

**From:** Callie MacKenzie

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 3:07 PM

**To:** [Socialwork@LABSWE.org](mailto:Socialwork@LABSWE.org)

**Subject:** Approval of Telehealth Continuing Education Credits for license renewal for August 2024

March 20,2024

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

18550 Highland Rd

Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Re: Approval of Telehealth Continuing Education Credits

Dear Mrs. Regina DeWitt:

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Callie Metzinger Mackenzie, and I have been a licensed social worker in the state of Louisiana since February 15th, 1992. Over the years, I have diligently renewed my license annually. However, I am reaching out to address a current challenge I am facing.

Having recently relocated to Texas, I have encountered difficulties in fulfilling my continuing education requirements through traditional live seminars, especially considering the prevalence of remote learning modalities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As our discussion today highlighted, live seminars in Houston have been particularly elusive for me.

In light of these circumstances, I respectfully request that the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners consider accepting my 20 hours of required continuing education completed via telehealth methods, including webinar workshops and distant learning formats. These alternatives have become indispensable avenues for professional development in the current climate, and I believe they provide valuable opportunities for learning and growth.

I kindly ask for your understanding and support in granting approval for these telehealth credits towards the renewal of my Louisiana License #3072, which is due in August. Throughout my career, I have maintained a strong commitment to upholding the standards and ethics of our profession, and I assure you that this request is made in

good faith, with the utmost respect for the regulatory requirements set forth by the Board.

I sincerely appreciate your attention to this matter and your consideration of my request. If there are any additional documents or information needed to facilitate the review process, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Thank you for your time and assistance. I truly appreciate you taking the time to speak with me today to resolve this matter. I look forward to your phone call.

Warm regards,

Callie Metzinger Mackenzie

**Callie Metzinger MacKenzie, LCSW, ACSW**

**Senior Licensed Clinical Social Worker**

**Academy of Certified Social Workers**

**Texas License #103372**

**Louisiana License #3072**

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## Social Work

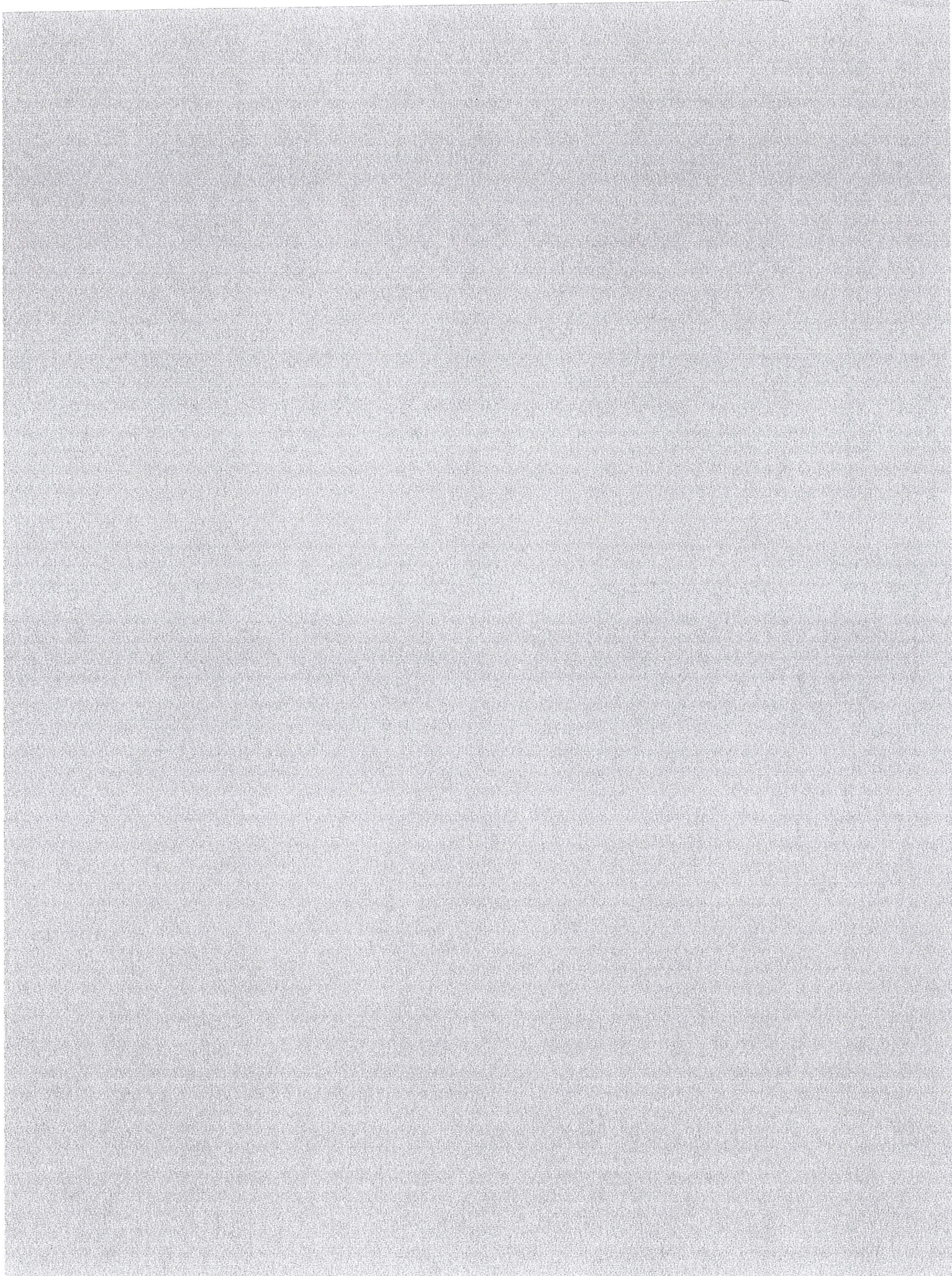
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**From:** Maryann McInnis  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2024 9:28 AM  
**To:** Social Work  
**Subject:** Exception to in person continuing education

I am requesting an exception to the in person requirement for continuing education. I moved to rural Texas five years ago. I was able to attend training in person until the pandemic. Since that time, I have participated in many live virtual training events. This year, Louisiana reinstated the requirement to attend ten hours in person. My problem is that since Texas still allows all continuing education to be obtained virtually, very few events are scheduled within reasonable driving distance from my home. I really want to maintain my Louisiana license, but this requirement creates an extreme hardship. I am requesting an exception so that I can complete all my education online, with at least ten hours in live interactive events. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
Mary Ann McInnis

MaryAnn McInnis Go to [www.theanimalrescuesite.com](http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com) Your free daily click will help feed shelter animals!



