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## Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners

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March 10th, 2015

Office of the President of the Senate  
Attention: The Honorable John A. Alario, Jr.  
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Dear Senator Alario,

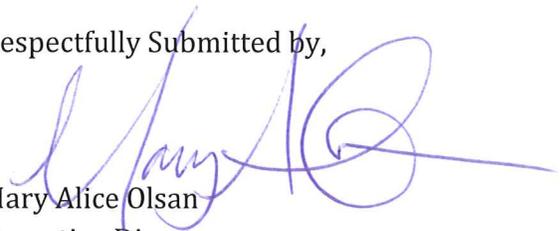
Pursuant to LA R.S. 49:968(K), the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners (LPC Board) hereby submits the following report regarding rule-making in calendar year 2014:

In 2014, the LPC Board promulgated emergency rules in the *Louisiana Register* relative to the number of Continuing Education Hours (CEHs) required by Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFTs) specific to the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of clinical conditions under the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5), as published by the American Psychiatric Association (APA) on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Specifically, LMFTs must accrue a minimum of six (6) CEHs specific to the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of clinical conditions prior to renewal of their license as a Marriage and Family Therapist.

These emergency rules were included as part of a larger set of rule changes published in the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 edition of the *Louisiana Register* as a Notice of Intent. The Board received no comments regarding these rule changes and therefore did not conduct a hearing pursuant to R.S. 49:953(A)(2). Subject to legislative oversight by either the House or Senate Health and Welfare Committee, the Board intends to submit a Rule to the Office of the State Register for publication.

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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