

Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

Section A: Organizational Information

Brighter Days, Inc.
 Name of Organization
 Yanada G. Essex
 Name of Director/President
 P.O. Box 8135 New Orleans, LA 70182
 Mailing Address City/State Zip
 213 S. Broad St. New Orleans, LA 70119
 Physical Address (if different from above) City/State Zip
 504, 941-5339 504, 827-9099
 Telephone Fax
 Brighterdays4u@yahoo.com/www.brighterdaysinc.com
 Email Address Website

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- 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.

Yanada G. Essex LCSW-BACS, ACSW
 Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential
 President / Provider
 Relationship to Organization
 P.O. Box 8135 New Orleans, LA 70182
 Mailing Address City/State Zip
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Section C: Approval Guidelines, Process and Agreement

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

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

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

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

Brighter Days will respond to all Requests
within two weeks

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

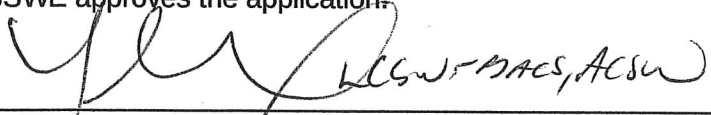
- Describe fees agency will charge to process Continuing Education Applications:

Brighter Days will charge a \$50.00
application fee for each single-day
educational event and a \$100.00 application
fee for each multi-day educational event.

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.

 LCCSW, MACS, ACSW 2-23-2024

Signature of Director/President

Date

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

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

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Kelly J. Johnson,
LMSW

3443 Esplanade Ave., Apt. 107
New, Orleans, Louisiana 70119
504-259-6589 |

Email: Kellyjean.johnson3@gmail.com

February 23, 2024

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

Attn: Louisiana Board of Social Work Members,

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Yanada G Essex LCSW-BACS, ACSW, with Brighter Days Inc. to provide Continuing Education Approval in the State of Louisiana. Ms. Essex has been providing clinical services to the Greater New Orleans area for over 25 years. Her therapeutic skills, cultural competency, experiences, and knowledge in the social work arena will be a great asset to providing continuing education to her peers and others.

I am confident that Ms. Essex's passion, commitment, and integrity will allow her to adhere and enforce the standards and guidelines of the Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners. Please feel free to contact me at 504-259-6589 with any questions that will support Ms. Essex in her endeavors.

Sincerely

Kelly J. Johnson

Tanya B. Jones, LCSW-BACS

P. O. Box 850592, New Orleans, LA 70185 · (504) 650-0742 · tanyabjones@att.net

February 26, 2024

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

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Yanada Essex, Owner and Manager of Brighter Days, Inc., professionally for over 18 years. She and I provide support and accountability to one another as fellow private practitioners.

Yanada is a caring, committed and competent social worker. It is common for Yanada to go above and beyond what is expected to meet the needs of her clients. Even though she has worked as a social worker for nearly 3 decades, Yanda demonstrates that she values learning and growth. This is why I think it is fitting to approve Yanada Essex and Brighter Days, Inc as a Continuing Education Organization.

I am thrilled that Yanada has chosen to take on such a responsibility to provide an avenue to train those working in our profession. All of the qualities that I have seen her exhibit are the same qualities that I know she will utilize to bring high quality and relevant content to mental health providers. You can trust her and her fellow colleagues can trust her to be an excellent resource in our community now and for years to come.

It is with great pleasure that I strongly recommend Yanada Essex as an approved Continuing Education Organization. If you have any questions, or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Tanya Blouin Jones, LCSW-BACS
Clinical Social Worker

RONALD FLETCHER, MSW, LCSW
3501 Holiday Dr. Suite 405
New Orleans; LA 70114
(504) 390-6145

March 26, 2024

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

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing a letter of reference for Yanada Essex of Brighter Days, Inc. to become a Continuing Education Approval Provider for social workers. I have known Yanada for over 18 years. She has been consistent in her approach to providing quality services to clients and the community. Her professionalism and care of others have continued to shine throughout her social work career.

Therefore, Yanada and her wellness center will be a great asset to the Board's efforts to provide quality trainings to the social work profession. She will be very thoughtful and thorough about her educational content along with her interactions with organizations requesting training approvals. Please consider this recommendation to approve Yanada and her organization as a Continuing Education Approval Provider.

Sincerely,

Ronald Fletcher, LCSW-BACS
Ronald Fletcher, LCSW-BACS
Clinical Social Worker

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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 1504 Saint Roch Ave.	City/State New Orleans, LA 70117	Zip
Physical Address (if different from above) 504 / 402 9067	City/State	Zip
Telephone cat@TidesCenterforWellness.com	Fax www.TidesCenterforWellness.com	
Email Address	Website	

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 CSWE Accredited School of Social Work

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Section B: Continuing Education Program

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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 1504 Saint Roch Ave	City/State New Orleans, LA 70117	Zip
Physical Address (if different from above) 504 / 402 9067	City/State	Zip
Telephone cat@TidesCenterforWellness.com	Fax	
Email Address		

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 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.

