Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization PECD AUG 0 5 2024

Section A: Organizational Information
Be Inspired Counseling + Consulting
Name of Organization (NY i Stu PUNY ISOV)
Name of Director/President
Mailing Address City/State Zip
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Email Address Website
Organization applying for Continuing Education Approval Organization status must have
a significant and continual affiliation with the social work profession. Please indicate that which applies:
Professional Social Work Organization CSWE Accredited School of Social Work Social Work Service Provider
Organization applying for Continuing Education Approval Organization must have three (3) letters of references from any combination of the following:
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Section B: Continuing Education Program
Review and approval of continuing education applications from continuing education providers <u>must</u> be completed by a credentialed social worker. Identify the social worker assigned to administer this process for the organization.
Melissa McKinney, LCSW-BACS/Masters in Social Work Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential Promise
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Section C: Approval Guidelines, Process and Agreement

Protocol for receiving request for approval from education presenters:

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Education Offerings" and "Guide for Assessment of Continuing Education."

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

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

We request 30 days to review applications for pre-approval.

Upon receipt of an application, the organization will provide a response to applicants) within the allotted time period mentioned above.

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:

An adminstrative fee will be required for each application review and is due upon application submittal. The fee is as follows: \$80 per application.

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

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Vanessa Graves, LCSW-BACS 1140 College Drive Pineville, LA 71361 318-487-7167

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

I, Vanessa Graves, LCSW-BACS, currently employed at Louisiana Christian University as the MSW Field Director and Associate Professor would like to give my full support and recommendation to Be Inspired Counseling & Consulting. This team of diverse, highly qualified clinicians are growing their practice in the area of mental and behavioral health services in the Central Louisiana community. With this growth, they wish to be considered and approved by LABSWE as a continuing education agency for social workers and other licensed professionals.

They are fully aware of the continuing education guidelines that are posted on the board's website that indicate the procedures and requirements for offering CEU's to licensed social workers.

Be Inspired Counseling & Consulting has supported Louisiana Christian University's MSW program in various ways to include, faculty in-services, educational/clinical presentations, field internship opportunities and supervision.

As an approved agency for continuing education, the LCU MSW program supports this important agency, their clinicians, and their ongoing work to improve the livelihood of our community.

Thank you for your review of this recommendation on behalf of Be Inspired Counseling & Consulting.

Best Regards,

Vanessa Graves, LCSW-BACS Louisiana Christian University

MSW Field Director Associate Professor

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Skylar Anthony, MSW, LCSW 5608 Hall Street Alexandria, LA 71303 skylaranthony17@outlook.com 318-794-6282

July 23, 2024

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

Board of Social Work Examiners,

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Be Inspired Counseling & Consulting for approval as a continuing education approval organization. As a licensed clinical social worker who works within this organization, I have had the pleasure of observing their exceptional commitment to the professional growth of social workers and mental health professionals.

Be inspired Counseling & Consulting excels in providing high-quality training and development opportunities. Their dedication to maintaining the highest standards in continuing education is evident in every program they offer. Already recognized as a continuing education provider by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), they have established themselves as a leader in the field.

My professional interactions with Be Inspired Counseling & Consulting have shown their comprehensive approach to continuing education. They design programs that address the dynamic and evolving needs of social workers and mental health professionals. This ensures that participants are equipped with the most current knowledge and skills necessary for delivering effective and compassionate care. Their commitment to fostering a culture of continuous learning is truly inspiring.

Given their outstanding track record, I am confident that Be Inspired Counseling & Consulting Will continue to be a valuable resource for continuing education. Their efforts significantly contribute to the professional growth of social workers and mental health professionals, ultimately benefiting the communities we serve.

I highly recommend Be Inspired Counseling & Consulting as an approved organization for continuing education. Their high standards, dedication to quality, and commitment to the development of our profession make them an exemplary choice for this important role.

Sincerely.