## Social Work

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**From:** Elizabeth Pinson <...>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 3:30 PM  
**To:** Social Work  
**Subject:** Exemption Request: 10 Hours In-Person CEU

Good afternoon,

My name is Elizabeth Pinson, LCSW (#13632). I am writing to the board to request an exemption for the 10 hours of in-person CEU's for the 2023-2024 license year and to allow 20 hours of distance learning CEU's to count towards my license renewal.

I live and work in Prescott, Arizona. I maintain my Louisiana social work license so I can continue to work for the Northern Arizona VA Health Care System, which honors my Louisiana license, due to being a federal government agency. My agency does not offer in-person CEU's, and has not since 2020. The time and resources needed to travel to Louisiana to participate in in-person CEU opportunities from Continuing Education Approval Organizations, would put a great financial burden on myself, and time taken from my job.

Continuing education is very important to me. Every year I participate in interactive workshops that are distance learning CEU's and approved by ASWB. I have every intention to participate in in-person learning once it is offered in the future at the Northern Arizona VA.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Pinson, LCSW  
#13632

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## Social Work

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**From:** Social Work  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 10:36 AM  
**To:** 'Shanna Powell'  
**Subject:** RE: In person CEU information

Hi Shanna,

Thank you for your email. I will add your request to the April 12, 2024 meeting agenda. At this time, live webinars are considered distance learning continuing education hours.

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

Sincerely,

Regina M. DeWitt

Administrative Assistant

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

**From:** Shanna Powell <shanna@socialwork@labswe.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2024 1:09 PM  
**To:** Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>  
**Subject:** In person CEU information

Good afternoon,

I currently hold my LMSW in Louisiana, but as I am a military spouse I am living in Kodiak, AK. Kodiak is a remote island and I do not have access to in-person courses to complete the 10 hours needed for renewing my license. I am emailing to ask if there is a way to get approval for distance learning for all 20 CEUs due to my current situation. I am also wondering if live webinars may be included in in-person hours.

I appreciate your time.

Best,

Shanna Powell



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## Social Work

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**From:** Sattazahn, Kristi < >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 27, 2024 12:47 PM  
**To:** Social Work  
**Subject:** RE: LA In-Person CEU

Good Day,

It appears the email address provided was no longer active.

To Whom It May Concern, please see below.

Thank You!

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**From:** Sattazahn, Kristi  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 27, 2024 1:43 PM  
**To:** redewitt@labswe.org  
**Subject:** LA In-Person CEU

Good Afternoon,

I am hoping you can assist me. I am currently 4 months pregnant and am struggling to find "live" in-person trainings to do for my 10 hours CEU requirement near my home in the tri-state area as I live in NJ. PA and NJ do not require any in-person CEU's anymore only Live webinars for some of the credits making the ability to access in-person classes much harder to find without driving 2-3 hours.

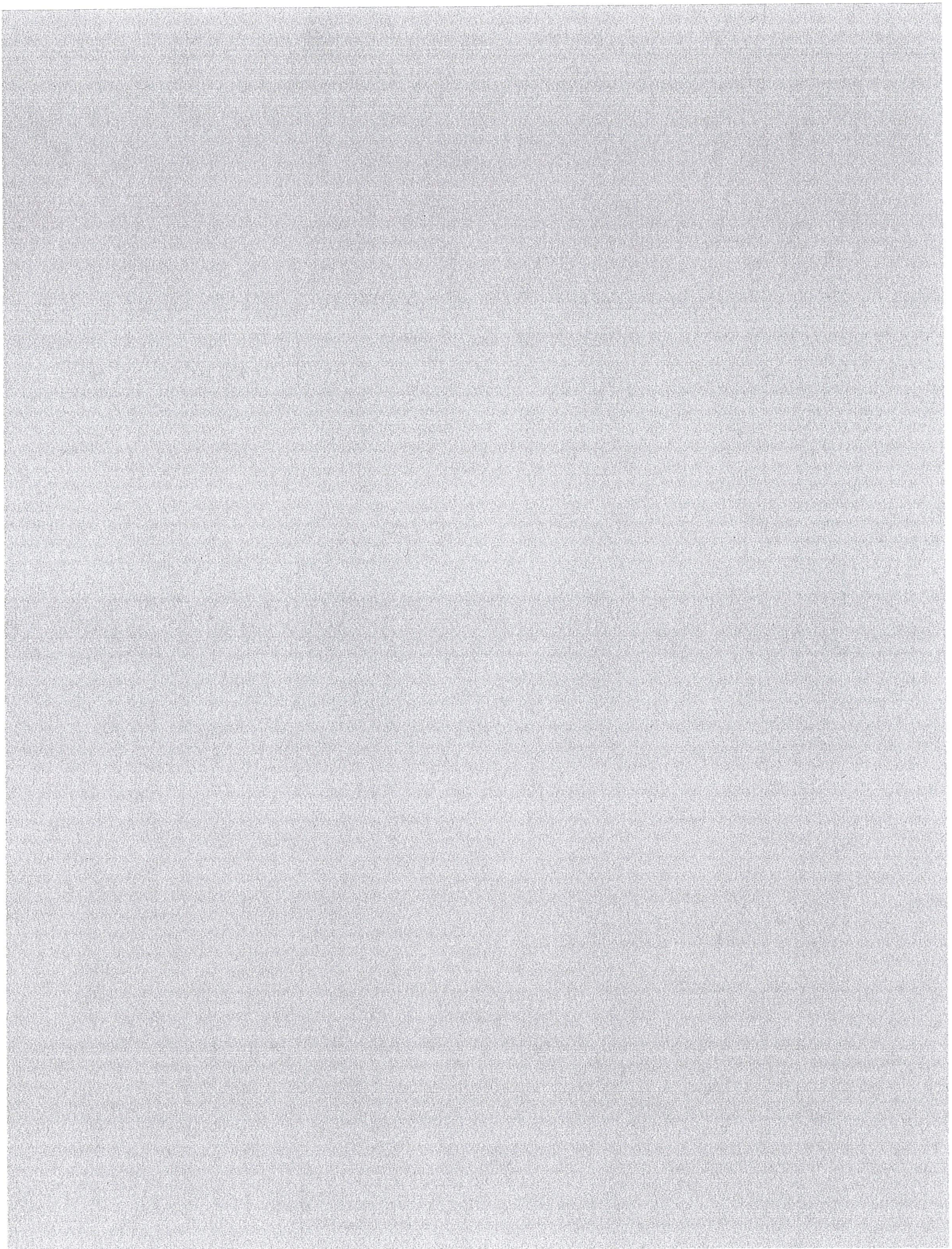
With now being pregnant, I am finding that its going to be struggle for me to try to get these CEU's met in-person.

