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Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners

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Office of the President of the Senate
Attention: The Honorable John A. Alario, Jr.
P.O. Box 94183
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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 actions in calendar year 2018. This report also encompasses actions taken by the legislatively mandated committee of the Board, the Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee (MFTAC).

In August 2018, the LPC Board promulgated emergency rules and a NOI in the *Louisiana Register* relative to diagnosing for serious mental illnesses. The rule-making was necessary due to the immediate effect of Act 235 on June 14, 2017, which refined duties for LPC's and LMFT's diagnosing "serious mental illnesses". Section 505 (LPC Rules) and section 3107 (MFTAC Rules) were rescinded as they were no longer applicable. The Board finalized the rule in the November 20, 2018 *Louisiana Register*.

In November 2018, the LPC Board promulgated criminal history records information criteria in accordance with R.S. 37:1123 in the *Louisiana Register* on pages 104-108 as a Notice of Intent. The Board also promulgated licensee status updates and definitions. New status for licensees was proposed (current, active, lapsed, and retired) as well as clarification on current definitions. The Board received no comments regarding these rule changes and therefore did not conduct a hearing pursuant to R.S. 49:953(A)(2).

In December 2018, the LPC Board promulgated rules proposing new licensure requirements, fees and exemptions on pages 2346-2348 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).

In December 2018, the LPC Board promulgated teletherapy rules on pages 2348-2349 with a NOI to promulgate requirements to practice teletherapy. There was no request for a hearing. Therefore, the board did not conduct a hearing pursuant to R.S. 49:953(A)(2).

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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