Skylar Anthony, MSW, LCSW-13086

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter as a reference for Be Inspired Counseling & Consulting in order for them to become an organization approved by LABSWE to offer social work continuing education credits.

Be Inspired is a reputable behavioral health agency in our community. I have often referred clients to the agency for treatment. I believe their continued growth is evidence of the quality of care provided. They have expanded to 3 locations with 11 licensed therapists, including an LCSW-BACS. Their mission statement ("To inspire hope for change through counseling and consulting services to help individuals move forward and live fully") is aligned with social work values.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Heather Thiels, LCSW-BACS

318-623-1451

June 24, 2024

Sheri Duffy, DSW, LCSW Louisiana Christian University 1140 College Drive, Box 605 Pineville, LA 71359

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

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Sherl Duffy, LCSW, am writing this recommendation on behalf of Be Inspired Counseling & Consulting who are seeking consideration and approval by LABSWE to be a continuing education provider. Through this letter, I highly recommend this organization be allowed to offer CEU's to licensed social workers. This organization understands the guidelines for providing CEU's to licensed social workers and would deliver top-notch continuing education.

Their group of diverse and highly qualified clinicians are making a huge impact in the Central Louisiana region in the behavioral/mental health area. Be inspired Counseling & Consulting has supported the LCU MSW program in many ways over the past few years. This agency would be an asset to many if approved to offer continuing education. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sheri Duffy, DSW, LCSW
MSW Program Director
Professor of Social Work
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Within Tdays or loss upon submission.

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To whom it may concern,

This letter of support for LEI Behavioral Services to become a CEU approved organization under the direction and leadership of Ms. Loretta Jones, LCSW. I understand Ms. Loretta Jones would be responsible for the coordination and approval of CEU presentations. I have worked alongside Ms. Jones for over 25 years as a social worker. Ms. Jones is a competent and respected professional social worker in and out of the community.

LEI is a behavioral health agency providing mental health rehab services to the community it serves. LEI employs very capable and professional social workers and counselors to provide services to a very diverse population. I believe LEI has the capacity and ability to be a sound organization to provide CEU presentations for our professional community of social workers.

I highly recommend approval for LEI to become a CEU approval organization. Should you need additional information, please contact Danita M. Muse—504 258 5301.

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Janta, M. Muse, PhD, LCSW-BACS, LAC, BCD

Clinical Director D. M. Muse, LC

Shawane Thomas, APRN
Psychiatric Advanced Practitioner

August 19, 2024

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter of support for LEI Behavioral Services, LLC to become a Continuing Education Approval Organization. I have known the LEI Organization as an organization that employs very capable and professional individuals in the field of social work and behavioral health services. I believe that the organization has the capacity and ability to be a sound organization for providing CEU presentations for our professional social work community. I highly recommend approval for the LEI organization to become a CEU approval organization. Should you need additional information please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Shawane Thomas, APRN

Clinical Consultant/Psychiatric Advanced Practitioner

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Leticia L. Provost, LCSW-BACS 3800 Gen Meyer Ave New Orleans, LA 70114

August 8, 2024

To whom it may concern:

This is a letter of support for LEI Behavioral Services to be a CEU approval organization under the direction and leadership of Loretta Jones, LCSW. I understand that Loretta Jones would be responsible for the coordination and approval of CEU presentations. I have known Ms. Loretta Jones for over 20 years to be a competent and respected professional social worker in our community. LEI is a behavioral health agency providing Mental Health Rehabilitation services to the community it serves. Lei serves a diverse population of children and adults with behavioral health problems.

