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Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners

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Sent via Email to: apa.senatepresident@legis.la.gov

Office of the President of the Senate
Senator Page Cortez
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RE: Rule-Making Summary Report for Calendar Year 2020

Dear Senator Cortez,

Pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 49:968(K), the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners (LPC Board) hereby submits the following report regarding its rule-making actions during the calendar year 2020. This report also encompasses actions taken by the legislatively mandated committee of the Board—the Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee (MFTAC).

In 2020, the LPC Board/MFTAC submitted multiple **emergency rules** to the *Louisiana Register*:

- ✚ March 23, 2020- Rescind the requirement for criminal background checks for 120 days
- ✚ March 23, 2020- Rescind all telehealth regulation for 120 days
- ✚ July 24, 2020- Rescind all telehealth regulation for 120 days
- ✚ August 1, 2020- Allow all online continuing education hours for renewal applicants for 120 days
- ✚ November 20, 2020- Rescind all telehealth regulation for 120 days

In 2020, the LPC Board/MFTAC published a Notification of Intent (NOI) for two rule changes. The Board received no comments regarding these rule changes and therefore did not conduct a hearing pursuant to RS. 49:953(A) (2). Additionally, neither the House nor Senate Health and Welfare Committee called for a hearing regarding this rule. Consequently, the final rules were published in the December 20th, 2020 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. Please see below for a summary on both rules published:

- ✚ NOI published on August 20, 2020 regarding the LA Marriage and Family Therapist endorsement for licensure exam; Section 3701 now allows an examination equivalent to the American Marriage and Family Therapist Regulatory Board (AMFTRB) to be approved by the Marriage and Family Therapist Advisory Committee (MFTAC) to meet the exam

requirement for Louisiana licensure if the applicant is currently licensed in another state and is seeking endorsement.

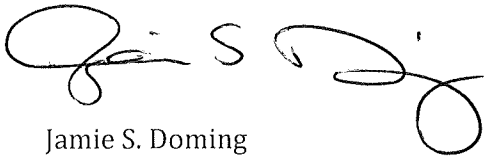
Approved and published as a final rule on December 20, 2020.

- ✚ NOI published on August 20, 2020 regarding teletherapy requirements in Section 505. The rule reduces the training requirement for teletherapy to 3 hours of training from 9 hours. The new rule also allows for synchronous or asynchronous training to provide teletherapy and allows all supervision hours to be accrued online via a HIPAA compliant platform. The previous rules allowed for 25% of supervision hours to be accrued online. Finally, the rule eliminated the requirement that one must be licensed for one year in order to practice teletherapy.

Approved and published as a final rule on December 20, 2020.

Please contact me if the LPC 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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