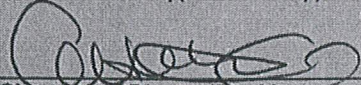
- Describe fees agency will charge to process Continuing Education Applications:

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

Section D: Authority

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Signature of Director/President

3/28/2024

Date

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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 985.264.2852 or email me at AnnaMercanteLCSW@gmail.com.

Thank you,



, MSW, LCSW-BACS

Anna A. Mercante, MSW, LCSW-BACS
Social Worker, Behavioral Health Unit
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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "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
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Email: cbeasley@tulane.edu

FROM THE DESK OF
Catherine Kelleher, LCSW, HTR

August 4, 2023

Catherine Kelleher
8229 Spruce Street
New Orleans, LA 70118
504.270.1212

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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Catherine Kelleher LCSW, HTR

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Section A: Organizational Information

Wellness Project New Orleans

Name of Organization Wellness Project New Orleans is co-directed by: Shona Dabrowski, Jenn Vigue, & Nora Glaspey		
Name of Director/President 3300 Canal St. Suite 100	New Orleans, LA	70119
Mailing Address	City/State	Zip
Physical Address (if different from above) 504-252-0460	City/State /	Zip
Telephone info@wpno.org	Fax www.wpno.org	
Email Address	Website	

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Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential Co-founder		
Relationship to Organization 3300 Canal St. Suite 100	New Orleans, LA	70119
Mailing Address	City/State	Zip
Physical Address (if different from above) 510-200-2502	City/State /	Zip
Telephone nbensonglaspey@gmail.com	Fax	
Email Address		

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Applications must be submitted no later than 30 business days prior to the scheduled date for the training.

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

\$50.00

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SILENCE IS VIOLENCE

2000 Lakeshore Dr. New Orleans, LA 70148

January 20, 2024

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

Re: Reference letter for the Wellness Project New Orleans

Dear Louisiana Board of Social work Examiners,

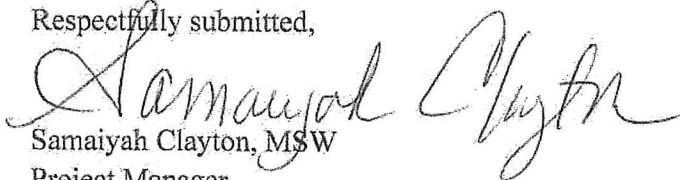
I am excited to write to you on behalf of Jennifer Vigue, LCSW-BACS, and the other co-directors of the Wellness Project New Orleans, in support of being considered by the Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners to become a Continuing Education Professional Social Work Provider.

I have worked with Jennifer Vigue, LSCW-BACS at Silence is Violence for numerous years. I have found her to be very detail oriented and organized. She has provided essential trainings and supervisions on crisis intervention, de-escalation, trauma, grief, and suicide. Ms. Vigue has been an excellent resource to our clients, our community partners, our Master of Social Work interns, and the other social workers within the agency. She has exemplified the true meaning of an extraordinary social worker, educator, leader, consultant, mentor, and supervisor.

Jennifer Vigue, LCSW-BACS and the Wellness Project New Orleans are assets to this city and the surrounding areas, they are particularly notable in grief and trauma healing spaces, racially diverse and inclusive spaces and the LGBTQ+ community. Their influence is impeccable. It is my pleasure to recommend the Wellness Project New Orleans as a Continuing Education Professional Social Work Provider.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 1-856-979-9355 or email me at samaiyahclayton@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,



Samaiyah Clayton, MSW
Project Manager
Silence is Violence

Deborah Oliveira, LCSW-BACS #5462
Clinical Social Worker
New Orleans, LA 70119

January 12, 2024

I am writing to support the Wellness Project of New Orleans (WPNO) as they apply to become a provider of continuing education programs for social workers in Louisiana. WPNO is a new, small nonprofit organization focused on expanding access to quality mental health and wellness services in the greater New Orleans area, especially to clients who face obstacles accessing care.

Currently the organization is centered around three licensed clinical social workers. I have known these three social workers for many years, and I can attest to their dedication, professionalism, and competence in clinical social work practice. They also excel in their commitment to bringing professional development to providers of limited means. I have no doubt that they will deliver quality educational programming and also make sure that it is accessible to all who care to participate.

I strongly recommend WPNO as a pre-approval organization for social work CEU trainings.

Sincerely,

 LCSW-BACS

Deborah Oliveira, LCSW-BACS
Adjunct Faculty
SUNO School of Social Work
Tulane School of Social Work
(504) 481-2105

**Summer Lindzey LCSW #15089
Clinical Social Worker
New Orleans, LA 70119**

March 1, 2024

To whom it may concern,

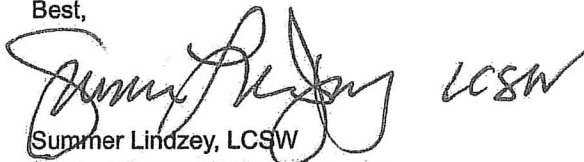
I am writing in support of the application of the Wellness Project New Orleans' (WPNO) to be a CEU provider for social workers. The organization is dedicated to increasing access to mental health services in the community based on the principles of inclusivity and anti-racism.