I hope that you will give every consideration in granting approval. Should you need additional information please feel free to contact me at leticiaprovost@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

Leticia L. Provost, LCSW-BACS

Letina Frovot, LCSW/BACS

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Section A: Organizational Information
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Damekia Morgan, DSW, LCSW-BACS
Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential Owner / President
Relationship to Organization P.O. Box 56112, New Orleans, LA 70156
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Describe time limit set for making a decision on an educational offering's suitability:

The organization will review the application and supporting documentation to determin if it meets all the standards and guidelines in the "Criteria for Approving Continuing Education Offerings" and "Guide for Assessment of CE, il Each Completed application will be reviewed with in 5-7 business days. Applicants will receive both mailed and email notification regarding the decision made on the As each organization is structured and staffed differently, organizations shall determine their submissions. own fees, if any, charged for these services. Communications

will be sent.

no later than 4 -th business (

Describe fees agency will charge to process Continuing Education Applications:

There will be a processing fee of \$25 for Continuing Education Applications,

Section D: Authority

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Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

18550 Highland Road, Suite B Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

July 28, 2024

Dear Members of the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners.

With great pleasure, I write this letter of recommendation for Dr. Damekia Morgan. DSW. LCSW-BACS, owner of Lotus Cognition Center and a highly respected Social Work professor. Dr. Morgan's professional journey in social work spans over a decade, during which she has made significant contributions to the profession's academic and practical aspects.

Dr. Morgan is renowned for her professionalism, expertise, and dedication to the social work community. She has developed and presented workshops for over twenty years, addressing a wide range of topics crucial to education and social work. Her ability to create engaging and informative content has dramatically benefited the professional development of many individuals. Participants of her workshops consistently express high levels of satisfaction, noting the practical insights and valuable skills they gain.

Beyond her workshop development, Dr. Morgan has profoundly impacted the community through her counseling services and community activism. Her empathetic approach and deep understanding of social work principles have helped countless individuals and families navigate challenging situations. Her commitment to providing high-quality care is evident in the positive outcomes experienced by her clients.

Dr. Morgan's role as a professor further underscores her dedication to the field. She is deeply invested in the education and mentorship of her students, fostering an environment that encourages critical thinking and professional growth. Her ability to inspire and support the next generation of social workers is a testament to her passion and commitment to the profession.

I am confident that Dr. Damekia Morgan, DSW, LCSW-BACS, will excel in the role of Continuing Education Approval Organization. Her extensive experience, professional integrity. and community impact make her an exemplary individual for this role in the community.

Sincerely,

Traig Varnado, LCSW-BACS

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"to protect and to serve"



Anne E. Kirkpatrick
SUPERINTENDENT

July 23, 2024

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

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

I am delighted to write this letter of recommendation for Dr. Damekia Morgan, DSW, LCSW-BACS, owner of Lotus Cognition Center and a distinguished professor in the Millie M. Charles School of Social Work at Southern University at New Orleans. Dr. Morgan has been, in my estimation, a phenomenal figure in the social work community for over a decade, providing an unwavering commitment to education, professional development and community organizing.

Dr. Morgan's expertise in workshop development and presentations spans more than twenty years, during which she has consistently delivered high-quality programs for the education of students, community members and professionals in the field. Her workshops are outstanding for they are thorough, relevant, and engaging. Often one walks away excited about what he/she has learned from Dr. Morgan. Her innovative and practical approaches to education whether in teaching or professional development ensures participants that they are well-equipped to handle the evolving challenges in the field.

As an educator, Dr. Morgan has made significant contributions to her students' academic and professional growth. Her dedication to teaching is reflected in her well-structured courses, which blend theoretical knowledge with practical applications. Her students consistently praise her for her outstanding PowerPoints and her ability to make complex concepts understandable and she is sincerely invested in seeing that they are successful.

Dr. Morgan's is a servant-leader as she actively collaborates with other social work professionals and organizations to enhance the quality of education, training, and community resources and activities. Her efforts have had a lasting impact on the professional development of countless social workers, reinforcing her status as an educational leader in the field.

I wholeheartedly endorse Dr. Damekia Morgan's application for the Continuing Education Approval Organization status. Her extensive experience, educational contributions, and leadership qualities make her an outstanding person who facilitates the role of increasing the capacity to facilitate access to continuing education opportunities.