With only a few months to get these in-person CEU's completed I was wondering if there is anyway the board could wave the "in-person" requirement for myself for this year? Maybe by the also LA will have waived the in-person CEU's and match the others states.

Thank you,

Kristi L. Sattazahn, LSW  
(she, her, hers)  
**BH UM Reviewer**  
**Behavioral Health Utilization Management**  
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Kathleen Schmidt, MSW, LCSW

April 1, 2024

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

Dear Board Members,

I am writing this letter to request a waiver from the 10 in-person hours of Continuing Education required for Louisiana license renewals.

My family recently relocated to Texas for my husband's job and I am currently a stay-at-home-mom, but would still like to maintain my Louisiana license.

I have researched in-person continuing education opportunities in my area, but have only been able to find a few that would not require travel times over 2 hours. I believe there are limited in person opportunities because Texas does not have the same in person continuing education requirements.

Additionally, I only have childcare available on the day that my children go to a Mother's Day Out program (which is Thursdays). I have not been able to find any in-person continuing education events that take place on a Thursday. In order to attend a continuing education event on a different day of the week, I would need to find someone and pay them to care for my children. Being new to the area, I do not know anyone, at this time, that I am comfortable leaving my children with. Additionally, paying for added childcare on top of the cost of the continuing education would pose a financial strain for my family.

Please let me know if there are any questions in relation to this request. I appreciate your time and consideration of this matter.

Thank you,

*Kathleen Schmidt, MSW, LCSW*

Kathleen Schmidt, MSW, LCSW  
License #14082

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**Social Work**

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**From:** LABSWE Complaints  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 27, 2024 8:50 AM  
**To:** Social Work  
**Subject:** Contact Us Form Submitted

First Name: Rachele

Last Name: Thompson

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Question:

To Whom It May Concern,

I have been searching for in person CE opportunities in the New Orleans area that support my current focus and level of study. Unfortunately, none are available. I believe that attending an in person CE that is unrelated to my speciality or level of study to solely fulfill the requirement goes against the intention of continuing education requirements.

I'm currently furthering my skill set in treating eating disorders, development trauma, attachment wounds and the use of somatic interventions. Unfortunately, I only see in person basics and intro level trainings that would have been an appropriate match for my studies 10-15 years ago.

I'm currently participating in a live online training for the treatment of eating disorders. Additionally, I participate in a monthly 1.5 hour online peer consultation group with Louisiana clinicians. I have also participated in several live online small group case consultation.

The online format allows me to meet with my colleagues and receive support from specialists in the field.

I'm requesting that an online format is approved for all of my CE requirements this year.

Thank you for considering this.

Warm regards,

Rachele

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LCSW-BACS

# EPIC-NOLA

EARLY PSYCHOSIS INTERVENTION CLINIC

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Date: March 22, 2024

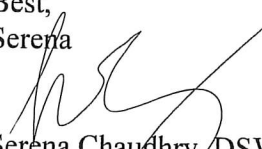
Re: LMSW Supervision

To Whom It May Concern:

The Early Psychosis Intervention Clinic New Orleans (EPIC-NOLA) is in the process of establishing spoke clinics across Louisiana. Several of these clinics are supported by funding from the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) which has identified the need for specialized services for young people experiencing psychosis beyond the New Orleans region. EPIC-NOLA can hire LMSWs for these clinics, however we need to increase our capacity to provide supervision for them. We have one LCSW-BACS on our team (Patricia Hawley # 11631) in New Orleans who currently provides supervision for our LMSW on staff. I too have my LCSW-BACS (#11097) but I work remotely from California. In the spirit of creating more clinically robust opportunities for new LMSWs in Louisiana and providing LMSWs with solid supervision that is oriented to serving people with chronic and severe mental illness, **I am formally requesting a waiver to the re-instated in person supervision requirements, that would allow me to provide remote supervision to newly hired LMSWs working in our spoke clinics.**

I helped to establish EPIC-NOLA 8 years ago and remain actively involved in the day-to-day operations of the clinic. We are a multidisciplinary team that meets every morning via a HIPAA complaint Zoom platform to review acute patients and new referrals; I attend daily huddles. We host a hybrid treatment meeting every Monday; I attend treatment team meetings, Our Clinical Director facilitates group supervision every other week; I participate in group supervision. Finally, I am actively involved in clinical care and continue to see a panel of patients remotely. Given my history with the clinic, integration with the team and quarterly in office visits, I believe that I can provide valuable supervision that will not be compromised because it is remote.

