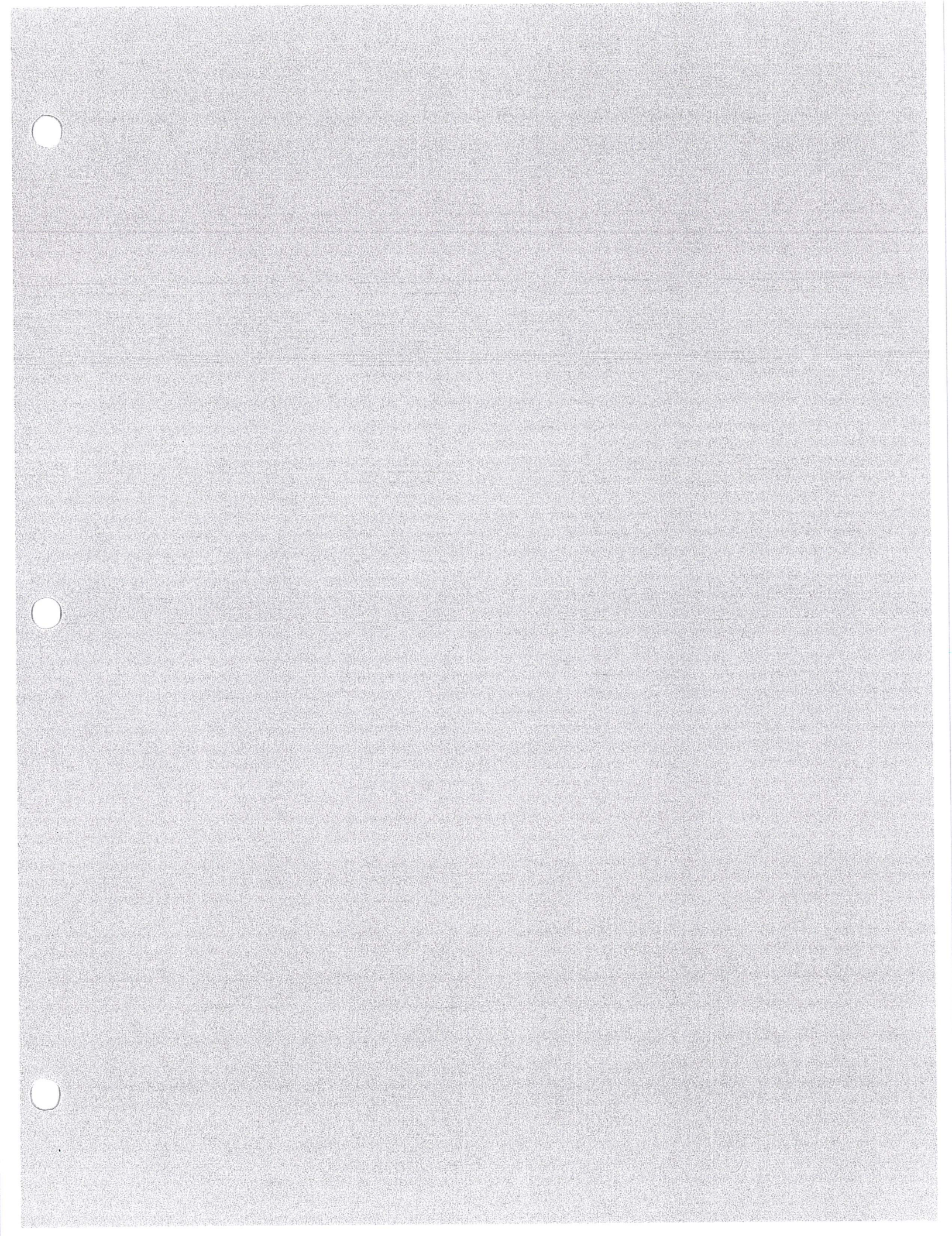
Started in 1973 the NOABSW is one of the oldest chapters of the National Association of Black Social Workers. For decades the organization has been committed to enhancing the quality of life and empowering people of African ancestry through advocacy, human services delivery, and research. I believe the organization to be an asset to the community. The NOABSW possesses the unique perspective of providing continuing education units designed to promote the welfare, survival, and liberation of the Black Community; and to advocate for social change at the national, state, and local level.

