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Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

Section A: Organizational Information

Care NOLA  
Name of Organization  
Rachel L. Eriksen  
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Email Address Website

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☐ Professional Social Work Organization  
☐ CSWE Accredited School of Social Work

☒ Social Work Service Provider

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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 approved typically in 48hrs, but at most 10 days.

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

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

\$65 per 3 hr. CEU

## Section D: Authority

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Signature of Director/President

6/1/21  
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

I am currently approved through Jewish Family Service however my last day there will be July 2nd.

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May 25, 2021

LA State Board of Social Work Examiners

18550 Highland Rd. Suite B

Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Dear Social Work Approval Board:

I am writing to you as a former Coach with MindCoach NOLA as well as a social worker, by training. I would like to take this opportunity to recommend to you that Care NOLA become a CEU approval organization through LABSWE.

Rachel Eriksen runs this new entity, providing senior services to families in need and is in the process of adding other services as well. She has approved CEU's for us in the past as Clinical Director at Jewish Family Services for the past 10 years. She is reliable, organized and efficient. Allowing CareNOLA to approve CEU's will only continue to benefit professionals in the area. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Marin Cassell



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Rachel Palmer, LMSW  
Business Development Coordinator  
Home Care Solutions

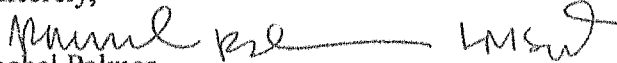
June 1, 2021

Dear Social Work Approval Board:

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend to you that Care NOLA become a CEU approval organization for the New Orleans area. I have worked with Rachel in my current role as Business Development Coordinator at Home Care Solutions for the past 1.5 years and in my prior role as Director of Independent Living at Woldenberg Nursing Home for 5 years. Rachel Eriksen runs this new entity, providing senior services to families in need. She previously worked as Clinical Director at Jewish Family Services for the past 10 years, and approved many CEU's for Home Care Solutions during that time. Allowing Rachel to continue approving CEU's with her new business will only continue to benefit professionals in the area.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Rachel Palmer

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June 3, 2021  
Anita Obenschain  
Harmony Hospice

Dear Social Work Approval Board:

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend to you that Rachel Eriksen and Care NOLA become a LABSWE CEU approval organization. I am the Director of Social Services at Harmony Hospice and have utilized Rachel's approval services during her time with Jewish Family Service. In my experience she is thorough, efficient and professional. I would like to see her continue to approve CEU's in her new entity, CareNOLA and feel this would only continue to benefit social work professionals in the area. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Res,  
*Anita Obenschain, LCSW-BACS*  
Anita Obenschain, LCSW-BACS



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Empowering You Social Work Services, LLC  
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 Rachel Swafford  
 Name of Director/President  
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 Physical Address (if different from above) City/State Zip  
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 Empoweringyou21@gmail.com  
 Email Address Website

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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:

Organization will require a minimum of fourteen days for requesting agency to submit for review (prior to date of CEU event); to be returned within 7 days or less with an opportunity for revisions as if needed.

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:

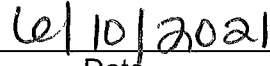
Organization will assess a fee of \$50.00 (base rate) to not exceed \$75.00. Fee includes review and approval. Additional fees will be required if application requires multiple revisions.

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

  
Signature of Director/President

  
Date

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June 6, 2021

Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners  
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To whom it may concern:

It is indeed a pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Rachel Swafford with Empowering You Social Work Services, LLC. She is a unique individual with a positive attitude, great personality, and motivation to provide services to educate the community and her colleagues. When given praise, she is deserving of them. I have had the opportunity to collaborate with her and she was a pleasure to work with.

Ms. Swafford pays close attention to directions given, communicates effectively, and is open to constructive criticism. She has proven that she is eager and knowledgeable to provide the community and the profession with information that could enhance the field of social work. It is for these reasons; I highly recommend Ms. Swafford to be a CEU provider. Her skills, motivation, and integrity will be an asset to the profession and the community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Khrishandalyn Hicks, MSW, MA, LCSW*

Dr. Khrishandalyn Hicks, MSW, MA, LCSW  
Clinical Supervisor

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Black Girls in Social Work

Angela Seets, MA LCSW-BACS C-ASWCM 4830 Line Avenue #209, Shreveport, LA 71106 318-218-4431

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June 2, 2021

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

RE: Rachel Swafford via Empowering You Social Work Services, LLC

Dear LABSWE,

I am writing this letter to recommend Rachel Swafford, LCSW-BACS agency, Empowering You Social Work Services, LLC as an approved CEU Provider with the Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners. I am the Black Girls in Social Work (BGSW) State Representative in the Shreveport Region. Black Girls in Social Work provides Black women the support, access, and resources to obtain optimum success in the Social Work field.

Ms. Swafford is an active member of BGSW-Shreveport. I have known Ms. Swafford for many years. She has always been a positive force in the North Louisiana community volunteering her skills and time to make a difference. Ms. Swafford has provided hours of volunteer time supporting others by providing education, mentoring and mental health services. Empowering You Social Work Services, LLC. Established 2019, will provide services to educate the community, social workers, and other colleagues.

As a business owner and provider of social work services, I highly recommend Rachel Swafford as an approved Educational Provider by LABSWE. She is honest, ethical, compassionate, and committed to providing professional social work services.