I have known the leaders of this organization as a fellow student and professional since 2015 and can attest to their dedication and skill as clinicians and community advocates. In the course of our relationship, I have seen firsthand their willingness to tackle thorny intellectual and ethical issues and to approach dilemmas with an open mind. They approach their clinical practice with equal rigor and integrity.

Based on my experience as a college lecturer, curriculum developer and training manager, I have no doubt that they will develop continuing education that is thoughtful, reflective and useful. Moreover, they will work hard to take feedback and re-evaluate their program to improve its effectiveness.

I recommend WPNO as a pre-approval organization for social work CEU trainings.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Summer Lindzey", followed by the letters "LCSW" written in a similar cursive style.

Summer Lindzey, LCSW
Contact Center Clinical Supervisor
VIA LINK, Inc.
New Orleans, LA
504-218-6275

WELLNESS PROJECT NEW ORLEANS

EST. 2022



Wellness Project New Orleans

3300 Canal Street, Suite 100

New Orleans, LA 70119

3/8/2024

LABSWE

18550 Highland Road, Suite B

Baton Rouge, LA 70809

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of Wellness Project New Orleans to add attendees for CEU credits for our monthly consultation and study groups. Our group explores various topics related to professional growth, ethics, and clinical applications. WPNO hosts an open consultation group on the 1st or 2nd Saturday of each month, between 1 pm - 2:30 pm, for LCSWS. Our last meeting occurred on Saturday, March, 2th, 2024

A list of members is provided on the next page.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or to request more information.

Sincerely,

Nora Glaspey, LCSW

nbensonglaspey@gmail.com

(510) 200-2502

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Due to extreme weather on Jan 15-17 2024, and a state of emergency proclaimed by Gov Landry (see proclamation below)my group is not able to meet in person. Our normal day to meet is on Wednesdays (see Record Log for confirmation). The remaining days of the week are now unavailable. I am requesting that the following social workers be approved for 1 hour each of virtual clinical supervision during this period.

1. They will be on a secure HIPAA platform Zoom one pro.
2. They will be in a confidential location so they can participate to the fullest extent with total attention.
3. They have each been provided an emergency plan .

Ellen Dunn 14276

Lauren Godard 17193

Please see proclamation by Gov

Landry see [https://gohsep.la.gov/Portals/3/Docs/Declarations/JML%2024-04%20-%20State%20of%20Emergency%20-%20Winter%20Weather%20\(002\).pdf](https://gohsep.la.gov/Portals/3/Docs/Declarations/JML%2024-04%20-%20State%20of%20Emergency%20-%20Winter%20Weather%20(002).pdf)

Thank you,

Gina Rossi, LCSW-BACS

Sent from my iPhone

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Dear LABSWE:

I am requesting an exception for the in-person designation of my Beyond Ethics, LLC webinars that: (1) encourage participants to send in their specific dilemmas or issues ahead of the webinar for me to address and lead discussion around in the webinar; (2) provide ample time/permission for participants to ask questions during the webinar and to raise their own dilemmas if not sent in ahead of time; and (3) promote discussion within the group of the various issues we are covering in the webinar.

I have taught Ethics for 18 years – started training in Austin, TX where we evacuated during Katrina. I have trained through behavioral science companies like Cross Country and PESI and for numerous university classes, faculty, and field placement advisors. Until the pandemic, all my trainings were conducted in person, including in Louisiana several times a year.

My current webinar offerings (3 hours Ethics CEUs each webinar, usually one or two topics a year) are conducted exactly as I did in person – I ask for comments, questions, discussion in all my webinars and believe strongly that this type of interactive process is vital for best learning. I present case examples and ask participants how they would handle something like that. I even started getting a bit fancy (for me) and started doing polls via Zoom so we could add in the participants' experiences during the webinar.

I have heard from many social workers that they are finding it very difficult to obtain the requisite in person hours required now that the COVID exception to distance learning has been phased out. I know the LPCs allow my webinars to be counted as in person hours and that the social work board is considering changing the rules.

In the meantime, I would like to request an exception be granted so that folks who take my Beyond Ethics, LLC webinars can register those 3 hours of Ethics as in person for purposes of the CEU requirements for renewal.

Thanks very much for considering my request.

Warm regards,

Deborah (Deb) Henson, LCSW, JD, LL.M
Beyond Ethics, LLC – owner and presenter (see website link below for more information about my trainings)

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Regina Dewitt

From: Melissa Baker <melbak99@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 4:47 AM
To: Regina Dewitt
Subject: Re: Out of State CE's & supervision
Attachments: Orders.pdf; D.F.LICSW.pdf; D.F.LCSW-C.pdf; T.B.LCSW.pdf

Good morning Regina,

I (Melissa Baker) am a military spouse not currently residing in the US. I have attached a copy of our orders to this email. We reported to Wiesbaden, Germany on 30 May 2023 and have a service obligation of 48 months.