Best,  
Serena



Serena Chaudhry, DSW, LCSW, MPH  
Public Health Director  
Early Psychosis Intervention Clinic New Orleans

New Orleans, LA 70119

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## Social Work

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**From:** Jim and Allison Patterson <  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 8:58 AM  
**To:** Social Work  
**Subject:** Ceu hours special request

Dear Board Members,

This license year our in-person ceu requirements have been put back in place which has posed great difficulties for those of us practicing in the NW area. At the present time - I have completed 36 hours of EMDR training (with Bill White) along with 5 hours of consultation time. Unfortunately, even though he is in the area - he has not returned to in person training but has continued to do live online learning. This workshop was very interactive, had break out rooms, and experiential exercises. My request is for the Board to allow this to count for my 20 hrs of required learning. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Allison Patterson, LCSW

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3/27/2024

Mayshonna W. Bayonne # 14938

Dear LABSWE,

"On 3/18/2023, I began working as a CPS investigator for DCFS. The agency helped me find an LCSW-BACS who can supervise me, but I am requesting to complete my supervision hours virtually due to employment and personal hardship. It's difficult for me to plan my days since I never know when I'll receive a new investigation or how long it will take to complete it. Additionally, as a mother of two young children, I need to be able to provide care for them, especially when my husband, a law enforcement officer, works late with no notice. I live in Livingston Parish, but my job is in Ascension Parish, making it difficult to attend in-person supervision with Ms. Carmen Spooner.

Ms. Spooner can provide supervision via SimplePractice, a HIPAA-approved platform. I will keep my video on and avoid multitasking during sessions, as Ms. Spooner requires. However, if a face-to-face meeting is necessary, Ms. Spooner and I will have to plan accordingly. I appreciate your understanding of my situation and hope we can come to an agreement that works for both parties."

Best Regards,

Mayshonna W. Bayonne, LMSW #14938

## Social Work

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**From:** Mayshonna W. Bayonne  
**Sent:** Monday, April 1, 2024 3:13 PM  
**To:** Social Work  
**Subject:** Re: Virtual Supervision request

- Time frame that you will need remote supervision : From April 1, 2024 until June 30, 2026
- Explanation of how confidential information will be protected : No confidential information that does not pertain to supervision will be shared. The remote sessions will be handled either in group or individual sessions via SimplePractice, which is HIPAA-compliant.
- Explanation of how emergencies will be handled : When there is an emergency, Ms. Spooner works with her supervisees to reschedule the sessions.

Will my request be on the agenda for the upcoming meeting this week?

On Thu, Mar 28, 2024 at 7:42 AM Social Work <[socialwork@labswe.org](mailto:socialwork@labswe.org)> wrote:

Hi Mayshonna,

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

- Time frame that you will need remote supervision
- Explanation of how confidential information will be protected
- Explanation of how emergencies will be handled

Thank you,

*Regina M. DeWitt*

Administrative Assistant

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Darion Johnson

January 31, 2024

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

Dear Members of the Board,

I have been under LCSW supervision over the past two years and 8 months. With the requirement of completing supervision within the two to five year period, I am requesting to complete virtual supervision.

My commitments to my clients and my personal life responsibilities make it difficult for me to travel to Thibodaux weekly to meet with my supervisor. I have three small children ages one, three, and four who are full-time in daycare, and I am currently working two jobs. One job is full-time employment, and the other is part-time. I work from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm throughout the week and begin seeing additional clients for my part time job throughout the evenings during the week and throughout the weekends. The time I travel to obtain supervision is difficult with my current circumstances.

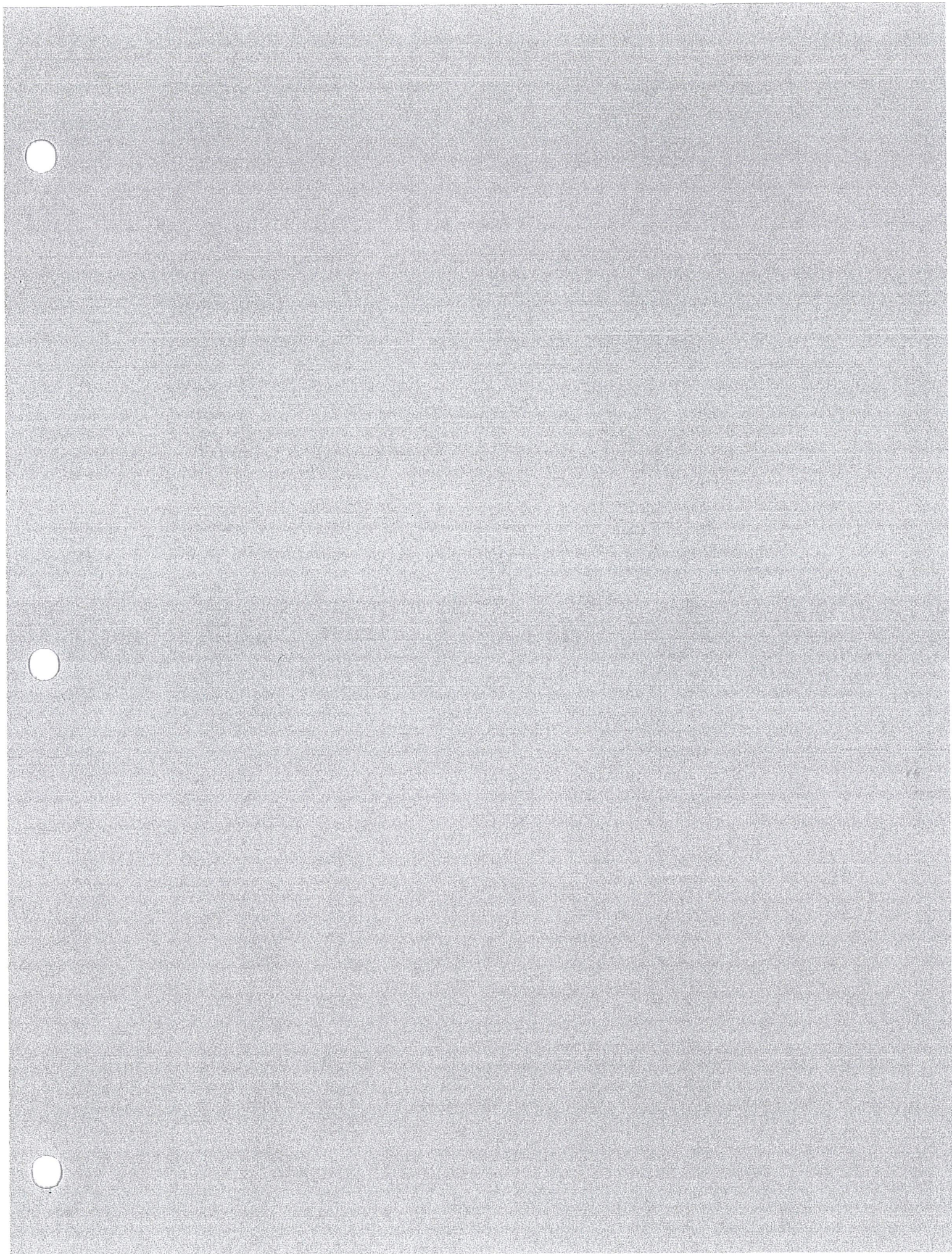
Allowing me to complete some of my supervision virtually will allow me to provide more time for my clients, children, and eliminate the additional travel time needed during the week. I hope to have my LCSW supervision completed this year and virtual supervision will allow me to reach that goal as I have already met the 5,760 hours of postgraduate social work practice and at least 3,840 hours of that postgraduate social work practice under the supervision of a board-approved clinical supervisor (BACS).