Thank you,



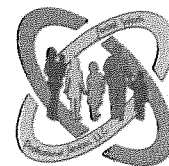
Angela Seets, MA LCSW-BACW C-ASWCM  
Black Girls in Work-Shreveport State Representative





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**SOCIAL WORK PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, LLC**



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6/1/2021

Subject: Request for Pre Approval for CEUS

LABSWE

18550 Highland Road Suite B  
Baton Rouge La. 70809

I am submitting this letter as an endorsement for Empowering You Social Worker Services, LLC, where Rachel Swafford, LCSW-BACS, is owner and manager to be preapproved to provide or approve continuing educational services to the community. I believe this organization will be of service in the community. EYSW was recently established and will prove to be an asset to the social work profession by offering future and current social workers skills that they need to further their education and social work career.

Empowering You Social Work Services, LLC will provide CEU events, educational awareness seminars, as well as supervision to LMSWs preparing for licensure. The owner of EYSWS is actively involved in the community and aware of the need for social work services. She coordinates and participates in community events and forums,

Rachel's passion for the profession, as well as skills, knowledge, and expertise will prove beneficial to our profession and continue to help her peers, colleagues, community, and future social workers.

Andrew Wilson LCSW BACS

CEO

Social Work Professional Services



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

**Section A: Organizational Information**

SANKOFA CENTER, INCORPORATED  
Name of Organization  
LARRY HAYES, LCSW, BACS  
Name of Director/ President

5036 ELYSIAN FIELDS AVE., NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70122  
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504-382-6538 / 504-407-3885

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SANKOFACENTER829@GMAIL.COM /  
Email Address Website

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LARRY HAYES, LCSW, BACS  
Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential  
BOARD PRESIDENT  
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- Describe time limit set for deciding on an educational offering's suitability:

The Sankofa Center will make the decision relative to proposals submitted based on the learning objective and goals for participants with a ten day period. The content of proposal will be reviewed by a team of professional social workers for its ability to simulate the resourcefulness of social workers attending the presentation. The proposal will be evaluated to ensure that it meets ethical, best practice standards, and Louisiana Education Laws.

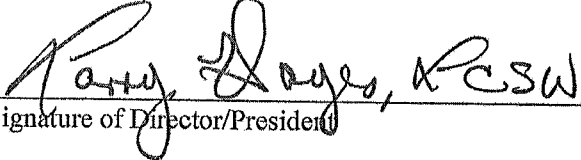
As each organization is structured and staffed differently, organizations shall determine their own fees, if any, charged for these services.

- Describe fees agency will charge to process Continuing Education Applications: The Sankofa Center will charge a one-time fee of \$75 for one time presentation and a fee of \$150 for multiple presentations.

### **Section D: Authority**

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Signature of Director/President

June 16, 2021  
Date

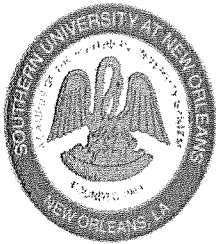
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June 16, 2021

LA State Board of Social Work Examiners  
18550 Highland Ed - Suite B  
Baton Rouge, LA. 70809  
ATTN: Regina Dewitt

Re: The Sankofa Center, Incorporated

Dear Ms. Dewitt

Good afternoon, my name is Victoria Lewis Adjunct Professor at Southern University at New Orleans. I have had the pleasure of working with this agency in numerous capacities in this agency 27 years of operation. This agency has always advocated for social change by presenting knowledge, and understanding of the skills needed to empower the lives of the disadvantage in the New Orleans Region. In addition to this agency's work with advocacy and empowerment, this agency also opens its doors to training future social worker through providing a place for social work interns to thrive and grow professionally in the field.

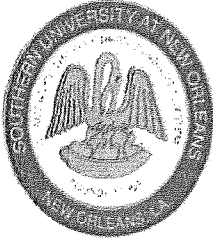
As a professional in the field of social work, I see this agency as a vital part of keeping our profession ethically functional. I ask that you look favorably upon its request to become an approved and recognized extension of LABSWE as a continuing education provider.

If you have any questions or require more information, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

*Victoria Lewis, LCSW-BACS*

Victoria Lewis, MSW, LCSW-BACS



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June 20, 2021

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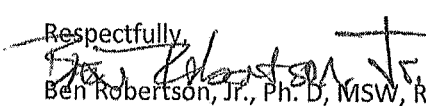
Dear Ms. Dewitt

This correspondence comes in support of Sankofa Center Incorporated, as a nonprofit community-based agency. For more than seven years, Sankofa Center has served as an advocate for social change through the dissemination of knowledge and skills concerning the lives of the disenfranchised living in New Orleans. Along with its work around advocacy and empowerment, Sankofa Center also works to inspire social work interns through meaningful field placement experiences intended to facilitate their growth and readiness for the professional field of social work.

The Sankofa Center is prepared to expand its proven experience and expertise through the provision of relevant continuing education opportunities benefiting the field of social work and its practitioners throughout the greater New Orleans community and beyond. I therefore request that you grant Sankofa Center board approval as part of LABSWE as a continuing education provider.