With that being said, it is with great honor and respect that I provide this letter of recommendation to allow the NOABSW to continue in its work to provide social work continuing education units. If I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael L. Robinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Michael L. Benjamin-Robinson, DSW, LCSW-BACS
CEO | Clinical Director | Principal
BACH Therapeutic Counseling Services & The BACH Group
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<http://www.thebachgroup.org>



Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

Section A: Organizational Information

Sexual Trauma Awareness & Response (STAR) Center

Name of Organization

Morgan Lamandre, Esq.

Name of Director/President

5615 Corporate Blvd, Suite 200

Baton Rouge, LA

70808

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Carly Smith, MSW, LCSW

Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential

Employee; Counseling Director

Relationship to Organization

123 N. Genois Street

New Orleans, LA

70119

Mailing Address

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

STAR will take up to 10 business days to make a decision on an educational offering's suitability.

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:

STAR will charge a \$50 fee to process Continuing Education applications.

Section D: Authority

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Signature of Director/President

12/18/2023

Date

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Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
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Fax 504 988-7251

September 1, 2023

Morgan Lamandre, Esq.
President & CEO
Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response™
5615 Corporate Blvd, Suite 200
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Dear Ms. Lamandre:

I write on behalf of Tulane University Behavioral Health Clinic-Metairie in support for Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response's (STAR®) advocacy, counseling, and education services for sexual assault survivors. STAR's office in the Greater New Orleans Area has greatly benefitted the community by offering free and confidential services. The agency has also provided valuable training to members of the community and would be a beneficial addition to the Louisiana Board of Social Workers' list of Approval Organizations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sara J. Gershen, LCSW-BACS'.

Sara J. Gershen, LCSW-BACS
Clinical Therapist



Radical Changes LLC
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Baton Rouge, LA 70806
racheal@radicalchanges.org
(985) 855-2534

August 28, 2023

Morgan Lamandre, Esq.
President & CEO
Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response
5615 Corporate Blvd, Suite 200
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Dear Ms. Lamandre:

I write on behalf of Radical Changes LLC in support for Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response's (STAR) advocacy, counseling and education services for sexual assault survivors. STAR provides excellent services to our community and offers numerous continuing education opportunities, which I have both attended and helped facilitate in the past. STAR would be a beneficial addition to the Louisiana Board of Social Workers' list of Approval Organizations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Racheal Hebert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Racheal Hebert, LCSW-BACS

Amanda Tonkovich LLC
Counseling | Training | Consulting
amanda.tonks504@gmail.com
504.321.3193

8/31/2023

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to recommend Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response (STAR) as a pre-approval organization for social work CEU trainings.