I hope to expand my career by obtaining my LCSW credential and furthering the social work presence in the communities I serve.

Respectfully yours,

Darion Johnson, MSW, LMSW  
#15631

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INFANT & EARLY CHILDHOOD  
MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION

April 3, 2024

To The Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners,

My name is Kari Stephens, LMSW (License No. #17866) and I am submitting a request to receive remote supervision towards clinical licensure. I am requesting remote supervision due to the specific nature of my current position as a TIKES Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant. To summarize, consultants work with early learning centers to provide programmatic, and educational support to children, families, and educators who work with children birth to 5. My position is quite unique in its job responsibilities, detailed documentation, and caseload. Because of this, I would like to receive clinical supervision by someone who intimately understands the perspective of my clients and the role of a consultant. In addition to seeking remote supervision, I will also be terminating my current supervision with Jahanna Bailey due to scheduling and supervision conflict. While greatly appreciated, Mrs. Bailey's background as a School Social Worker did not align with the role of a consultant. The supervisor who would resume these duties, Lisa Larochelle, has been trained in Infant Mental Health for 17 years. She would be able to provide more specific supervision on topics distinct to our work with families and educators.

Mrs. Larochelle is located in Lafayette, Louisiana and I currently reside in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Because our program consists of regions, Mrs. Larochelle is the closest BACS-approved supervisor to my region. Therefore, the request for remote supervision is due to both distance and supervision compatibility, as mentioned above. She has also provided numerous hours of support during my first year of employment including shadow visits, individual and group reflection, and trainings. Mrs. Larochelle and I are distanced by 65 miles or about 1h 15 min and weekly face-to-face meetings would not be attainable.

Regarding the specifics, the duration of supervision would consist of the remaining 94 hours of supervision required. Security will be ensured through the use of our program's private Zoom account. Our meetings, chats, and correspondence are all protected with this professional account. Client confidentiality will be maintained by using the center's initials and names of children or adults will remain confidential. Additionally, all meetings will be completed in my home or private office and any shared documentation would be de-identified. In case of an emergency, our program offers numerous supports. In addition to Mrs. Larochelle, I also have a reflective supervisor, group supervisor, and mentor in place to support me in my work. I meet with these individuals on a weekly or bi-weekly basis and they are available as-needed for correspondence and support. I also have the support of a local agency supervisor to look to for general guidance.

Sincerely,

Kari Stephens, LMSW (License No. #17866)

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Danielle Johnson

LABSWE

18550 Highland Rd B

Baton Rouge, LA

70809

March 11, 2024

To Whom This Letter May Concern,

My name is Danielle Johnson (LMSW # 17290) and I am completing clinical hours for my LCSW. I am writing this letter as a formal request to have the board approve my supervised work hours from August 2022 through March 2024. My electronic supervision contract was not completed on certemy until February 21, 2024, however, a paper copy of the LABSWE supervision contract was completed and uploaded on my certemy digital wallet on August 09, 2022. Because of the recent changes with the paper and electronic contracts in 2022, I misunderstood the platform in which I had to complete my contract. I did not find out about this error until January 31, 2024 and could not submit a request for consideration until the electronic copy of the contract was signed by my supervisor. I have completed and paid for 79.5 out of 96 individual supervision hours with Ms. Jackie Kellet (LCSW-BACS # 11616) since August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. I am almost done earning my clinical hours to sit for the LCSW exam, which I was hoping to do soon. Not being able to count the clinical hours that I completed from August 2022 would be a devastating financial and occupational set back.

I am also writing this letter as a request to take the LCSW exam early. There is a high possibility that my fiancé and I have to move to Arkansas for his job before the end of May. Due to financial constraints, I am unable to remain in Louisiana if my fiancé moves to another state. To reduce further complications, I was hoping to take the exam in the state where I have been gathering my clinical hours while I continue to receive supervised practice hours. Doing so would allow me to simply transfer my LCSW license once I get to Arkansas due to their reciprocity policy. Furthermore, I would like to be a licensed LCSW in Louisiana because I plan to return to the state as soon as possible.

I understand that I have a unique circumstance and I would like to thank you for reading my pleas and taking everything into consideration. I have attached proof of the uploaded supervision contract. I look forward to hearing back from you all.