If you have any questions or require more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

  
Ben Robertson, Jr., Ph. D, MSW, RSW  
Afrikan American Healer

"An Equal Educational Opportunity"

**Cynthia Baxter, LCSW, BACS**

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June 9, 2021

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If you have any questions or require more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully:



Cynthia Baxter, LCSW, BACS





**ARW (Arranging Reality in Your World), Inc.**

P. O. Box 8243 New Orleans, LA 70182-8243

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***Angela Wiggins Harris, LCSW-BACS***

June 7, 2021

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

Dear LABSWE:

This letter is being written in support of Sankofa Center's, Inc. quest to continue its status as a Continuing Education Pre-Approval Organization with LABSWE. The Sankofa Center, Inc. is a community-based organization providing culturally competent individual, group, and family therapy; employment and divorce mediation; critical stress incident debriefing; domestic violence focus groups; and community organizing. Over the years, Sankofa has offered continuing education events for mental health professionals throughout the greater New Orleans area and has done so in a professional manner.

The Center has demonstrated a proven track record of responsible social work and administrative practice within the Greater New Orleans area. I am in full support of the Center continuing to provide continuing education opportunities for mental health practitioners. I ask that you look favorably upon its request to continue this service.

Respectfully,

*Angela Wiggins Harris, LCSW-BACS*

Angela Wiggins Harris, LCSW-BACS  
President



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Addie Duval, MSW, LCSW-BACS  
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- Describe time limit set for making a decision on an educational offering's suitability:

Once all required materials are received, the agency will make a decision within 5 business days. If an expedited timeframe is needed, the organization can submit a request.

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:

The agency will charge \$25 to process applications.

## 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.

Cary Giddens, LCM

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Application Received \_\_\_\_\_ Application Reviewed \_\_\_\_\_ Application Approved/Denied \_\_\_\_\_

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**College of Human Sciences & Education**  
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June 21, 2021

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

Dear LABSWE,

Please accept this letter of support for Start Corporation to serve in the role of approver for professional educational offerings with a social work focus for social workers in Louisiana.

Start Corporation is a CARF accredited non-profit agency that has been providing behavioral, housing, and medical services since 1984. They have become an integral community partner dedicated to providing a variety of services to both youth and adults across the state who are experiencing chronic mental health, substance use, and housing issues. Start's strong relationships with the Louisiana Department of Health, the Balance of State Continuum of Care, Unity, and other integral community partners place the organization in an ideal position. Moreover, Start Corporation employs and collaborates with a variety of Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Board Approved Clinical Supervisors, Certified Social Workers, and Registered Social Workers.

Start Corporation has knowledge of the CEU process and recognizes the need for social workers in Louisiana to have increased access to continuing education offerings that include a wide range of topics presented by experienced licensed clinical social workers. Please contact my office if I can assist in providing additional information at [tlilley@lsu.edu](mailto:tlilley@lsu.edu) or #225-578-2133.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Traci Lilley', is placed below the word 'Respectfully,'.

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



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2020-2021  
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DATE: June 16, 2021

TO: Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

RE: Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support for the application for continuing education approval being submitted by Start Corporation to serve in the role of approving professional educational offerings with a social work focus for social workers in Louisiana.

Start Corporation has provided health, housing, and social services to Southeast Louisiana for over 30 years. They have become an integral community partner dedicated to providing comprehensive behavioral health, housing and supportive services to individuals and families experiencing mental health issues, substance use concerns, homelessness, and other disabling conditions. Start Corporation's strong relationships with the Louisiana Department of Health, Louisiana Housing Corporation, and the Balance of State Continuum of Care place the organization in an ideal position. Moreover, Start Corporation employs over 65 licensed social workers including a variety of Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Board Approved Clinical Supervisors, Certified Social Workers, and Registered Social Workers.

O'Brien House recognizes the need for social workers in Louisiana to have increased access to continuing education offerings that include a wide range of topics presented by experienced licensed clinical social workers. It is without hesitation that O'Brien House recommends Start Corporation to serve in the role of a continuing education approval organization.

Respectfully,

Emily George Tilley, MSW, MPA, LCSW-BACS, LAC

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## CARE CLINIC

June 14, 2021

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

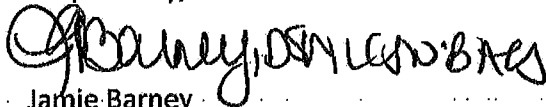
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Start Corporation recognizes the need for social workers in Louisiana to have increased access to continuing education offerings that include a wide range of topics presented by experienced licensed social workers. It is without hesitation that I recommend Start Corporation to serve in the role of a continuing education approval organization.

Respectfully,



Jamie Barney  
Vice President of Behavioral Health  
Jamie.Barney@ohcc.org





**Emily DeAngelo**

*Paulette Dawson*

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**From:** Emily DeAngelo  
**Sent:** Monday, June 21, 2021 4:04 PM  
**To:** [paulette.dawson@fphsa.org](mailto:paulette.dawson@fphsa.org)  
**Cc:** Social Work  
**Subject:** FW: ethical question

Hello,

This is to confirm receipt and to advise that your inquiry will be placed on LABSWE's next meeting agenda which is July 16, 2021.