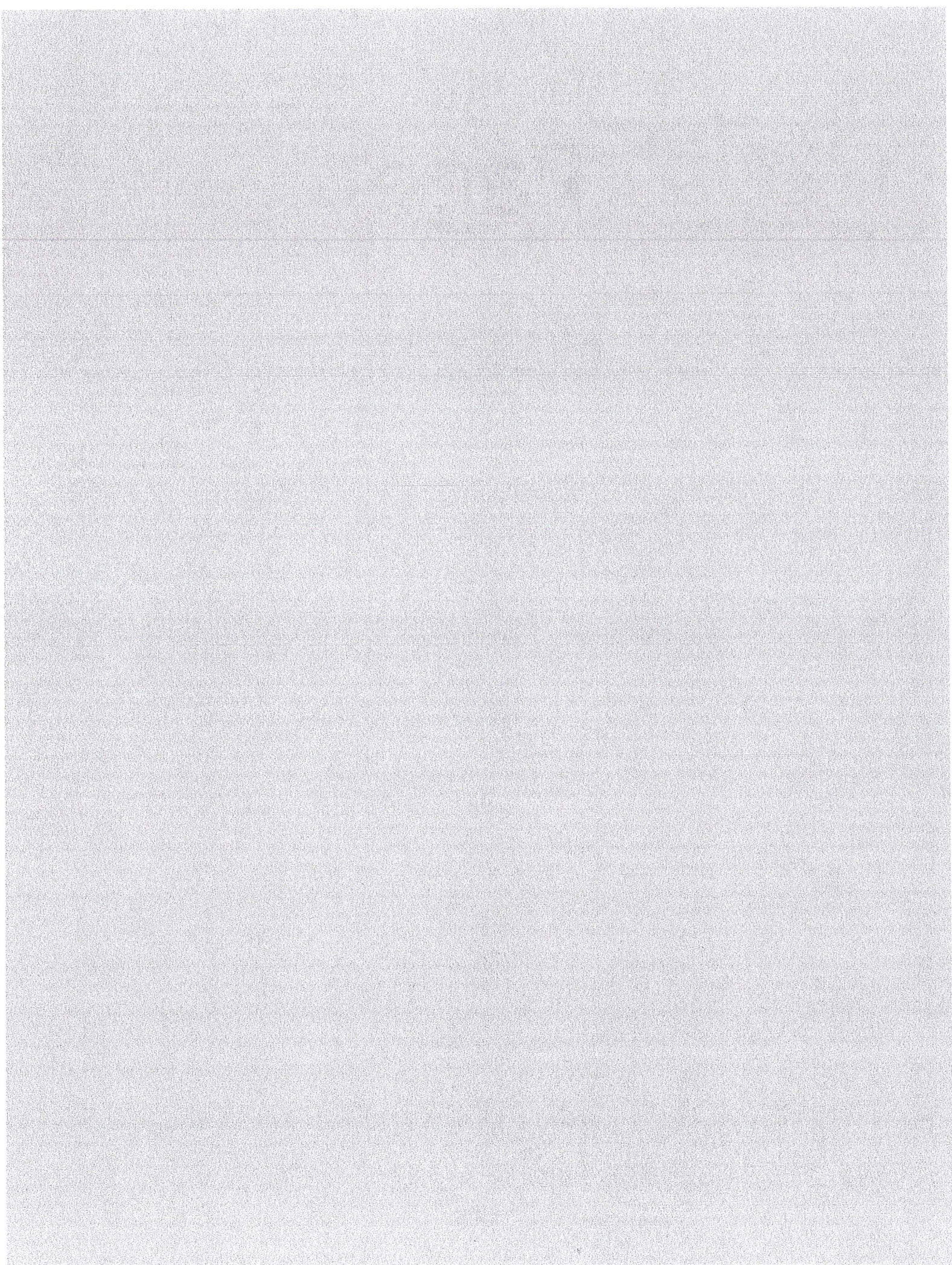
I have attended multiple trainings that STAR has created and facilitated over multiple years and have co-trained and co-created training and community materials with STAR staff. STAR consistently provides training that is engaging, interesting and well organized, with strong content and skilled trainers. STAR provides essential training to community members and organizations on topics related to sexual violence. I believe that being a pre-approval organization will allow STAR to continue to improve our community response to sexual violence through training.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Tonkovich', written in a cursive style.

Amanda Tonkovich, LCSW-BACS



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

Section A: Organizational Information

The Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

Name of Organization		
Julie Hagan		
Name of Director/President		
P.O. Box 3117		
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Teresa Frank MSW LCSW

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2 weeks

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

no fees

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Julie Foster Hagan
Signature of Director/President

01/18/2024

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TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

FROM: CAROLYN MILLS, CEO; LCSW

DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2023

RE: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION: TERESA FRANK, LCSW

I am writing to recommend Teresa Frank, LCSW to be approved by the Board to provide approval for CEUs for Social Workers in the state of Louisiana.

Teresa holds a Master's degree in Social Work and has been a licensed clinical social worker in Louisiana for over 21 years. She also obtained her Master's degree in clinical psychology from Mississippi State University. As a colleague, I can attest to her dedication and sterling professionalism in the field of Social Work. Teresa has worked at the state office of Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities since 2006. Teresa Frank, LCSW represents her department well, and she is quick and efficient at completing the requirements necessary to audit and approve the appropriate CEU's for social workers in the state of Louisiana after a comprehensive review of the materials presented to her for consideration.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Mills', followed by a long horizontal flourish and the text '(CEO; LCSW)' in parentheses.

Carolyn Mills, CEO; LCSW

St. John the Baptist Human Services, Inc.



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Behavioral Health

December 1, 2023


LABSWE
18550 Highland Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Dear LABSWE:

Please accept this letter of reference for Teresa Frank, LCSW, CCM, CCTP, CFSW, who is a Program Manager at Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD), which is housed within the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). Mrs. Frank has worked for OCDD since 2006, and has been approving continuing education offerings on behalf of LABSWE since 2016.

I know Mrs. Frank to be a highly dedicated social worker who recognizes the significant value of quality continuing education opportunities. I have had multiple opportunities to collaborate with her on various continuing education offerings at LDH, and have found that she has always been knowledgeable about the content and format standards for CEU credits to be approved. I feel quite comfortable recommending that Mrs. Frank continue in her role as an LABSWE-authorized approver of continuing education events for OCDD.