I am seeking supervision (via remote) with an LCSW that is licensed in other states (DC & MD). Supervisors' information is, Daisniel Fakunle, LICSW (DC), LCSW-C (MD) email: dvfakunle@gmail.com, phone: +4915115449754 or 13016418841, and current position: Family Advocacy Program Manager. I have provided a copy of both her licensures to this email.

I will be providing social work services to military personnel and their families, DoD civilians and their families along with individuals and their families who are contracted to work for the government.

For remote supervision:

As for security information from the government I have completed all required training and paperwork to get access to the need-to-know database information necessary to service above clients.

As for confidential information we follow US government federal regulations. I have completed all required training (cyber security, CUI, record keeping, etc.) and signed a non-disclosure form.

As for how emergencies will be handled the FAP Manager (Ms. Fakunle) handles all emergencies that are reported through me and are handled on a case-by-case basis. However, we do have the support of the military police (MP) and Criminal Investigation Division (CID) for life-threatening safety issues.

If the above supervisor cannot be accepted, then I will get in-person supervision with an LCSW that is licensed in another state (FL). Supervisors' information is, Todd Baumann, LCSW (FL), email: todd.f.baumann.civ@health.mil, phone: (314) 590-1474, and current position: Family Advocacy Program-Clinical. I have provided a copy of his licence to this email.

I will be providing social work services to military personnel and their families, DoD civilians and their families along with individuals and their families who are contracted to work for the government.

On Mon, Mar 18, 2024 at 3:41 PM Regina Dewitt <rdewitt@labswe.org> wrote:

Hi Melissa,

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License Number LC50079497	First Name DAISNIEL	Last Name FAKUNLE	Profession SOCIAL WORK
Type IND CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER	Status Active	From State/Prov: MD	Issue Date: 2012-06-27
Expiration Date: 2025-07-31	Temp. Issue Date:	Temp.Expire Date:	

Discipline Information from 1996 to Present - Please click item(s) below to view public orders

Practitioner Profile - Unless otherwise indicated, this information has been self-reported and has not been verified by the Board of Medicine.



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LICENSE VERIFICATION

Verify Licensee Verify Supervisor Home Page	Full Name	DAJENIEL V. FAKUNLE
	License Level	LCSWC - Certified - Clinical
	License Number	15882
	Status	Active / In Good Standing
	Original License Date	8/29/2018
	How Licensed	Endorsement
	Expiration Date	10/31/2024
	Independent Practice	
	Disciplinary Action	NO

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LCSW-C LICENSE:

Since October 1, 2021 applicants for the LCSW-C license must have obtained 2 years and at least 3,000 hours of clinical social work experience under clinical social work supervision and a minimum of 100 hours of face-to-face supervision in the assessment, formulation of a diagnostic impression, and treatment of mental disorders and other conditions and the provision of psychotherapy.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LCSW-C LICENSE:


Since October 1, 2000 applicants for the LCSW-C license must have obtained 2 years and at least 3,000 hours of clinical social work experience under clinical social work supervision and a minimum of 144 hours of face-to-face supervision in the assessment, formulation of a diagnostic impression, and treatment of mental disorders and other conditions and the provision of psychotherapy.

2018:

Effective July 1, 2018 the Board will no longer generate paper verification of licenses. The primary and sole source to verify a license is the Board's website.

Effective July 1, 2018 the designation of LGSW was automatically changed to LMSW. Licensed Graduate Social Worker to Licensed Master Social Worker.

License Verification

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TODD FRANCIS BAUMANN

License Number: SW10969

Data As Of 3/19/2024

License Information	Secondary Locations	Discipline/Admin Action
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Profession: Licensed Clinical Social Worker
License: SW10969
License Status: CLEAR/ACTIVE
License Expiration Date: 3/31/2025
License Original Issue Date: 08/15/2012
Address of Record: CMR, 467 Box 435
APO, AE 09096
Discipline on File: No
Public Complaint: No

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For instructions on how to request a license certification of your Florida license to be sent to another state from the Florida Department of Health, please visit the License Certifications web page.



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April 2, 2024

To: Louisiana State Board

My name is Aiesha D. Broussard. I am reaching out to the board on behalf of my license. I have made necessary adjustments with the state board as well as ASWB board prior to my departure. I was told by a board member to wait until June 2024, before starting my application process on Certemy. I have been on deployment in the Middle East since Nov 2023. I am not expected to be back until Aug 2024. I understand that I have until Aug of 2024 to receive my MSW. I have been studying hard during my deployment. The reason I am writing this letter to ask for an approval to complete my CE's by distance learning. I am aware of the crunch time, I have confidence once I get back to the states I will pass my exam. Attached I have my orders that will be presented for reference.