Emily DeAngelo, Administrator  
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**From:** Paulette Dawson <[paulette.dawson@fphsa.org](mailto:paulette.dawson@fphsa.org)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 9, 2021 8:41 AM

**To:** Social Work <[socialwork@labswe.org](mailto:socialwork@labswe.org)>

**Subject:** ethical question

Good morning,

A lot of my clients have past trauma; therefore, trust and safety are paramount. To help the body-mind connection repair, I often recommend some type of somatic exercise for homework. Since my clients are comfortable with my voice, I made a video for a progressive muscle exercise on YouTube. Clients aren't required to pay to view this video; however, if by some miracle there are enough views- I'm aware that YouTube offers monetary compensation. I seriously doubt this video will have enough "clicks" for any compensation, but I wanted to make sure there are no ethical concerns.

The link to the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuYOCF1frOs>

Respectfully,  
*Paulette M. Dawson, LCSW*  
FPHSA- Rosenblum  
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REC'D JUN 10 2021

Calandra Wilson #7479

June 3, 2021

Re: Request to have disciplinary flag removed

Dear LBSWE,

Nine years ago (2012), I submitted an application to recertify as an RSW. I received correspondence, my license lapsed and I was in violation for practicing without a credential. During that time, unfortunately

I failed as Social Worker, to renew my license due to those changing life circumstances listed above.

Since that time, I passed the LMSW Exam in 2018, I have successfully renewed my license on time, I have not had any infractions before this consent agreement or after this agreement. I was audited in 2012, in which all certificates were submitted timely, and I will be current on all CEU requirements after completing the last final day of our 2021 Social Work Conference.

I am asking the board, for consideration in removing this flag.

Sincerely,   
Calandra Wilson

*completed*

**Consent Agreement and Order  
Between the  
Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners  
and  
Calandra Wilson**

REC'D MAR 27 2012

This matter came before the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners (hereinafter referred to as "Board") pursuant to application for certification to practice as a Registered Social Worker filed by Calandra Wilson (hereinafter referred to as "Applicant").

Information received in the application process reflects that Applicant has practiced social work from **July 1, 2010 to Present** without a social work credential, in violation of Louisiana Revised Statute 37:2701, et. seq.

Pursuant to the Board's authority under La. R.S. 37:2705 and 2709 and La. R.S. 49:955 (D), the Board has submitted this Consent Agreement and Order to Applicant and Applicant has signed the Agreement duly acknowledging the following:

1. By submitting the application, Applicant accepts the Board's jurisdiction;
2. Applicant has by his/her subscription hereto acknowledged the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that such information could provide the Board with probable cause to deny a credential to Applicant because a violation of La. R.S. 37:2709 and the *Rules, Standards and Procedures* of this Board;
3. Applicant has been provided an opportunity for a compliance hearing before the Board pursuant to Rule 943 of the Board's *Rules, Standards and Procedures*, which right as well as any legal or administrative rights Applicant formally waives by the execution of this agreement;
4. Applicant has executed this agreement as a free and voluntary act and with full knowledge and with the terms and conditions of the Order set out herein.

Considering the foregoing information and acknowledgments and waivers by the Applicant, the Board is persuaded that it is in the best interest of the public to enter into this Consent Agreement and Order and therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Calandra Wilson is granted Registered Social Work registration, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Within nine (9) months of issuing the RSW credential, Applicant shall take and pass an Open Book Examination covering the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act and the Board's *Rules, Standards and Procedures* to include Chapter I, Standards of Practice.
2. Within nine (9) months of issuing the RSW credential, Applicant shall complete nine (9) pre-approved continuing education hours in social work ethics in addition to the clock hours of continuing education required for renewal.

3. Within nine (9) months of issuing the RSW credential, Applicant shall pay a fine of \$750.00.
4. Applicant shall obtain one (1) hour of supervision of his/her social work practice per month for six (6) months. Supervision shall be provided by a LCSW who agrees to submit quarterly reports to the Board.
5. By agreeing to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order, Applicant waives all rights to appeal this adjudication.
6. If Applicant fails to successfully and timely complete all requirements set forth above, the Applicant's social work credential shall be **SUSPENDED** by the Board without further notice until such time as the Board receives and accepts documentation of applicant's completion of the requirements set forth above. The admissions contained herein, will be considered proven and the only issue will be failure to follow the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order.

**THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER** is a matter of public record for violation of the above referenced sections of the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act and the Rules, Standards and Procedures. The terms of this Consent Agreement and Order shall be published and reported, including but not limited to, the LABSWE Newsletter, the Board's website, the Association of Social Work Board's Public Protection Database (ASWB PPD), and the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (NPDB-HIPDB)

**IN WITNESS HEREOF**, the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and has executed same through the Board's Chairperson, at

Baton Rouge, Louisiana on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2012.

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

By: John E. McBride, LCSW, Chairperson

**IN WITNESS HEREOF**, Calandra Wilson, Applicant, has entered into this Consent Agreement and Order and agreed to complete the requirements set forth above executed

same at BATON ROUGE, Louisiana on this 26 day of MARCH, 2012.

By: Calandra Wilson, Applicant

*(Notarization Required by Applicant)*

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME  
THIS 26 DAY OF MARCH, 2012  
Theresa D. [Signature] #65488  
NOTARY PUBLIC EAST BATON ROUGE, LA  
MY COMMISSION IS FOR LIFE.