Respectfully,

Danielle Joyce Johnson, LMSW, Addictions Counselor (Transitions Program)

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## SaraJanet Banks

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**From:** Gibson, Candice <cgibson2@wkhs.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 5, 2024 1:11 PM  
**To:** SaraJanet Banks  
**Subject:** Letter for the Board Regarding Supervision Hours

To Whom It May Concern,

I have recently been informed that many of my hours for supervision will not be recognized due to the incompleteness of the contract process before my hours were entered by my supervisor, which so far add up to 66 hours of completion. I initiated the process the moment I learned that a supervision contract even existed and began the contract as evidenced in your records on 9/20/2023. It was my understanding that was the whole of the contract because the form was signed and submitted. At that point in time, I had no knowledge that the form had not been accepted, nor did I know that there were other steps to complete. I had completed the form using an Android device. The Supervision Link was visible, the License Renewal Link was visible, but the Supervision Contract 2 Link was not visible. This means that the application process is not compatible with Android devices that many use. As I received no notification that the form had not been completed, I acted in good faith and with good intentions and continued to work with my supervisor. I continued to check Certemy and found that my supervisor entered my hours therefore confirming that I was in good standing. It was only when I reached out to check my status and ask questions that I learned that there was a problem. I immediately acted to complete the contract. I would respectfully request that you consider my successful history as an LMSW and that I have been working with a supervisor who is licensed by the state. Additionally, I would like you to please consider that if the application process had been more compatible with Android devices and there had been a clearer verification of completion process, that I clearly would have been successful in completing the paperwork. As such, I humbly request that you consider granting me the hours that my supervisor and I have put into this process. In doing so, please know that you will be making it possible so that I can continue to better serve those individuals who need help in our healthcare system in Louisiana for years to come. Again, I appreciate your consideration in this issue, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Regards,

Candice Gibson, MSW, LMSW  
Willis Knighton Behavioral Medicine  
1111 Line Ave.  
Shreveport, LA 71101  
318-716-4685 (Ph)  
cgibson2@wkhs.com



To the Louisiana State Board of Social Worker Examiners (LABSWE),

I am Alyssa Perino, a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW), who is currently receiving supervision to obtain my clinical license (LCSW). I started supervision in January 2022 at Florida Parishes Human Services Authority and switched jobs in August 2022 where I currently work for Jefferson Parish School Board.

Since switching jobs, I continued supervision with the unawareness that my hours are not being accounted for until I was informed by another colleague with a similar issue and then confirmed with the board via phone call. Since my LCSW-BACS Supervisor and I have had trouble with Certemy and difficulties navigating the system in the past, we filled out the form on paper. At this time, we were not aware of the time sensitivity and how to go about sending it to the board. With miscommunication from others and no clear instructions on the LABSWE Website, I was unable to find clear step by step directions on what to do when you already have a supervision contract 2. At this point I was very confused and unsure where to go from there. In an attempt to receive credit for my hours at my current job I assumed that I must request the hours on the LCSW Application form as it was the only form on my Certemy that still needed to be filled out. Due to the fact that my LCSW-BACS supervisor was able to put in my hours and received no notification that it was incomplete I assumed there were no issues. Additionally, I recently requested approval to continue supervision virtually due to us having a far commute since switching jobs. My request was granted which again made the impression that everything was fine and my hours would be accounted for.

Unfortunately, I was recently informed otherwise in which case I am working diligently to resolve the said issue. To ensure that no more hours would be discredited I immediately took action to get it resolved. However, once I filled out my portion of the contract, my supervisors had difficulties accepting the invitation. Additionally, I had difficulty knowing if it was fully completed which caused more of a delay in getting it approved by the board. My contract was recently officially approved once it was fully completed by my clinical supervisor and on site supervisor. Due to the uncertainty, I did not receive supervision from December to March causing me to miss out on more hours.

For the past year, I have continued to put in hard work, time, and money as an LMSW and to further my career as a social worker. I believe I should not be penalized and discredited for the 40 hours I have already completed due to flaws in the paperwork system where there is a lack of communication, no clear directions, and no efficient guidance provided. Unfortunately, if these hours I have already completed are not credited it will set me back from obtaining my clinical license and cause me to miss out on better LCSW job opportunities and overall delaying my career path that I have worked so hard to obtain.