In service,

Karen M. Martin, PhD, LMSW, MCD, CCC-A Director, Officer Assistance Program (OAP)

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The Mental Health Firm Nia Morris-Woods, LCSW-BACS https://mentalhealthfirm.clientsecure.me.



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

July 16, 2024

Dear Members of the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners,

I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Damekia Morgan, DSW, LCSW-BACS, owner of Lotus Cognition Center, LLC. and a distinguished Social Work professor, for the Continuing Education Approval Organization status. Dr. Morgan has been an exemplary leader in the field of social work for over a decade, and her leadership qualities have significantly enhanced the capacity to facilitate access to continuing education opportunities.

Dr. Morgan's leadership is characterized by her visionary approach and unwavering dedication to professional development. She has a remarkable ability to identify the evolving needs of the social work community and respond with innovative educational programs. Her workshops, developed and presented over the course of more than twenty years, are meticulously designed to address the current challenges and trends in social work, providing participants with practical tools and knowledge.

Dr. Morgan's role as a facilitator of continuing education extends beyond her own organization. She actively collaborates with other social work organizations and professionals to expand the reach and impact of educational programs. Her ability to build and nurture these partnerships is a testament to her exceptional interpersonal skills and her dedication to the advancement of the social work profession.

Furthermore, Dr. Morgan's leadership is evident in her mentorship of emerging social workers. She takes a personalized approach to mentoring, providing guidance and support that helps individuals achieve their professional goals. Her mentees consistently express gratitude for her encouragement and the valuable insights she shares, which have been instrumental in their career development.

Dr. Morgan's leadership qualities, coupled with her extensive experience in workshop development and presentations, make her an outstanding candidate for the Continuing Education Approval Organization status. Her ability to enhance the capacity for continuing education and her commitment to professional excellence are invaluable assets to the social work community.

I wholeheartedly endorse Damekia Morgan, DSW, LCSW-BACS for this designation and am confident that her contributions will continue to elevate the standards of social work education.

sincereiy,

Nia Woods, LCSW-BACS

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

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

We require that all documentation is sent at least 2 weeks prior to the training day. The materials are then reviewed, if it is not approved we will send the applicant notice as to why it was not approved to give them the opportunity to resolve any issues.

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:

We do not charge fees for completing our application forms.

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Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Behavioral Health

August 20, 2024

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

To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Louisiana Department of Health (LDH)/Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) and the Community Integration Best Practices section I oversee to express my support for the Center for Evidence to Practice application to become an authorizing continuing education organization with the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners (LABSWE). The Center is a component of the LSUHSC School of Public Health in New Orleans and partners with the OBH to sponsor evidence based practice trainings for Medicaid behavioral health providers including those that operate within the Louisiana Crisis Response System (LA-CRS).

As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and manager with a 20+ year career working within OBH, I have had substantial involvement with the Center and exposure to their trainings provided to professionals throughout the state. My experience with the Center has predominately been related to the training of staff working within the Medicaid system of care, with a focus on rendering person centered, recovery oriented interventions which operate in congruence with best practices. Their work is invaluable to behavioral health professionals in Louisiana. Further, their ability to issue continuing educational credits for the trainings facilitated is critical to our system in its ability to recruit trainees and render trainings, thereby supporting persons with behavioral health conditions and improving their health outcomes.

Thank you for your consideration of my support for the Center for Evidence to Practice in its application to become a continuing education program.

Sincerely,

Ann Darling, LCSW

Director, Community Integration Best Practices

Office of Behavioral Health

Louisiana Department of Health



August 9, 2024

CAROL MILES MSW, LCSW LLC 110 E. 7th Ave. Covington, LA 70433

To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the Center for Evidence to Practice application to continue as an authorizing continuing education organization with the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners (LABSWE). The Center is a component of the LSUHSC School of Public Health in New Orleans and partners with the Louisiana Office of Behavioral Health to sponsor evidence-based practice trainings for Medicaid behavioral health providers.