To whom it may concern,

I Dejon Hughes write this letter in response to being exactly one question away from passing my ASWB LMSW exam. I am currently looking to become licensed in the state of Louisiana. I took my licensure exam on June 16, 2021 and scored a 97 on my exam where I needed only 98 questions correct, according to my score report. I am currently employed with the Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center as a child and family therapist, this exam is very vital in me maintaining my position at the agency and 90 days is too long to wait to retake the exam. This allows too much time for my employer to replace or demote me from my position. I am requesting that the ASWB board and all persons involved to waive my 90-day retake and allow me to retest. I have taken my problem areas into account, and I am vying to revisit those areas in studying and test again soon. I may be reached via email at [dejion@batonrougecac.org](mailto:dejion@batonrougecac.org) or [504-388-7272](tel:504-388-7272). I may also be reached via telephone at 504-388-7272.

Thanks,  
Dejon Hughes, MSW, CSW



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June 21, 2021

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of our Child and Family Therapist, Dejion Hughes, at the Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center. I am writing to support his request to waive the 90-day waiting period prior to retaking the ASWB LMSW exam.

Dejion's employment is paid for by a new one-year grant that requires him to obtain his licensure. Dejion and this position are vital to our agency in meeting the deliverables of this grant not to mention the many children our agency serves. The agency is requesting that the ASWB board waive the 90-day retake waiting period and allow him to retest.

I may be reached via email at [Tanya@batonrougecac.org](mailto:Tanya@batonrougecac.org) or by phone 225-343-1984.

Sincerely,

Tanya R. Haase  
Chief Operations Officer



**Emily DeAngelo**

*Monique Reno*

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**From:** Social Work  
**Sent:** Monday, July 5, 2021 9:24 AM  
**To:** Emily DeAngelo  
**Subject:** Fw: Ethics question

Hey Em,  
Should this be added to the meeting agenda?

Thanks,  
Regina

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**From:** Monique Reno <moniquereno@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 2, 2021 5:34 AM  
**To:** Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>  
**Subject:** Ethics question

Good morning,

"Implied consent" is a new phrase being used within my organization as it relates to consumers enrolling into services.

I provide a free/optional service to consumers and also gather information to get a better understanding of the consumers health needs.

When requesting further clarity regarding "implied consent" as it relates to enrolling consumers it was said that by telling the consumer about the services, my role and the consumer agreeing to answer assessment questions they(the consumer) are implying consent. Although this service is optional, staff have been instructed not to "advertise" that it is an optional service and that members have a right to decline or opt-out of services."

In this scenario is this a violation of ethics or any standard of social work practice?

Sent from my iPhone





## Emily DeAngelo

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**From:** Social Work  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 19, 2021 7:15 AM  
**To:** Emily DeAngelo  
**Subject:** Fw: renewal process

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**From:** Carolyn Read <sclgy66@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2021 8:12 PM  
**To:** Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>  
**Cc:** NASW Louisiana Chapter <astehr.naswla@socialworkers.org>  
**Subject:** renewal process

To the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners:

I am contacting the Board related to the recent changes in the License Renewal process on behalf of the social workers that have contacted me and myself as a LCSW/BACS in Louisiana. As you are aware it has been extremely difficult for almost two years as we have navigated through a Pandemic. Social workers have had to cope with personal and professional hardships. Many of our profession have faced increased workloads or cutbacks because of the Pandemic. I have been contacted many times by social workers in Louisiana as they have been navigating through the Pandemic. When I received the notice that the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners was revising the process for renewal my initial thought was that recognizing the hardships that social workers in Louisiana are currently facing the Board is making the renewal process easier this year for social workers. This is not true. The following are my concerns and the ones expressed by social workers that have contacted me as President of the Louisiana Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

1. We are to complete twenty hours of continuing education by June 30th of each year. The social workers that download certificates have already downloaded and/or documented their continuing education certificates on the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners website. Rather than expecting these social workers to have to duplicate downloading every certificate it would have been more effective for the Board to transfer them. It appears to be an unnecessary hardship to place on already stressed social workers in our state.
2. We have retired social workers and social workers that have never downloaded certificates. They keep their paper certificates for documentation. These individuals often do not have scanners or the knowledge to download a certificate. The Board with little notice is requiring them to download their certificates to maintain their license. This is also an unnecessary hardship for these individuals with little notice.
3. There is confusion related to the process for documenting continuing education over the required twenty hours. For example if a LCSW has nine clinical hours of continuing education and ten hours of general and/or ethics continuing education they still need one more clinical hour. What do they do if they have a certificate with more than one hour on it of clinical hours. We were told not to document more than twenty hours.
4. During the in-service some of the reviewed information appeared confusing or wrong. The most stated example sent to me was related to LMSWs in supervision towards a LCSW. During the in service we were told that when a LMSW is receiving off site supervision by a LCSW/BACS they would also have to provide documentation of supervision by their on site LCSW/BACS.
5. The training for the new process has been provided two weeks prior to the end of the time period for obtaining continuing education hours. It would have been easier for the social workers in our state for this new process to begin with the 2021-22 period. By doing this it would provide the time for social workers to familiarize themselves with the

new program and not have to duplicate our documentation of our continuing education. This would also provide an opportunity for clarification of areas social workers found confusing in the in service.

I appreciate your attention to the concerns expressed by myself and the social workers that have contacted me.