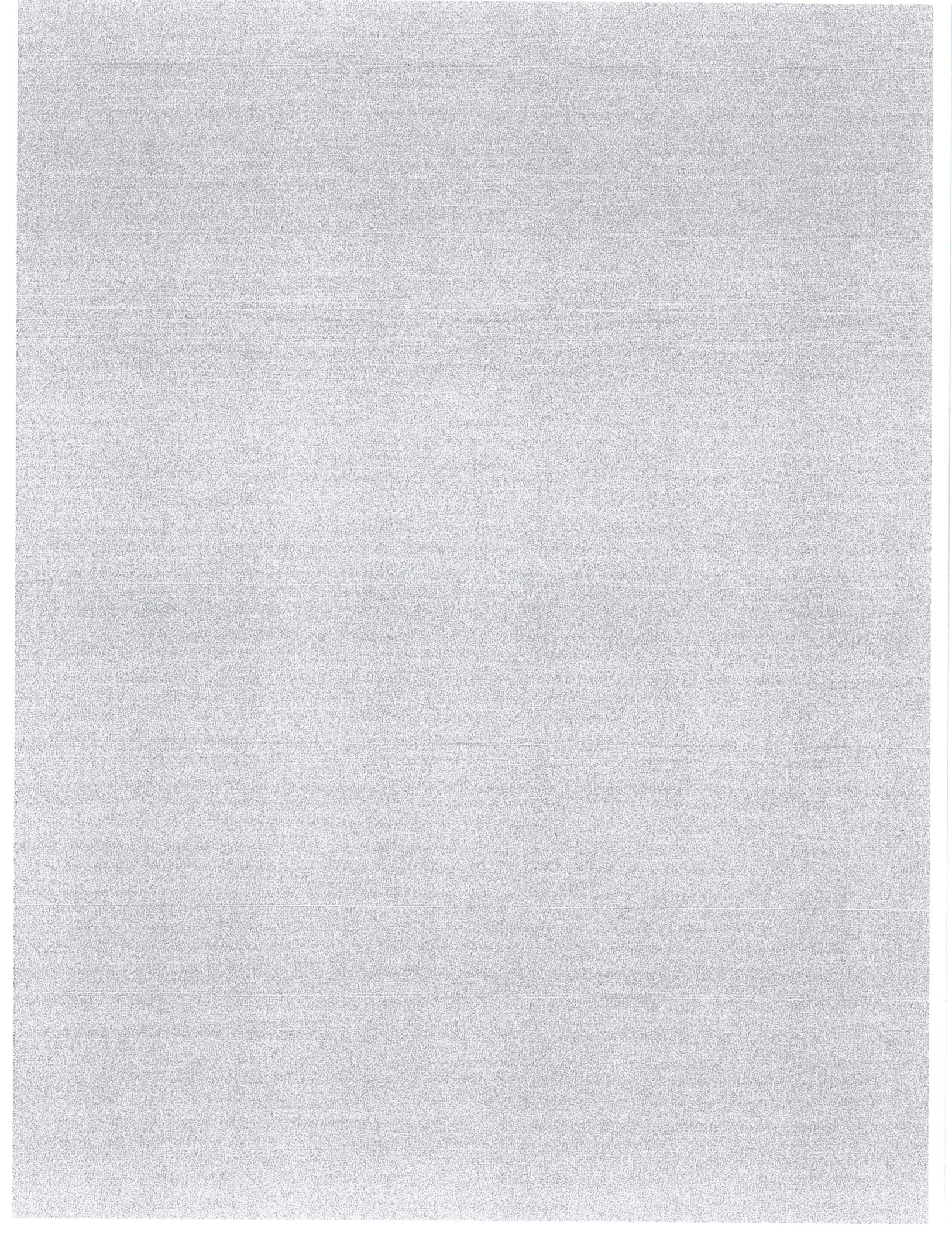
Please consider accepting my 40 hours I completed from August 2022 to December 2023. As previously stated, I have put in a lot of time, effort, and money for the past year for it to be discredited. I appreciate your time and hope that you consider my request.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Perino, LMSW

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April 4, 2024

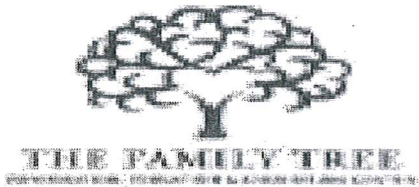
Members of the Board,

My name is Patrick Sciambra, LMSW #18040. I graduated from the LSU School of Social Work in May of 2023. I became a certified LMSW and began working in July of 2023. I found a clinical supervisor in my field of practice, and we formally began the supervision process on August 14, 2023.

The reason I am reaching out is that I am currently at risk of losing clinical supervision hours due to issues with Certemy. There was significant confusion about the necessary steps that needed to be taken to submit my contract on the Certemy platform. We thought everything was in order, and my supervisor began logging our supervision sessions since August on a regular basis. When my clinical supervisor became aware through a Facebook post that supervisees were being denied supervision hours because of a delayed contract in Certemy, she brought it to my attention, and I took immediate action. Due to this confusion and delay, the supervision contract was not submitted within 60 days from the start of supervision, which would have been October 13, 2023. Instead, my contract was submitted on December 5, 2023. Consequently, I am at risk of losing 8 hours of supervision (6 individual hours and 2 group hours) earned from August 14, 2023, through October 6, 2023. I would like to respectfully request that these 8 hours of supervision be approved and counted towards my total time of supervised hours. Thank you for your consideration.

All the Best,  
Patrick

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April 2, 2024

To the LA State Board of Social Work Examiners:

This letter is on behalf of Patrick Sciambra, LMSW #18040. He and I began the clinical supervision process towards licensure on 8/14/23 and discussed the importance of completing the social work supervision contract as indicated in our first Certemy supervision log. We have been regularly meeting and I have been providing him with weekly clinical supervision over the past 8 months. When I saw a Facebook post on the LA Social Work Supervisors Facebook page in December 2023, it came to my attention that LMSWs were losing valuable supervision time earned because their contracts were not complete in Certemy. I promptly checked and to my dismay realized that Patrick's was not completed. I notified him immediately and he promptly submitted the required forms, which indicate our supervisory start date of 8/14/23. He has since received a notice from Sara Banks with LABSWE advising that the hours earned outside of the 60 days from contract completion cannot be counted. Since his contract was not finalized until December, he would be poised to lose 2 months worth of supervision hours. This is a clear indication that the Certemy workflow is faulty, as we should not have been able to log supervision hours in the supervision record if the supervisory process had not already been approved. I humbly ask that the board members please honor and approve ALL supervision hours earned since 8/14/23 for Patrick Sciambra. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to either me or his agency supervisor.

