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Office of the President of the Senate  
Attention: Senator Cortez  
P.O. Box 94183  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Senator Cortez,

Pursuant to LA R.S. 49:968(K), the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners (LPC Board) hereby submits the following report regarding rule-making actions in the calendar year 2019. This report also encompasses actions taken by the legislatively mandated committee of the Board, the Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee (MFTAC).

In March 2019, the LPC Board finalized rules that were originally published in the *Louisiana Register* in November and December of 2018 (these are also included in the 2018 Rules Summary Report). The November 2018 NOI included criminal history records information criteria in accordance with R.S. 37:1123 and published in the *Louisiana Register* on pages 104-108. The board now uses this authority to require a fingerprint criminal records check for new applicants. In December 2018, the LPC Board published a NOI regarding rules with new licensure requirements for supervisors and increases in late fees on pages 2346-2348 of the *Louisiana Register*. The rule changed the supervisor requirement to three years of licensure from two years. It also increased late renewal fees by \$5 (\$55 to \$60) and \$3 (\$25 to \$28). The 2018 NOIs were **published rules in the March 2019 Louisiana Register on pages 436-437**.

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the LPC Board complied with LA R.S. 37:44 and was approved by the OLRC to publish a NOI in the May 2019 *Louisiana Register*. The publication included a proposal to amend marriage and family therapist definitions in Chapter 3105 and also academic requirements in Chapter 3309 and 3315. The substance of the NOI was to require a 60 hours masters level degree to apply for LMFT licensure which concurs with the national standards and accredited programs. Additionally, a more explanative definition was provided for *Active Supervision* and more flexibility was proposed for Supervisor training. The Board received no

comments regarding these rule changes and therefore did not conduct a hearing pursuant to R.S. 49:953(A)(2). On August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the board went back before the OLRC and was approved to **publish the rules in the September 2019 Louisiana Register on pages 1203-1204.**

Please contact me if the Board may be of any assistance to you concerning this report. Thank you for your time dedication to the safety and welfare of the citizens of Louisiana.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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