Sincerely,


Jennifer Hannon, LCSW-BACS
Program Manager, Office of Behavioral Health
Louisiana Department of Health

December 1, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Teresa Frank with Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) to be considered for renewal as an approved organization for social work continuing education. Working at Louisiana Department of Health, we have a large variety of profession and having the opportunity to obtain training related to our social work profession relative to the work we complete daily is an asset.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Brown, LCSW

Cheryl Brown, LCSW

License #8177

Social Work

From: Social Work
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 11:27 AM
To: Teresa Frank
Subject: RE: renewal for permission to approve continuing ed units

Hi Theresa,

Thank you for your email. Please have Cheryl Brown, LCSW, resubmit their letter of reference. The board will require a "wet" signature (not electronic) and it should be on letterhead.

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

Sincerely,

Regina M. DeWitt
Administrative Assistant
Louisiana State Board of
Social Work Examiners
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From: Teresa Frank <Teresa.Frank@LA.GOV>
Sent: Friday, January 19, 2024 4:13 PM
To: Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>
Cc: Teresa Frank <Teresa.Frank@LA.GOV>
Subject: renewal for permission to approve continuing ed units

January 19, 2024

Good afternoon,

I am submitting my renewal application to continue approving social work continuing education units. Can you let me know the next time the board will meet to consider approval?

Thank you,

Teresa Frank

Teresa Frank LCSW CCM CCTP CFSW

Rec'd 1/25/24
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December 1, 2023

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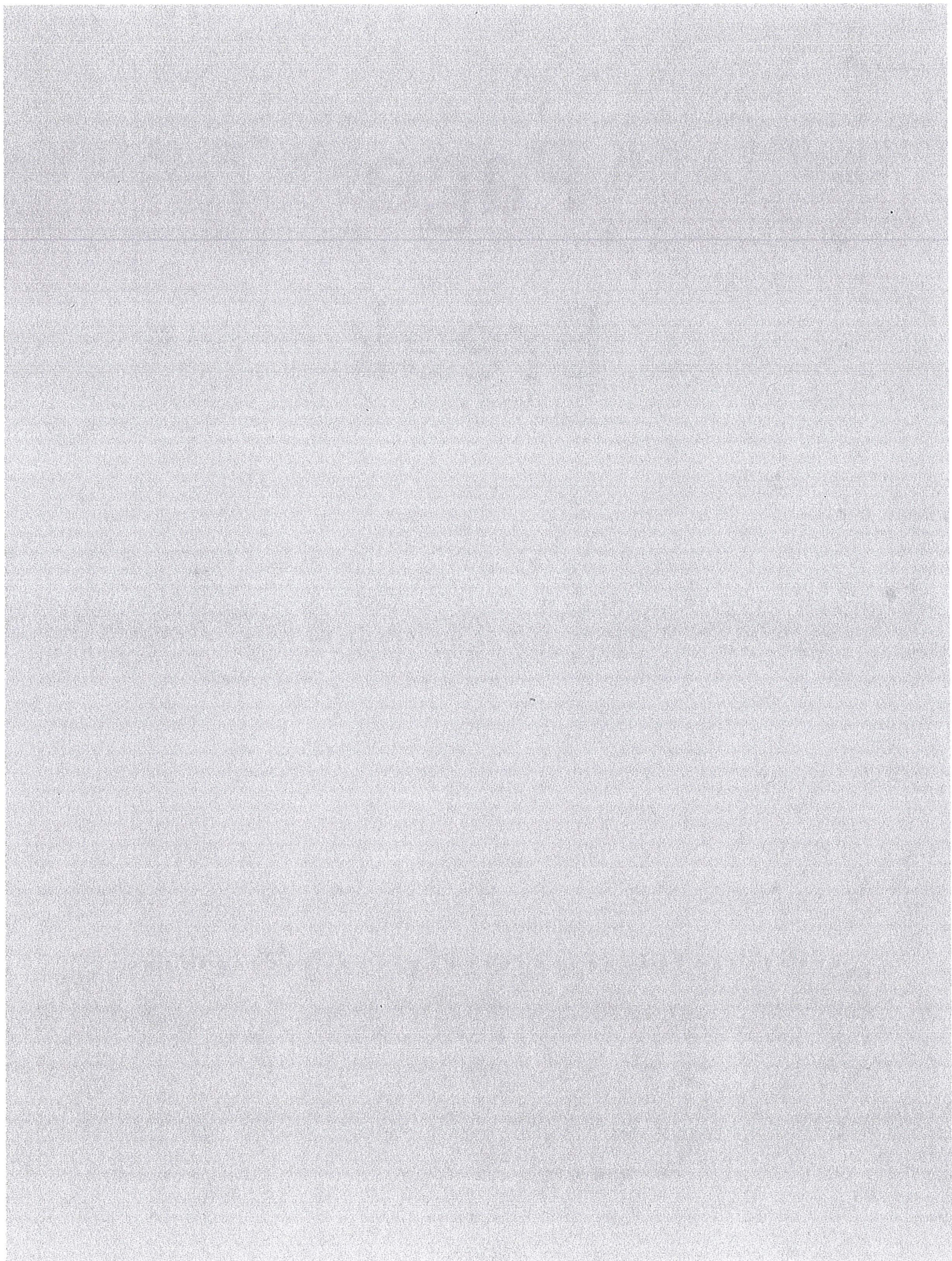
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Cheryl Brown, LCSW