As a professional with a career working in behavioral health, my experience with the Center is excellent. During my time working with the Center and their staff, it has become apparent that their work is invaluable to the behavioral health professional community in Louisiana.

Thank you for your consideration of my support for the Center for Evidence to Practice.

Sincerely.

Carol Miles MSW, LCSW LLC

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www.ChildrensBureauNOLA.org

August 28, 2024

To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Children's Bureau of New Orleans to express my support for the Center for Evidence to Practice's application to become an authorizing continuing education organization with the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners (LABSWE). The Center is a component of the LSUHSC School of Public Health in New Orleans and partners with the Louisiana Office of Behavioral Health to sponsor evidence-based practice trainings for Medicaid behavioral health providers across the state.

Children's Bureau is an agency that employs numerous social workers whose primary charge is to deliver evidence-based grief and trauma treatment to children and youth. As such, we rely heavily on the Center for Evidence to Practice to ensure that our workforce is ready to deliver high quality interventions to the clients we serve. Not only have Children's Bureau clinicians been able to receive training in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing, and Motivational Interviewing, but they have received further training on implementing evidence-based practices and utilizing evidence-based interventions for special populations. We frequently hear from clients that specialized services like those offered by Children's Bureau are difficult to access and they often face lengthy waitlists when trying to secure them.

The Center's efforts to ensure widespread dissemination has increased access to high quality trainings and in turn services throughout the state. The training offered by the Center is top notch and is often accompanied with offerings of consultation to support quality implementation. The Center's work is invaluable to the behavioral health professional community in Louisiana, and I strongly support their application to become an authorizing continuing education organization with the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO

Children's Bureau New Orleans



Louisiana Department of Health Office of Behavioral Health

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

August 13, 2024

To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Louisiana Department of Health's Office of Behavioral Health (LDH-OBH) to express my support for the Center for Evidence to Practice's (The Center) application to renew its status as an authorizing continuing-education organization with the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners (LABSWE). The Center is a component of the LSUHSC School of Public Health in New Orleans, and partners with the Louisiana's Office of Behavioral Health to sponsor evidence-based practice trainings for Medicaid behavioral health providers.

As a state agency that has contracted with LSUHSC for several years to provide training and education in evidence-based behavioral health practices, LDH/OBH supports the renewal application of The Center to continue their work of educating the statewide behavioral-health network. Notably, their work is mission-critical in expanding the delivery of high quality, evidence-based interventions to underserved Medicaid-covered youth in Louisiana. During the time that we have partnered with LSUHSC for statewide education and training, their work has been invaluable to training the behavioral health network of providers and increasing knowledge of behavioral health programs throughout the state.

Thank you for your consideration of my support for the Center for Evidence to Practice.

Sincerely,

ennifer Harrion, LCSW-BACS

Program Manager, Child Clinical Systems

Office of Behavioral Health Louisiana Department of Health

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Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

Section A: Organizational Information

Sankofa Center, Inc. Name of Organization		,	
Larry Hayes, LCSW, BACS Name of Director/President			
935 Gravier St., Suite 1016, New Orleans, I Mailing Address City/State Zip	A. 70112		
Physical Address (if different from above) (City/State Z	<u></u>	
504-382-6538	ı	504-407-3885	
Telephone	Fax		
SANKOFACENTER829@GMAIL.COM	SankofaCenter.ne	ŧ	
Email	Website		
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Organization applying for Continuing Educated references from any combination of the folk	ation Approval Organization owing:	must have three (3)	etters of
x Professional Social Work Organization CSWE Accredited School of Social Work	Social Work S	Service Provider	
Section B: Continuing Education Program			
Review and approval of continuing educa providers <u>must</u> be completed by a credent administer this process for the organization LARRY Hayes, LCSW, BACS Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Cre	tialed social worker. Identi on.	tinuing education fy the social worker	assigned to
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	COUNTY	,	
Relationship to Organization			
935 GRAVIER ST., SUITE 1016	NEW ORLEANS, LA.	70112	
Mailing Address	City/State	Zip	
Physical Address (if different from above) 604-382-6538	City/State / 504-407-3885	Zip	
Celephone <u>Sankofacenter829@gmail.com</u> Tmail	Fax		