Very Respectfully

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Aiesha D Broussard, CSW

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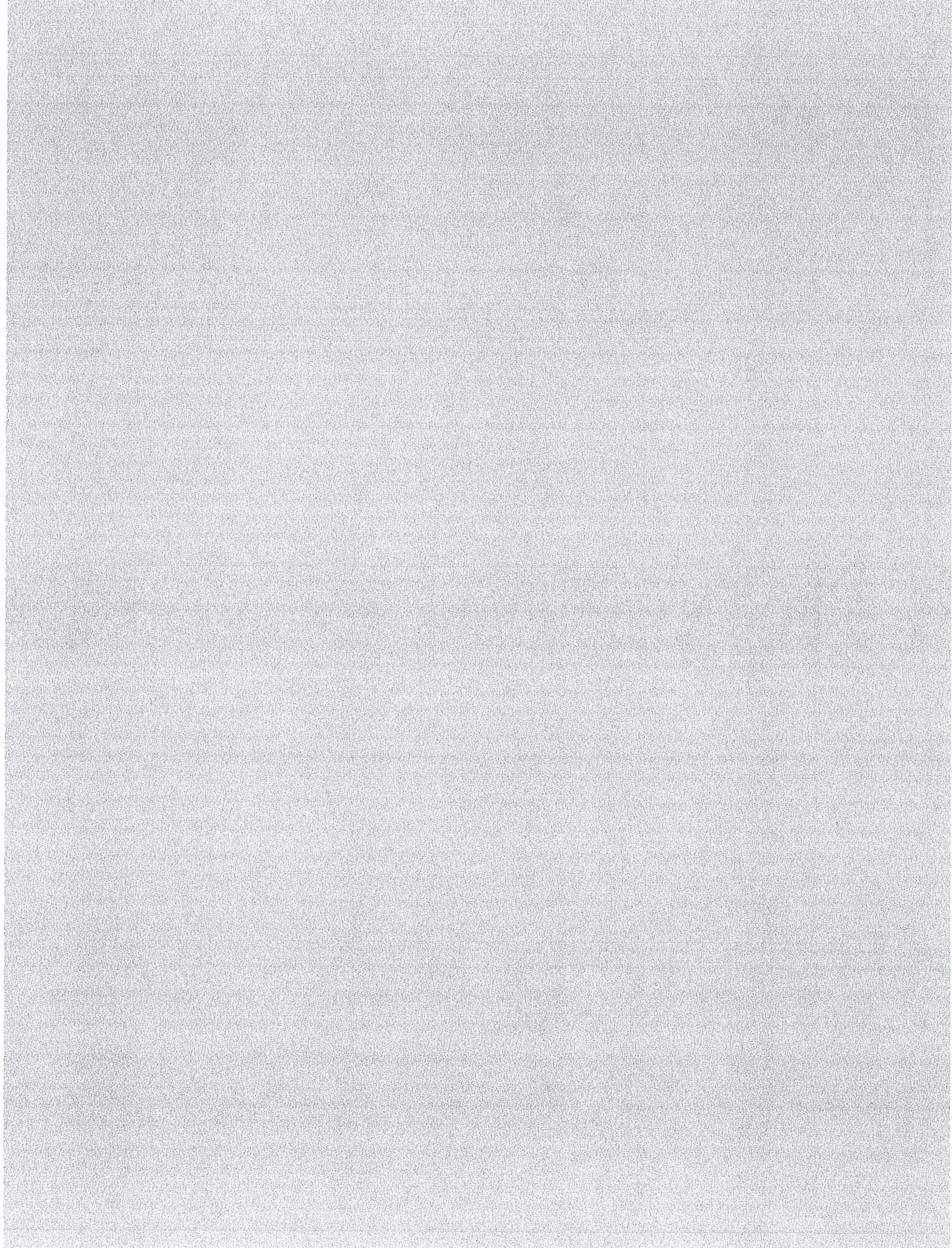
From: Willie Devereaux <devereauxwillie42@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 10:39 AM
To: Social Work
Subject: Accommodations for CEUs
Attachments: CSM Devereaux PCS Orders.pdf

Hello Sir, Ma'am,

I'm emailing to request my CEUs to be done through distance learning due to my transition from the state of Louisiana to the state of Texas as a military spouse. I have encountered difficulties in finding locations here in Fort Cavazos, Texas and surrounding areas that facilitate in-person CEUs. I've contacted all colleges in the area with a response that they don't do in-person CEUs. I would greatly appreciate it if this request is granted so that I can move forward and complete the CEU requirements through distance learning. I have attached a copy of my military spouse's permanent change of station orders to help validate this request.

Sincerely,

Willie Devereaux
CSW/MSW



Regina Dewitt

From: Katlynn Dillon <katlynnndillon@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2024 8:00 PM
To: Regina Dewitt
Subject: Military Orders - License # 14115
Attachments: Military Orders 2021 to Fort Campbell.pdf

Ms. Regina DeWitt,

My name is Katlynn Dillon, License # 14115. My husband is on Official Military Orders to Camp Humphreys in South Korea. I am accompanying him for the next two years. I am writing this letter to request a waiver to take all of my CEUs online. Can I please have permission to complete my CEUs online?