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Carolyn Read, ACSW, LCSW-BACS  
President, National Association of Social Workers-Louisiana

Take Care of Yourself Out There









July 1, 2021

Dear Ms. DeAngelo and board Members of the LABSWE:

As you are aware, social workers were advised by the licensing board that we would have to re-enter our previously entered CEUs. Many social workers used the LABSWE site to create a centralized documentation source of this information. While the burden is on the social worker to track their own materials, we were not informed that the history of the CEUs would become unavailable, nor were we informed of a date by which we needed to copy/paste our own LABSWE records prior to the old website becoming unavailable. When it became evident that there was no access to the old CEU records, the old website had already been taken down from public access prohibiting problem solving in advance. The amount of time that it will take many social workers to reconstruct those records in a centralized way is massive. This information is needed for some job interview processes, and for proof of training and expertise. Many of us take well beyond the mandatory 20 hours per year making the reconstruction of the list quite time intensive. We are certain there was never an intent to create the magnitude of inconvenience to the social workers of the state by the unanticipated loss of years of a centralized record of CEUs. Other concerns expressed, if you make a mistake and you confirm that section you cannot go back and edit you have to contact the board. The previous platform was user friendly and did not require all the uploads and we could edit

On behalf of our members and the many social workers who have expressed concern, we are requesting that access to the CEU archive be made available to the state's social workers for those who request it. Not all social workers will need this information but many will based on the number of telephone calls and Facebook posts expressing grave concern. Publishing in a blast email the dates of anticipated points of transition in the process so that social workers can troubleshoot together with the board, would assist the licensing board in a collaboration on mutual needs created by such a large change. While each social worker is required to keep their own records of CEU certificates, CEU hours, course titles, and dates the courses were taken, the centralized list on each social worker's own dashboard on the LABSWE site has long been considered a safe and secure way to keep the individual's own record of many hours and years of CEU training. Changing this without notice is very problematic. We are requesting that the licensing board make every effort to problem solve this before the old website's information is permanently deleted. It may be a solvable problem and would be a huge professional courtesy extended by the LABSWE to work with social workers to solve this issue.

Please let us know if we can assist in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Da'Nethia Saunders, LCSW BACS*

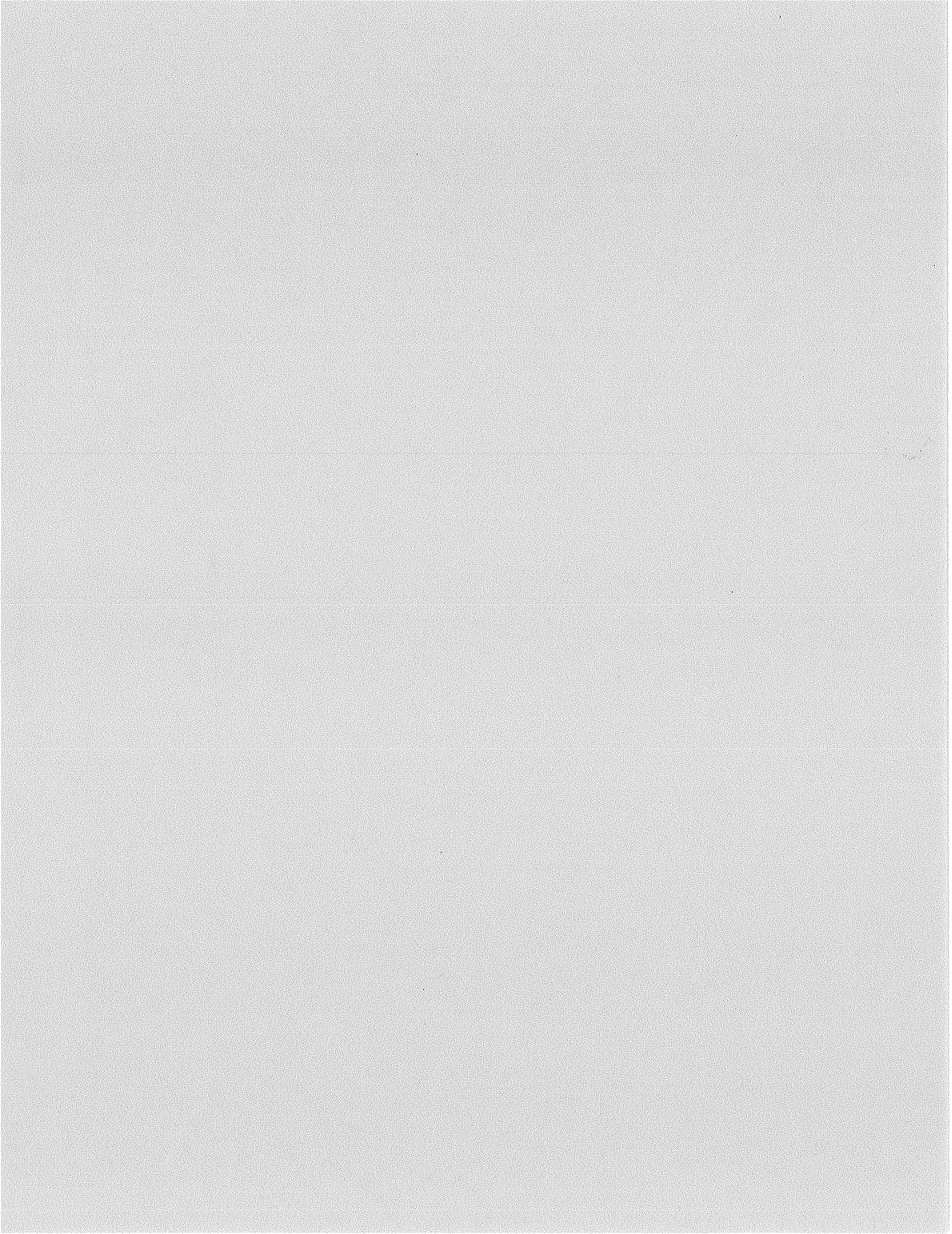
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**Holly Freeman**