Section C: Approval Guidelines, Process and Agreement

Protocol for receiving request for approval from education presenters:

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

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

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

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

• Describe time limit set for making a decision on an educational offering's suitability: The suitability of offering submitted will be evaluated by a team of license social workers and recommendations for the suitability will be made within 7 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: The Sankofa Center will charge a fee of \$75 to agencies or persons requesting to give a time presentation for Continuing Education Units and \$150 to provide a workshop/presentation more than once.

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 preapprove 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 preapproving 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.

Signature of Director/President	08/20/2024 08/20/2024 Date	
Submit completed and signed applicati	ion, along with three (3) reference letters, to:	
Louisiana State Board of Social Work I 18550 Highland Road, Suite B Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809	Bxaminers	
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For LABSWE office use only:		

Cynthia Baxter, LCSW, BACS

935 Gravier St. Ste. 1004 New Orleans, LA. 70112

Telephone: 904-318-0567 Fax: 504-407-3885

August 15, 2024

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

This correspondence comes in support of Sankofa Center Incorporated, a nonprofit community-based agency. For more than twenty-nine 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 in the work around advocacy and empowerment, Sankofa Center also works to inspire social work Interns through meaningful field placement experiences intended to facilitate their 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 ask that you look favorably upon its request to become an approved and recognized extension of LABSWE as a continuing education units provider.

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

(504) 975-3823 cell

e-mail: arwinc2001@gmail.com



August 18, 2024

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

angula P. Wiggin, LCSW, BACS

Dear LABSWE:

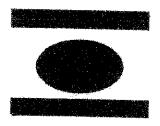
This letter is being written in support of Sankofa Center's, Inc. quest to continue its status as a Continuing Education Pre-Approval Organization with LABSWE. The Sankofa Center, Inc. is a community-based organization providing culturally competent individual, group, and family therapy; employment and 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 R. Wiggins, LCSW-BACS

President ARW, INC



Sankora Institute, LLC African in America Training and Research Center Dr. Ben Robertson, Jr., ACSW., RSW, Founder New Orleans, Louisiana

August 23, 2024

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

Re: The Sankofa Center, Incorporated

Dear Ms. Dewitt

This correspondence comes in support of Sankofa Center Incorporated, 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 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 ask that you look favorably upon its request to become an approved and recognized extension of LABSWB 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., PhD, ACSW, RSW

Founder and Director, Sankora Institute, LLC

Sponsoring Organization:	LSU School of Social Work Office of Field Education
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Application for Pre-Approval of Social Work Continuing Education Program Credit

For Pre-Approval of Social Work Continuing Education Program Credits, application to be considered for approval must be completed in its entirety and all requested supporting documentation attached. Please provide a checklist acknowledging your attached supporting documentation.

If the application is not comp complete (incomplete application)	olete, an email w ations will not be	ill be sent to you acknow e returned).	ledging your application was not
Program Information			
Title and Date of Program: (October11, 2024 from 8:30am - 4:00pm New Board Approved Supervisor Training Social Work Supervision Models and Methods: Evidenced Informed Models and Best practices will be reviewed.		
Location/ City of program: Provided virtually on zoo			
Sponsoring Organization/ Inc	lividual: LSU Sc	hool of SW Office of Field Educ	ation, Traci Lilley
Address: LSU 3118 Huey P L	.ong Fleldhouse,	Baton Rouge, LA 70803	
Phone: 225-578-2133 Please list any co-sponsors:		-8700 E-mail: <u>t</u>	lilley@lsu.edu
Contact Person/ Title: _Traci Li Address (if different from abo		ctor of the School and Director	of Field Education
Phone (if different from a	bove):	E-ma	l:tlilley@lsu.edu
Are fees being charged for the	program? If ye	s, please explain fee and	collection process.
Free for agency supervisors			
Grievance			
Describe the organization's por refund request, complaints abo	olicies and proce out course, etc.	Greivances can be share	all complaints and grievance, e.g. ed verbally or in writing to the lucation and is free of charge so for this event.