Please see the attachment.

Respectfully,

Katlynn Dillon
License # 14115
katlynnndillon@yahoo.com
cell phone: +82 10 4294 8699

March 28, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Emily Helms Plaisance, LCSW-BACS (License #8465). I am writing today in regards to Continuing Education.

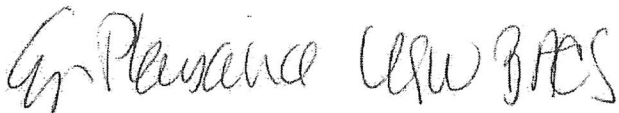
I moved last year from East Baton Rouge Parish to Terrebonne Parish to take a job with South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority. I work at the Terrebonne Behavioral Health Center as a Social Worker 4.

In moving, of course I had to put my house in East Baton Rouge up for sale. I have so far been unable to sell the house, and my husband and I are paying for two homes at this time, including mortgage, electricity, and all that comes with owning a home. This has put significant financial strain on us, and we are not able to allocate additional money for extra expenses. Unfortunately, that means paying fees, travel, and additional costs related to in-person Continuing Education. We only have one consistent income, as my husband is disabled.

I am requesting for this year only, 2023-2024, that I be allowed to obtain my hours virtually to renew my license.

Any consideration you can give this matter would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me at 225-505-5415 or Emily.plaisance2@la.gov for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Plaisance LCSW BACS".

Emily Plaisance, LCSW-BACS

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From: Michael O'Hara <mohara79@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2024 9:21 AM
To: Social Work
Subject: Exemption for Face to Face CEUs
Attachments: PCS Order.pdf; Amendment.pdf

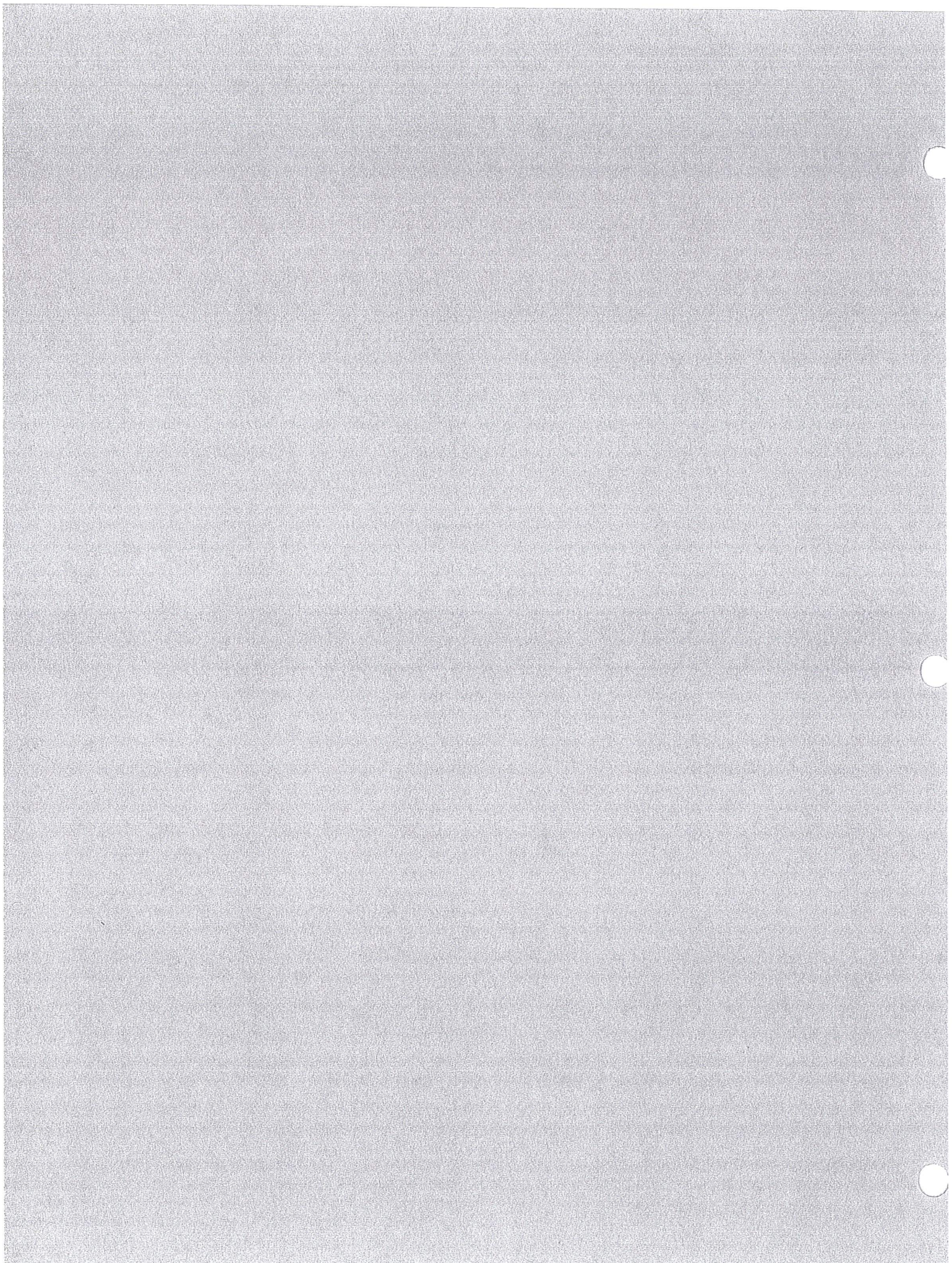
To Whom It May Concern:

As I am currently living in South Korea on orders with the US Military, I am requesting that I be granted an exemption of the required requirement of CEUs to be done face to face. I am not practicing under my Louisiana license, but hope to sit for my LCSW exam in the future and I would like to keep my Louisiana license in good standing. Please find my attached orders.

Thank you for this consideration.

Very Respectfully (매우 정중하게,

Michael C. O'Hara



Social Work

From: William Lieder <wklieder@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 11:20 AM
To: Social Work
Cc: Emily DeAngelo
Subject: Re: Required licensure to teach social work

Sorry, I am sending this e-mail again as I had initially mistyped the LABSWE.org e-mail address

On Mar 13, 2024, at 11:15 AM, William Lieder <wklieder@gmail.com> wrote:

Quick question,

I am a LCSW licensed in Louisiana (license #4575). It is my understanding that LABSWE recognizes teaching social work as a form of practicing social work. In Louisiana, social work professors who teach MSW courses typically hold licensure either as LMSW or LCSW. It is my understanding that in instances where social work professors located outside of Louisiana teach online social work courses for a university physically located in Louisiana, they might be required to obtain licensure in Louisiana as well, even if neither the students nor the professor themselves are physically present in the state.

Recent discussions have indicated that possessing licensure in their respective states may exempt professors from the requirement to obtain licensure in Louisiana when teaching online courses for a university physically located in Louisiana. This implies that licensure from their home state could suffice for instructional purposes, even for courses serving students in Louisiana. To ensure compliance with all regulations, I am interested in confirming if this interpretation aligns with LABSWE policy regarding the licensing of professors.

Furthermore, I would like clarification on whether licensure requirements apply solely to MSW professors, considering that MSW represents the level of licensure, or if it extends to professors at the bachelor's and DSW levels as well. I am also seeking clarification on whether teaching clinical practice classes mandates holding the LCSW credential. I believe that understanding these nuances is crucial for ensuring adherence to licensing standards and regulatory obligations within the field of social work education.

Any clarification on this matter would be much appreciated,

William Lieder

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Lawana Brown, LCSW-BACS
Veterans Health Services
5571 North Gretna
Branson, MO 65616