Best,

Lisa

Lisa LaRochelle, LCSW-BACS #8281

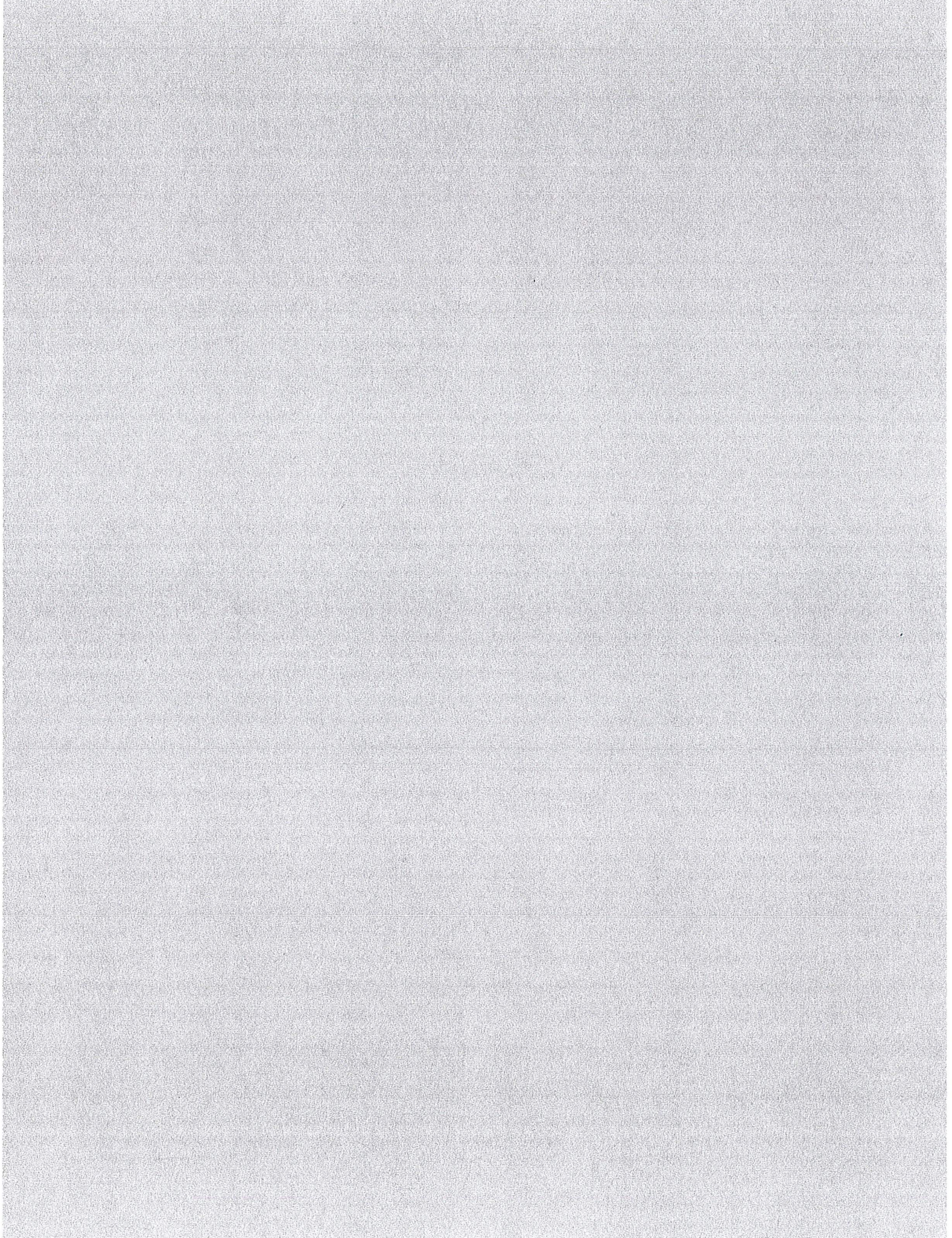
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Dear Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to bring to your attention a clerical error that has impacted the official counting of my supervision hours for licensure as a clinical social worker.

Per Louisiana's licensing requirements for social workers, I understand that supervision hours obtained must be accurately recorded. Nancy Gautreau, LCSW-BACS (License #2098), has served as my supervisor since graduate school, including my clinical supervision from January 2023 to March 2024. However, due to not having filled out a supervision contract, I am at risk of losing 96 completed hours of supervision. Had I been made aware of this oversight, I would have addressed this issue immediately.

I passed my LMSW exam on December 5, 2022 and the first supervision session was held on January 19, 2023 and promptly documented. On more than one occasion in 2023, I called LABSWE to clarify and confirm the necessary remaining steps for acquiring my clinical license. At no point was I informed that a crucial document remained incomplete. In October 2023, I called LABSWE to inquire about the expiration dates on Certemy for the LCSW clinical supervision phase. A representative from LABSWE informed me that those dates are not significant given the two-year requirement of supervision. As of Wednesday, March 13, 2024, I had completed the required 96 hours of supervision. On Monday, March 18, 2024, I called LABSWE to clarify the next steps for submitting my supervision hours. At this time, I was told that LABSWE records show that I am "not in supervision". This was the first time I was informed that the initial supervision contract was not filled out, and as a result, none of my completed hours are to be counted.

Confusingly, my supervisor was able to log every hour of our supervision sessions on Certemy throughout January 2023 to March 2024. Each supervision session logged on

Certemy includes the dates, time frame, topics discussed, and the signature of my supervisor. I was under the impression that logging supervision hours on the official website offered full transparency of the quality and quantity of my supervision to the LABSWE. I remained unaware of the incomplete supervision contract and continued to engage in supervision in compliance with all regulatory standards. I believed that all qualifications for advancing my professional licensure were being met in a timely and accurate manner. In addition to calling LABSWE, I consulted the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act and the Professional and Occupational Standards to ensure I was on the right track to achieve my clinical licensure. The standard procedural order set by LABSWE requires the supervision contract be complete before moving on to any subsequent steps, however, Certemy allowed us to proceed without the completed supervision contract. The lack of clear instructions provided on Certemy made the entire process confusing and difficult to ensure accuracy. I understand Certemy has posed challenges to multiple individuals in this regard, and I am requesting consideration in light of these issues.

I have attached my supervision log from Certemy and other relevant documents. These documents demonstrate that my supervision has adhered to standards set by the LABSWE regulations.

I understand the importance of maintaining compliance throughout the licensure process. While there appears to have been a misunderstanding on my part, I believe it stems from a combination of factors beyond my direct control. Despite my consistent efforts to ensure accuracy, I regret that this oversight occurred. Therefore, I respectfully request that the board review my case and officially recognize the 96 supervision hours outlined in the attached documentation.

I am willing to provide any additional information or clarification required to expedite this matter. Your prompt response to this issue is greatly appreciated, as it directly impacts my professional advancement and ability to effectively serve our community as a licensed social worker.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance. I look forward to your favorable response.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to verify that Meagan Snedigar, MSW, LMSW (License #17173) has been continuously employed full-time as a social worker at Louisiana Parole Project from May 23, 2022, to present day. If any additional information is needed in verifying Meagan's employment, please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Garrett", written in a cursive style.

Kelly Garrett  
Deputy Director, Client Services  
Louisiana Parole Project