Sponsoring Organization: LSU School of Social Work

ADA Accommodation

Instructions for requesting special accommodation for disability (ADA in U.S.)

Captions will be provided for the virtual format and all forms will be ADA compliant

Promotional

Describe how your organization ensures that the promotion and advertising of your course(s) is in keeping with social work ethical conduct and core values as defined by the State of Louisiana.

Please attach brochure. Invitation being sent through email with the brochure

Instructor(s)

How did the organization choose an instructor for this course? Give details about research into educational background, credentials, experience, expertise, etc.? Director of Field Education, 30 years of supervision experience

How does the organization determine of staff/contract instructor(s) is in good standing with their professional regulatory board/association?

How does the organization determine the technology expertise of instructor(s) (workshop, seminar, and conference session)? Provided training multiple times

Please attach vita/ bio of presenter(s). attached

Attendance

Who is the expected audience? Current LSW Field supervisors interested in pursuing BACS credential

Describe organization's procedure for documenting participation? Zoom sign it form

Attached a copy of attendance roster or sign-in/sign-out log.

How will you ensure that the attendee is present for the duration of the entire workshop? Zoom sign in

At what point during the course is the certificate of completion is awarded?

Upon completion of all 6.5 hours

Zoom sign in sheets per training and zoom report that lists time on zoom

Learning Objectives for Course:

To ensure core social work competency, ethics and values, every course for continuing education program credits approval must identify at least four (4) learning objectives. Please list the learning objectives of the program (include relevance to social work practice):

To meet the requirements for new BACS orientation/training as outlined in LABSWE rules and regulations Please provide agenda/outline of the program (including time table):

See attached agenda

Sponsoring Organization:	LSU School of Soc	ial Work	
Continuing Education Cred	£4		
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meals, announcements, welco			
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volunteer). Describe how pers	onnel records for con	tinuing education di	rector and social worker
consultant and instructor are:			
Maintained:			
Who has access to the records	? Traci Liliey		
Where records are stored? LSU	•		
Electronically Will certificates be issued? _Y	es Post trainng		
If yes, please list the person re-		e number and addres	S
_ Person responsible for reco			
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Name: Traci Lilley			
Address: same			
Phone:	E-ma	il: tlilley@lsu.edu	
* Attendance records must be l	kept for 3 years.		
Evaluation			
Please describe evaluation tool	(Please provide a bla	ınk copy of the eval	uation tool to be used).
T) 11 0 4 4			
Person responsible for evaluati	ons:		
Name/ Title: Traci Lilley			
Address: same			
Phone: 225-578-2133	F-mail	+HHav@lau adu	

Sponsoring Organization: LSU School of Social Work
Social Worker Involvement
A credentialed or licensed social worker must be a consultant or member of the planning committee for
this program, please provide the following information:
Name: Traci Lilley
Phone: E-mail:
List all social work credentials, licenses or certificates of this social worker:
LCSW, BACS
What is the social worker's involvement in the program? (planning, presenting, reviewing, etc.)
Planning and presenting
Signature of social worker:
I understand that the information in this document will remain confidential, subject to disclosure within LABSWE, upon request, necessary to comply with assessment criteria. Disclosure outside LABSWE will be subject to legal mandates as advised by LABSWE counsel or a court of competent jurisdiction.
I certify that the information provided herein is accurate.
Signature of applicant: Date: 3/16/23