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March 15, 2024

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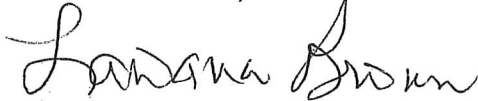
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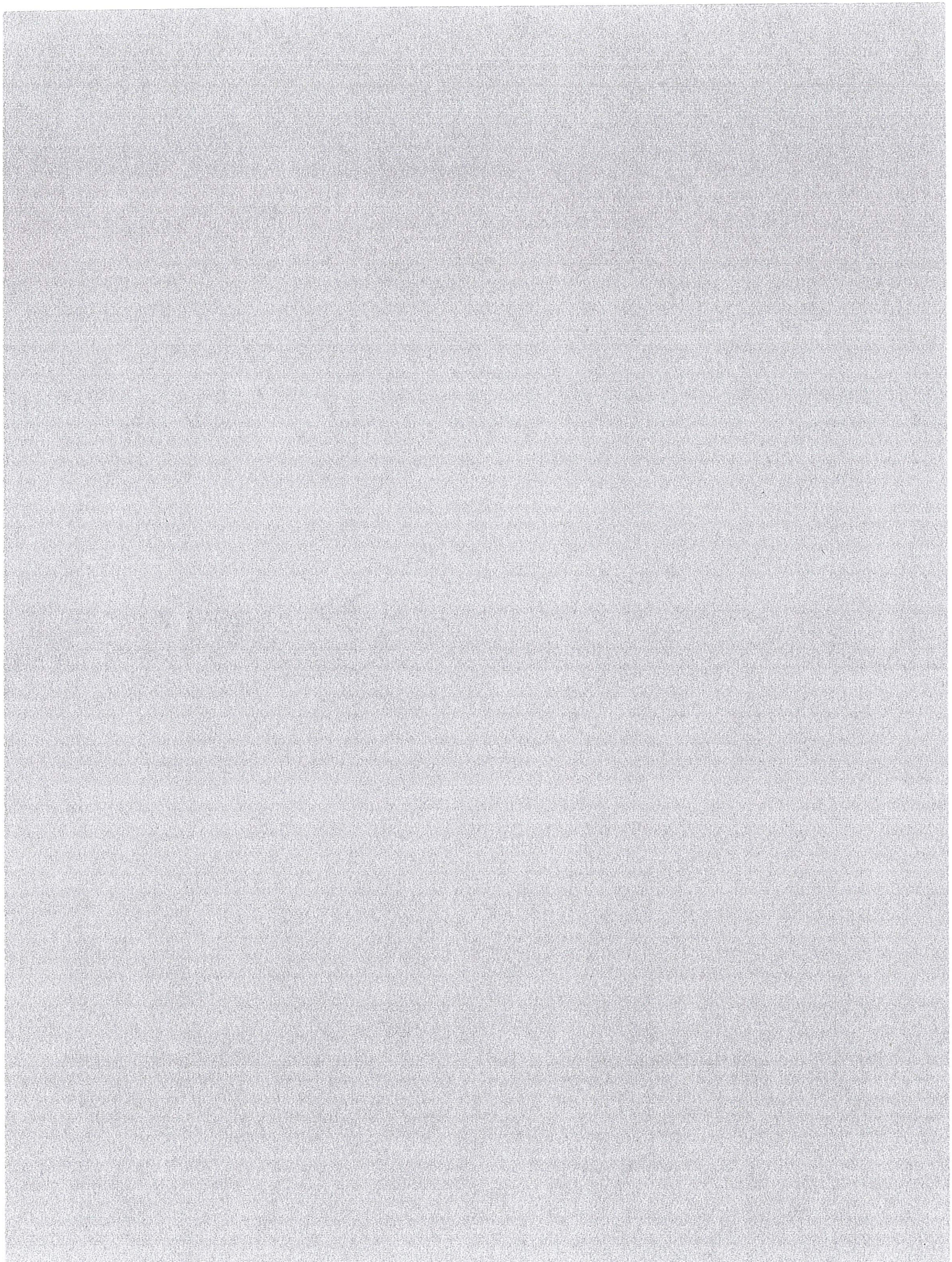
I am formally requesting a waiver for the required in-person CEUs. I am working at the VA in Branson, MO and have had limited contact with providers in this area who conduct face-to-face trainings. My searches for trainings have provided few resources for the face-to-face training, possibly due to different state requirements.

I was able to get 1 hour in person training at the VA and I also was able to attend a training where I received 6 in person hours. I still need 3 hours in person training and am asking that I be allowed to attend live virtual training to complete my 10 hours for face-to-face. I will continue to search for in person opportunities but would like to have the waiver in the event none can be identified.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Lawana Brown, LCSW-BACS

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawana Brown".



Regina Dewitt

From: Robyn Allen <robynnoelleallen@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 2:33 PM
To: Regina Dewitt
Subject: Letter of Request to Waive in person CEUs

Regina..Per our Conversation last week. And thank you as always.

This is to inform the Louisiana State Board of Social Work that I now reside and work in Florida. I am requesting that you waive the in person CEUs as I will not be able to attend. I have completed my 20 hours virtually. I appreciate your prompt attention in this matter.
Thank you to all.

Kind Regards,

Robyn Noelle Allen, LCSW #8336
Sent from my iPhone

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Regina Dewitt

From: Regina Dewitt
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2024 11:18 AM
To: Molly Ducote
Subject: RE: Board Request

Hi Molly,
Thank you for your email. I will add your request to the March 8, 2024 meeting agenda.

Have a great weekend!

Regina M. DeWitt
Administrative Assistant
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(225)756-3470, Option 4

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

From: Molly Ducote
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 12:30 PM
To: Regina Dewitt <rdewitt@labswe.org>
Subject: Board Request

Hi Regina,
It was wonderful speaking with you today, thanks again for the information on current CEU requirements. I wanted to submit a request to the Board to potentially have the in-person CEU requirement for my personal license renewal waived for this collection period. At this time, I am not working, as I am home full-time with my children. I currently live and hold an additional active license in Texas, where there is no in-person CEU requirement for renewal. Due to the lack of the requirement locally, I've had a difficult time locating in-person offerings. Please let me know if this is something that would be considered, I'd really appreciate it.

Best,
Molly Ducote, LCSW
License #13776

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March 18, 2024

Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners
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Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Dear Board Members,

I am writing to request permission to obtain all my required CEUs via distance learning. I am making this request for several reasons.

First, I currently reside in rural Alabama, and I work remotely providing therapy via telehealth. Secondly, the only in person CEUS I could find being offered do not relate to my current job nor do they provide content that would be applicable to what I do. Alabama allows us to utilize live, interactive in the place of in-person events. As a result of being able to use live and interactive, I have several clinical CEUS I would like to invest in with my time and money that would be beneficial to my license and my current job.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Debra M. Hoosier, LCSW (LA #3131)

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