License #8177



Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Date: January 24, 2024

Re: Lauren Godard, LMSW 17193

Dear Louisiana State Board of Social Workers Examiners,

I am requesting Lauren Godard, LMSW 17193 be allowed an extension of group supervision hours to 72 hours as is allowed by Chapter 5 SS 503 (F).

I have been Lauren's clinical supervisor since 2/8/23.

Lauren has 32 hours completed (5 individual sessions).

While her employment experience with Big Buddies in Baton Rouge is valuable and she is developing herself as social worker with expertise in the adolescent field, it is beneficial for her to have exposure to the work of other social workers with roles and responsibilities with other clients.

Being able to participate in the maximum number of clinical group sessions gives Lauren a more robust educational experience. Planned discussions, role plays, presentations, and other strategic assignments where others are involved help her develop and better prepare for the LCSW examination.

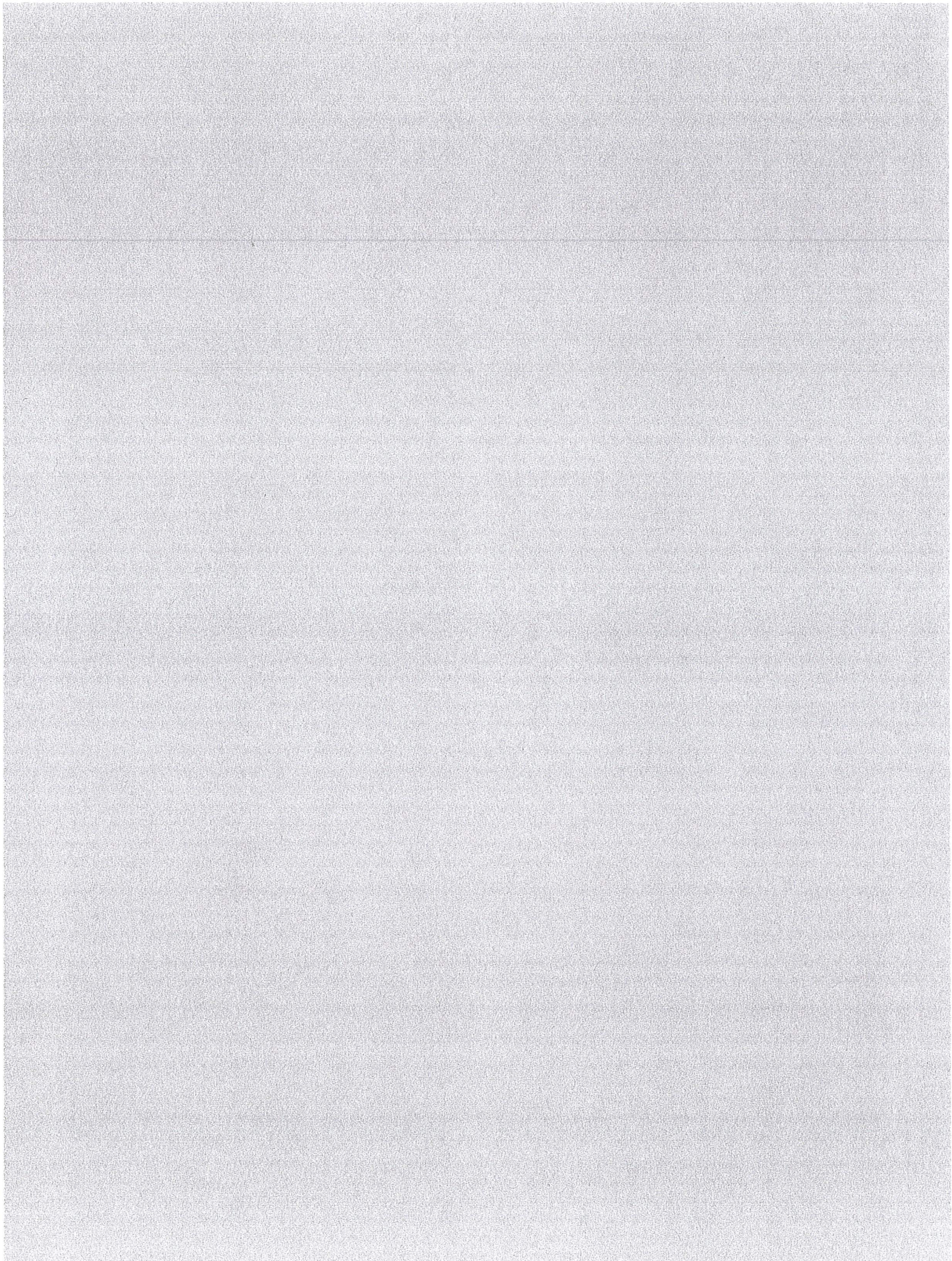
Participation in group sessions with activities such as case discussions and assigned presentations and role plays also allow for better observation of the required 10 supervision evaluation elements.

