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RE: *Rule-Making Summary Report for Calendar Year 2024*

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 2024. This report also encompasses actions taken by the legislatively mandated committee of the board—the Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee (MFTAC).

1. In February 2024, the board submitted a Notification of Intent to amend LAC 46: LX.307 pertaining to accessibility during its open meetings. Act 393 of the 2023 regular session mandated that state agencies adopt rules for public participation and member participation for those with a disability recognized by the Americans with Disability Act. 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 May 2024 edition of the *Louisiana State Register*.
2. In August 2024, the board submitted a Notification of Intent to amend LAC 46: LX.603 pertaining to the required coursework in ethics and professional orientation and to require applicants for provisional licensure as a Provisional Licensed Professional Counselor (PLPC) to complete coursework in the most recent edition of the Code of Ethics as published by the American Counseling Association. The board received no comments regarding these rule changes and therefore did not conduct a hearing pursuant to RS. 49:953(A) (2). The amendment was approved by the Department of Justice Occupational Licensing Review Program and the final rule was published in the December 2024 edition of the *Louisiana State Register*.

3. In August 2024, the board submitted a Notification of Intent to amend LAC 46: LX.611, 707, 3315, and 3503 to require one and a half clock hours to be accrued in the area of social and cultural foundations for renewal of Provisional Licensed Professional Counselors (PLPCs) and Provisional Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (PLMFTs) and three clock hours for renewal of Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFTs) every two years. The amendment was approved by the Department of Justice Occupational Licensing Review Program and the final rule for LAC 46: LX. 611, 707, and 3503 was published in the December 2024 edition of the *Louisiana State Register*. The final rule for LAC 46: LX. 3315 was not published in December 2024 due to a needed technical revision. The final rule for LAC 46: LX 3315 will be published in the March 2025 edition of the *Louisiana State Register*.

4. In September 2024, the board submitted a Notification of Intent to amend LAC 46: LX.1101 and 3701 to allow a fully licensed counselor or therapist to be licensed in Louisiana after one year of practice in another state if the license was unencumbered and in good standing rather than five years. The amended rule was in alignment of Act 253 of the 2024 Legislative Session. The board received no comments regarding these rule changes and therefore did not conduct a hearing pursuant to RS. 49:953(A) (2). The amendment was approved by the Department of Justice Occupational Licensing Review Program and the final rule was published in the December 2024 edition of the *Louisiana State Register*.

5. In September 2024, the board submitted a Notification of Intent to amend LAC 46: LX.3315, 3501, and 3503 to provide clarification and amend the continuing education requirements for Provisional Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (PLMFT) and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) renewal applicants. The rule change allowed an additional preapproval of continuing education hours by the Louisiana Counseling Association (LCA) for PLMFTs and LMFTs. It also added peer consultation as a mode for accruing continuing education hours for PLMFTs and LMFTs and allowing these licensees to obtain three continuing education hours per one hour presentation by the PLMFT or LMFT. The board received no comments regarding these rule changes and therefore did not conduct a hearing pursuant to RS. 49:953(A) (2). The amendment was approved by the Department of Justice Occupational Licensing Review Program and the final rule was published in the December 2024 edition of the *Louisiana State Register*.

Sincerely,



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