



LOUISIANA Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners

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RE: *Rule-Making Summary Report for Calendar Year 2023*

Dear Senator Henry, Senator McMath, Representative DeVillier, and Representative Miller:

Pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 49:968(K), the Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners (LPCBE) hereby submits the following report regarding its rule-making actions during calendar year 2023. This report also encompasses actions taken by the legislatively mandated committee of the board—the Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee (MFTAC).

In March 2023, the board submitted two Notification of Intent for rule changes. The first proposed rule was to amend the academic requirements for Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure and Provisional Licensure in Chapter 33, 3309 and 3311 to align with the graduate practicum/internship requirements established by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE). The second rule proposal was to remove name change fees from the board rules. The board received no comments regarding these rule changes and therefore did not conduct a hearing pursuant to RS. 49:953(A) (2). The final rules were published in the June 2023 edition of the *Louisiana State Register*.

In September 2023, the board submitted two Notification of Intent for rule changes. The first proposed rule was to amend the continuing education requirements for renewal applicants. Specifically, change the categorical requirements for continuing education standards for all licensees governed by the board. The proposed rule change requires one and a half clock hours to be accrued in social and cultural foundations for provisional licensees and three clock hours for Licensed Professional Counselors and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists. The second rule proposal was to amend the supervision requirements for Provisional Licensed Professional Counselors to allow the discretion of the Board Approved Supervisor to determine if audiotapes

and/or videotapes of counseling sessions shall be required as part of the supervision process. The NOIs were republished in the November 2023 edition of the *Louisiana State Register* due to an error upon original submission. The board received no comments regarding these rule changes and therefore did not conduct a hearing pursuant to RS. 49:953(A)(2). The request to finalize these rules has been submitted to the Occupations Licensing Review Commission (OLRC) for their next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by,



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