The group supervision is mutually beneficial to the entire group as Lauren is a valued contributor to the current established group. This well-rounded exposure actually benefits all of the group members who will be taking the LCSW examination.

The monetary cost of individual clinical supervision, while not the only factor in this request is important to recognize. Clinical group supervision vs individual supervision reduces the financial burden to the LMSW.

Lauren understands that if approved for the maximum of 72 hours of group it is my responsibility to monitor if at any time our sessions should be individual vs. group. If it is necessary to increase the number of individual sessions if this is warranted by me or requested by her.

My work responsibilities may not allow me to attend the next LABSWE meeting. If so I may be available by phone (225) 588-2070. Lauren's rigorous job responsibilities may also preclude her from attending, but she can be reached via email.



Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Date: Jan 3, 2024

Re: Donald Lagasse 17446

Dear Louisiana State Board of Social Workers Examiners,

I began serving as a clinical supervisor for Donald Lagasse since 12/14/2022

I am requesting that Donald be allowed to extend approved group supervision hours to the maximum number of 72 hours as is allowed by Chapter 5 SS 503 (F). As of Jan 3,2-24 Donald has completed 37.5 hours in group supervision and 2.0 individual.

I monitor Donald's progress and professional development needs. As a supervisor it is my responsibility to be aware if any of my supervisee LMSWs are in need of additional individual sessions. Donald is aware that despite if maximum number of hours allowed, if it is necessary to adjust or increase the number of clinical individual supervision sessions, we will do this. His supervision method will be based on what is warranted for the best interests of his practice, growth and development towards receiving his LCSW.

The clinical supervision group is capped at 4 group members (note: the rule allows 5) to ensure that supervisees are able to receive the adequate time and attention they need.

Being able to participate in the maximum number of clinical group sessions gives Donald additional valuable experiences in learning about social work roles and experiences in other practice settings. Planned discussions, role plays, presentations, and other strategic assignments where others are involved help to develop him and better prepare him for the LCSW examination.

Participation in group sessions with activities such as case discussions and assigned presentations also allow for better observation of some of the required 10 supervision evaluation elements (for example: *Relationship with other professionals* and *intervention process*).

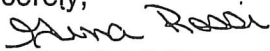
Donald is diligent, interested in learning, and he also makes significant contribution and provides feedback from his work environment, which is working with persons receiving psychiatric treatment.

The group environment allows social workers who have not had broad experiences in other settings to learn additional information about other populations and issues affecting them. They learn about more approved treatments, techniques, and resources. Additionally, social workers in group supervision benefit financially as costs for group are less than in individual supervision sessions.