*Anthony Batiste*

**From:** Anthony Batiste <abatiste@excelth.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2021 12:10 PM  
**To:** Holly Freeman  
**Subject:** Re: Question

Yes, Please and Thank You

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**From:** Holly Freeman <hfreeman@labswe.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2021 12:06 PM  
**To:** Anthony Batiste <abatiste@excelth.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Question

Hi Anthony-

There is nothing in the Law and Rules that prohibits that but it is probably not best practice. Do you want us to add your question to the board's agenda? The board wants to answer any ethical questions/scenarios collectively and send a response in writing.

Thanks,

*Holly G. Freeman*

*Administrative Coordinator 4  
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**From:** Anthony Batiste <abatiste@excelth.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2021 11:50 AM  
**To:** Holly Freeman <hfreeman@labswe.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Question

Ok thank you. One last question, for instance If a dad brought his daughter in for counseling with a therapist. The same therapist is also providing counseling for dad and mom as a couple. Both decide that they want to have individual sessions with that therapist.

Is this ok to proceed with.





June 1, 2021

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

Dear Board:

I am writing to request earnest consideration that my work as a Mitigation Specialist be counted for professional work as within the scope of practice. I am preparing to transfer my license to TX pending a move there for work within the Federal Defender system.

To provide background about my field, prior to my Masters in Social Work I trained and worked as a Mitigation Specialist both independently and at a non-profit in New Orleans. Our clients are men and women facing the death penalty. Since obtaining my LMSW I have returned to this work with a greater scope and understanding of performing my job. In conjunction with death penalty cases, I have also been working on juvenile life cases, directed at reducing excessive sentences for clients who committed their crimes as juveniles.

Below I include the guidelines set forth in the American Bar Association. Many Mitigation Specialists nationally, while not required, are LMSWs and LCSWs. As the guidelines state, our work consists of gathering, understanding and analyzing a client's life history through mental health, school, and other records. We also develop rapport with clients and witnesses through many, many hours of meetings and interviews.

1. The defense team must include individuals possessing the training and ability to obtain, understand and analyze all documentary and anecdotal information relevant to the client's life history. Life history includes, but is not limited to: medical history; complete prenatal, pediatric and adult health information; exposure to harmful substances in utero and in the environment; substance abuse history; mental health history; history of maltreatment and neglect; trauma history; educational history; employment and training history; military experience; multi-generational family history, genetic disorders and vulnerabilities, as well as multi-generational patterns of behavior; prior adult and juvenile correctional experience; religious, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic, racial, cultural and community influences; socio-economic, historical, and political factors.
2. Mitigation specialists must be able to identify, locate and interview relevant persons in a culturally competent manner that produces confidential, relevant and reliable information. They must be skilled interviewers who can recognize and elicit information about mental health signs and symptoms, both prodromal and acute, that may manifest over the client's lifetime. They must be able to establish rapport with witnesses, the client, the client's family and significant others that will be sufficient to overcome barriers those

individuals may have against the disclosure of sensitive information and to assist the client with the emotional impact of such disclosures. They must have the ability to advise counsel on appropriate mental health and other expert assistance.

Since obtaining my MSW at SUNO in 2017 and passing my LMSW exam in January 2018, I have completed over 900 hours of work within the Federal Defender system providing mitigation services on a capital case. Below are listed, from my billing cycles, the hours and dates. Again, I humbly request that at least some of this time be counted.

Sincerely,  
Suzette Ermler, LMSW  
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1. 11 hours  
Start Date: 1/1/2018  
End Date: 1/31/2018
  2. 103 hours  
Start Date: 2/1/2018  
End Date: 4/6/2018
  3. 60 hours  
Start Date: 4/7/2018  
End Date: 4/30/2018
  4. 27 hours  
Start Date: 5/1/2018  
End Date: 9/5/2018
  5. 32 hours  
Start Date: 9/6/2018  
End Date: 2/28/2019
  6. 25 hours  
Start Date: 10/1/2018  
End Date: 8/31/2019
  7. 22 hours  
Start Date: 11/1/2018  
End Date: 4/26/2019
  8. 350 hours  
Start Date: 3/21/2019  
End Date: 12/18/2019
  9. 119 hours  
Start Date: 12/19/2019  
End Date: 2/29/2020
  10. 44 hours  
Start Date: 3/5/2020  
End Date: 7/31/2020
  11. 17 hours

Start Date: 8/1/2020  
End Date: 8/31/2020  
12. 43 hours  
Start Date: 9/1/2020  
End Date: 9/30/2020  
13. 37 hours  
Start Date: 10/1/2020  
End Date: 10/31/2020  
14. 30 hours  
Start Date: 11/1/2020  
End Date: 11/30/2020  
15. 29 hours  
Start Date: 12/1/2020  
End Date: 12/31/2020  
16. 27 hours  
Start Date: 1/1/2021  
End Date: 1/31/2021  
17. 15 hours  
Start Date: 3/1/2021  
End Date: 3/31/2021

**TOTAL 991 hours**







## Emily DeAngelo

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**From:** Paulette G Riveria <Paulette.Riveria@la.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 10:25 AM  
**To:** Emily DeAngelo  
**Subject:** COVID-19 Provider Survey

Good morning, Ms. Deangelo.

