



LOUISIANA

Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners

Board Approved Policy Statement as of July 18th, 2014

Dissemination of Declaration Statements/Statements of Practice by Licensees and Registrants

The Board's role is to ensure the public is protected, informed, and has access to safe, well-regulated mental health care by Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs), Counselor Interns, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFTs), and Marriage and Family Therapist Interns (MFT Interns). To that end, LPCs, Counselor Interns, LMFTs, and MFT Interns are required to provide clients with a Declaration of Practices and Procedures Statement or a Statement of Practice. Due to recent inquiries from licensees and registrants regarding this requirement and Board Rule, the Board hereby issues the following policy statement effective July 18th, 2014:

LPCs, Counselor Interns, LMFTs, and MFT Interns are required to provide clients with a Declaration of Practices and Procedures Statement or a Statement of Practice in accordance with Board Rules; however, in the instance wherein this requirement restricts client care and/or conflicts with agency or employer policies, the licensee or registrant may submit an official, employer document which includes all required information* for Board review. Furthermore, effective July 18th, 2014, a Counselor Intern or MFT Intern Declaration of Practices and Procedures Statement or Statement of Practice may be signed by the Intern's site supervisor (e.g. Administrative Supervisor, LCSW, LMFT, LPC) **or** by the Intern's Board-Approved Supervisor (i.e. BA LPC-S or BA LMFT-S).

*Counselor Interns and LPCs should refer to Board Rules, Chapter 21, Section 2118 and MFT Interns and LMFTs should refer to Board Rules, Chapter 47, Section 4720 to ensure all required information is included in the employer document.