	Guide for Assessment of Continuing Education
Program Con	tent:
(Clearly Acce	eptable)
66)	Mainstream social work knowledge, skills and values
6)	Specialized social work knowledge, skills and values
4)	Information from related fields that is useful for social work practices
2)	Developing areas that may lack strong research, support or clear application
0)	Content that is specifically not acceptable or not related to social work practice
(Clearly Not A	Acceptable)
Program Pres	
(Clearly Acce	ptable)
55)	Social worker with appropriate expertise in content area
4)	Related profession with ability to connect content to social work practice
2)	Lay-person (e.g., client) on the impact of needing/ receiving services
0)	Presenter with no apparent professional qualifications nor link to social work practice
(Clearly Not A	Acceptable)
Program Audi	
(Clearly Acce	ptable)
<u>4</u> 4)	Social work practitioners/ students
4)	Interdisciplinary professional audience that may include social workers
3)	Audience presumed to be primarily from another profession (e.g. nursing)
1)	Audience open to the general public
0)	Audience presumed to be primarily the general public
Clearly Not A	Acceptable)

An event must receive a total score (combination of all three sections) of 10 to be clearly acceptable for continuing education credit. If a category (Program Content, Program Presenter or Program Audience) rates a zero, regardless of the total score, the education offering is not acceptable for social work continuing education.

AGENDA

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8:00 am - 3:45 pm

- Overview of Clinical Supervision and frameworks
- Role of BACS Supervisor
- Administrative functions of supervision
- Supervision Plans and professional development
- Record keeping
- In-person and tele supervision
- Group Supervision
- Supervision models (Trauma Informed, Reflection and Resiliency)
- Personal supervision style
- Ethics
- Multicultural Issues
- Self-care and impact on effective social work practice
- Termination

Social Work

Subject:

FW: Contact Us Form Submitted

----Original Message----

From: LABSWE Complaints <FileComplaint@labswe.org>

Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 9:03 AM To: Social Work <socialwork@labswe.org>

Subject: Contact Us Form Submitted

First Name: Vanessa Last Name: Smith Phone Number: Email Address:

Question:

Good morning,

I'm reaching out to you with a concern about a potential conflict of interest. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, I operate a nonprofit that offers classes within the criminal justice system. I'm worried that providing these classes for free and promoting my private business could be seen as a conflict of interest. I'm seeking your guidance to ensure I'm not in violation of any regulations.

I greatly appreciate your help with this. Thank you.

Respectfully

Vanessa

Regina Dewitt

RSW

Subject:

FW: Clarification and requesting information about being possible reinstated on a specific credential

From: Minister Shanda <

Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 8:17 AM **To:** Emily DeAngelo <edeangelo@labswe.org>

Subject: RE: Clarification and requesting information about being possible reinstated on a specific credential

Good morning, Mrs. Emily:

I am aware that you are extremely busy. I have a question for you and the board members regarding possibly being reinstated on my LMSW credential in preparation for sitting for retaking my LCSW exam. A while ago, there was a board discussion about the specifics of writing a letter explaining hardships and extenuating circumstances that caused a lapse in credentials. During the actual board meetings, I was unable to ask publicly in the chat about my situation. It was due to extreme economic hardship as I lost my home during the time it was time to renew my LMSW credential. I did not have the words at that time to even ask the board on how to reestablish myself. I love serving people and helping others but I need to now focus on getting the opportunity to prepare and sit if possible for my LCSW. Truly, Mrs. Emily I need the support to have a better quality of life for me and my family. We encourage our client's to have a level of "self-determination" and this morning I feel compelled to ask for support and help in this pressing matter that has always been so near and dear to my heart.

It's with great thanks that I'm asking for you and the board members' consideration in this matter. Again, thank you so very much for taking time out of your busy schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanda Langford