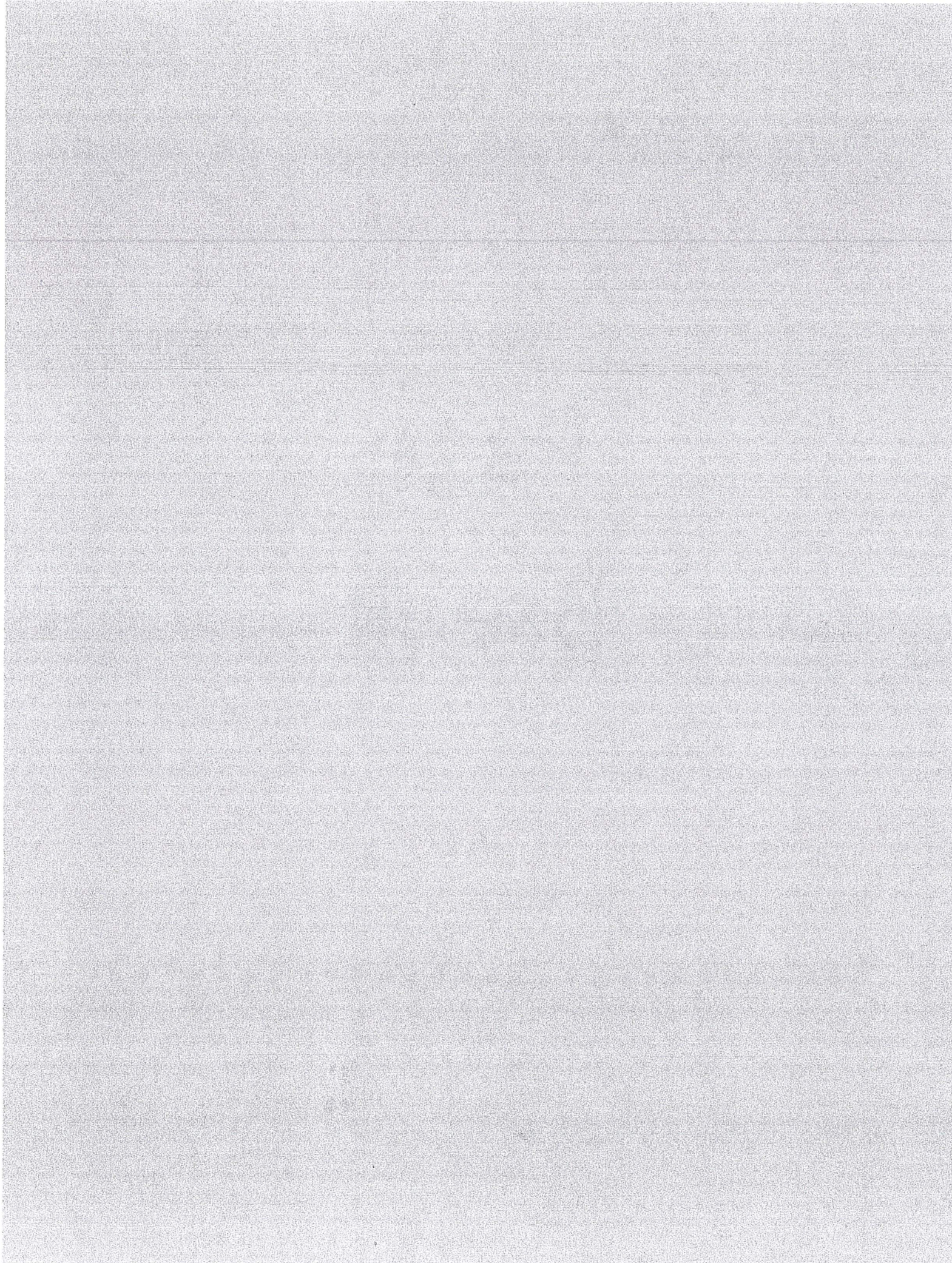
Overall, social workers who are able to participate in case review with other social workers who work in diverse fields benefit from the comprehensive learning experiences. This is a richer and more robust experience for all the group members. As such it provides an additional benefit in broader exposure in preparation for the LCSW examination.

I will be happy to answer any questions the board may have. I can be reached at ginarossilcsw@gmail.com or (225) 588-2070.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gina Rossi".