Thank you again for taking my call this morning.

To summarize, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) is partnering with State Boards to survey a diverse group of healthcare providers. The anonymous survey seeks information on how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted providers, opinions about the COVID-19 vaccines, as well as opinions on how the State has managed its response to the public health emergency. Thus far, we've received participation from the Boards of Medical Examiners, Pharmacy, Nursing & Practical Nurse Examiners.

We are requesting LABSWE to join us in this effort by sending the survey link out to your licensees. With the email originating from the Board, the respondents' email addresses will remain confidential since only the responses will be received by LDH.

You will not be responsible for managing any components of the survey. All data will come directly to LDH. I'll also be sure to put together a custom LABSWE report so you can see how social workers' attitudes compare to other healthcare providers in the State.

To make it as easy as possible, I've put together a mockup flyer and email solicitation that I sent in a separate email. If the Board agrees to participate, you could, of course, send out your own email with the survey link in any format that you choose. We just want to make it as easy as possible.

Here is a link to a shared document for review only, showing you the full survey build-out with all the conditional logic: [https://1drv.ms/w/s!AvqjchwT5\\_v5gQW3fSpzJn498WwK?e=1EUPHE](https://1drv.ms/w/s!AvqjchwT5_v5gQW3fSpzJn498WwK?e=1EUPHE)

You will also receive a test link directly from the survey platform so you can explore the survey in live mode.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I know this is a long email so I appreciate your time!

Paulette Grey Riveria, MD, MPH, MBA  
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Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of Public Health  
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# COVID-19 HEALTHCARE PROVIDER SURVEY



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## **WHAT**

An **anonymous survey**  
for social workers  
in Louisiana

## **WHEN**

Starting **now!** The  
survey is live today and  
will close in 2 weeks.

## **WHY**

**Your voice matters!**  
Help Louisiana more  
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## **HOW:**

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- > Here in Lafayette. I guess I'm posing a formal request. I have five supervisees. I am retired this is what I do for passion... Purpose... I also do the aftercare one hour a week for the recovering nurses and social workers in Lafayette. After working all my life Jobs which required 60+ hours a week I have time on my hands. I know the limitation for supervisees is five.
- > I have one requesting me to supervise them for thier Lcsw.
- > Which would put me over the quota.
- > One of my people will be finished in November, and I was one allowing
- > A MSW student to come and sit in on some of the g

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## Emily DeAngelo

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**From:** Social Work  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2021 2:03 PM  
**To:** Emily DeAngelo  
**Subject:** Fw: CORRECTION Pls place on agenda for JULY meeting Re: Agenda Item

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**From:** gina rossi <ginaross@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 9, 2021 3:28 PM  
**To:** Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>  
**Subject:** CORRECTION Pls place on agenda for JULY meeting Re: Agenda Item

Correction: Please place this item on the JULY board meeting agenda. Thank you

On Jul 9, 2021, at 1:03 PM, gina rossi <ginaross@bellsouth.net> wrote:

Dear LABSWE,

I am respectfully requesting the following item be added to the ~~August~~ JULY agenda:

**Agenda item: Update and follow on questions regarding the Certemy transition**

Having been intricately involved in major transitions from one platform site to another platform, I am aware of the enormous work required when transitioning platforms. I also am sensitive to the additional resources required to keep stakeholders and community members apprised of a situation that is flexible and still evolving.

Currently much information is being shared by "*word of mouth*" by social workers sharing their experiences on the local Facebook sites created to assist the social work community by sharing learned information. Well researched information is helpful when accurate. However some of the information is not accurate. I ask the following questions for my personal knowledge and as a supervisor I am also seeking information to assist my supervisees.

I am asking the questions that I believe are best addressed by the board and may not be appropriate to be directed to Certemy technical support.

I would not ask questions here that could be best directed to technical support.

**Questions:**

**1. As the process and transition is relatively early, will the board consider maintaining a public list of recommendations from the community that they believe could improve the re-credentialing process and use of the website?**

**2. Is the data from previous CEU uploads in the old platform saved in a back up in any system?**

While the initial two trainings reported (continuously) that all the CEU data fields would be transferred (just not the certificates or PDFs) the sudden change surprised many of us. Many social workers placed certificates of several years on the site.

**3. Can the backed up information be accessed? If yes, who has access to this information?**

**4. Will there be an opportunity for social workers to have access to their information previously posted on their CEU site?**

**5. Would the LABSWE consider requiring the contractor to add additional live trainings so social workers can be allowed to ask questions during the training?** Videos are helpful but many social workers have questions that are not addressed in the videos and have not had a response from customer service. To be clear- I have experienced varied results. One contact did not resolve my problem. An additional call from me on 6/8/2021 resulted in very helpful and responsive information. I have detailed information documented separately.

Thank you for all you do for our social work community. I know others will agree that any changes made to the process are as a result of the boards forward planning and dedicated responsibility for improvement and increasing the ease for the social workers who use this website.

Respectfully,  
Gina Rossi, LCSW-BACS