Gina Rossi, LCSW-BACS,DCSW,MHSA



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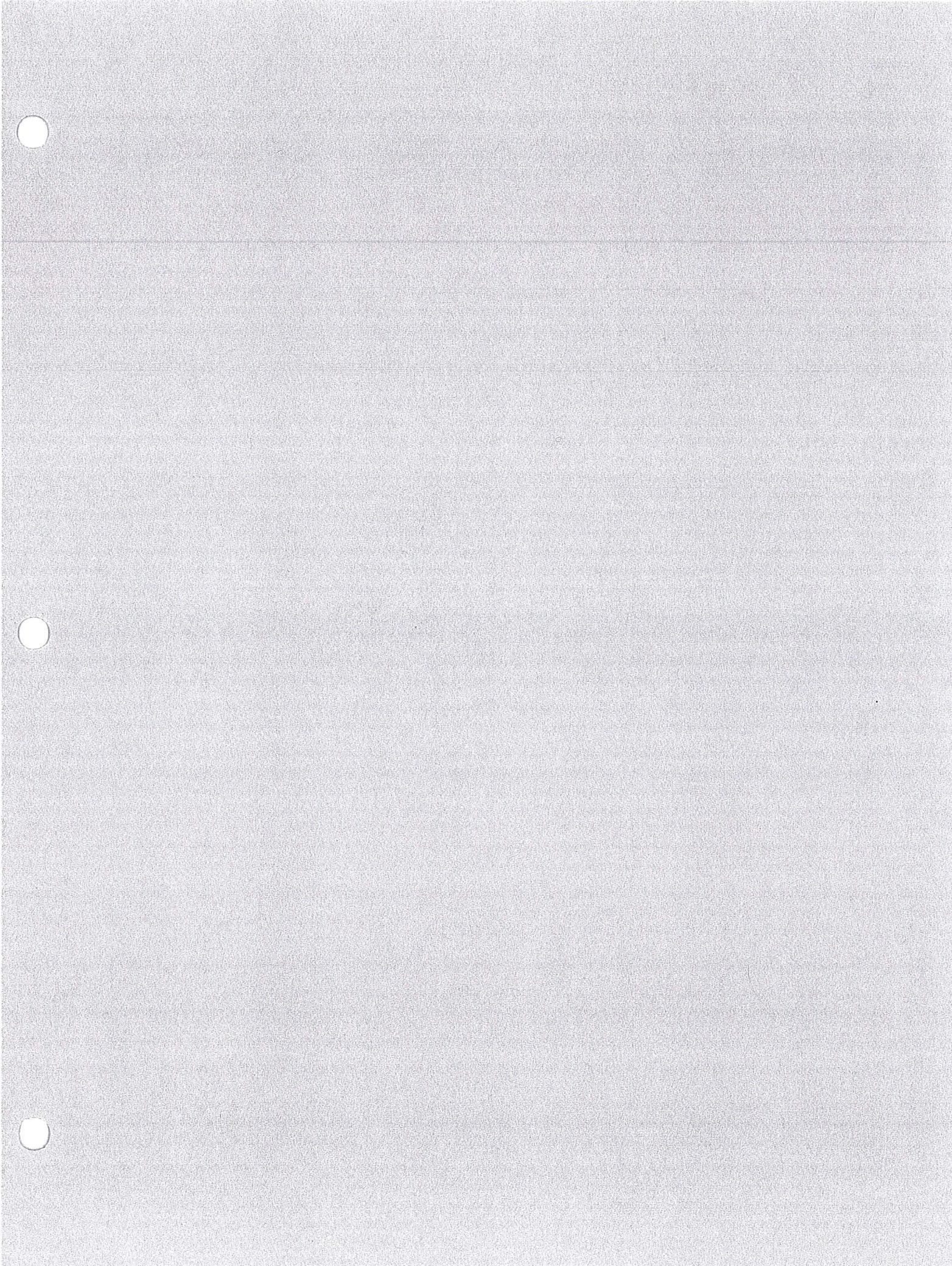
I am an LCSW who is licensed in Louisiana and currently living in Virginia. I have lived away from Louisiana since 2007 in other states due to my husband's military service. We recently moved from Maryland to Virginia during the summer of 2023.

Since the beginning of Covid several years ago, it has become increasingly difficult to find continuing education in person. Most providers in Maryland and Virginia have switched to online courses for continuing education. I have been able to maintain my certification in Louisiana successfully. This certification period (Since September 1, 2023), I have been unable to find any in person continuing education near me in order to obtain the ten required hours of in person continuing education, with the exception of finding one course locally that may count toward approximately six of the hours. I did register for that in person course which is scheduled to occur on March 7, 2024.

Is there any possible way that I could be allowed to complete the remainder of the hours by distance learning? If my request is denied, then it would result in the loss of my licensure.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Jan M. Coker



From: Ashley Delavega <ashley.delavega1985@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, February 16, 2024 3:55 AM

To: Emily DeAngelo <edeangelo@labswe.org>; Regina Dewitt <rdewitt@labswe.org>; Sharon Duronslet <sduronslet@labswe.org>

Subject: Next board meeting approval request

Good Evening,

I am a LCSW in the state of Louisiana however, I am currently overseas in Japan with my military spouse who has orders to be stationed here. I would like to request approval for all CEUs during the current collection period to be completed online via distant learning. Thank you for your time and consideration.

V/r,

Ashley Delavega, MSW, LCSW

License number 15921

