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Criteria for Individual Treatment Providers

Licensees and Student Nurses monitored by the LSBN may require individual treatment as part of the terms of the agreement/order of the Board. This therapy may be recommended following a comprehensive evaluation or following treatment. The Registered Nurse may or may not be a participant in the Recovering Nurse Program. The following are general criteria for Individual Treatment Providers.

1. Treatment provider shall have a minimum of two years experience in treating health care professionals. Must be a qualified mental health professional as defined in R.S. 37:3386.1
a) Psychiatrist b) Psychologist c) Licensed Clinical Social Worker d) Mental Health Counselor (LPC) or a Psychiatric/Mental Health Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)
Addictive Disorders Practice Act R.S. 37: 3387 **Substance Abuse Counselors** states that only Licensed Addiction Counselors (LAC) may practice independently. Therefore, the LAC is the only provider among Substance Abuse Counselors recognized to provide addiction counseling by LSBN.
2. Treatment provider should hold a minimum of a master's degree.
3. License/Certification should be unencumbered.
4. License and/or Certification in appropriate field.
5. The techniques and models used by the treatment provider are based on scientifically researched data.
6. If the client is in the RNP, the treatment provider's philosophy should be congruent with the goals of the Recovering Nurse Program:
 - Addiction is a primary disease.
 - Agrees to encourage the nurse to participate in the Recovering Nurse program.
 - Will not participate in "A Conspiracy of Silence".
 - Supports the total abstinence model of recovery.
 - The treatment provider supports the 12-step model of recovery.
7. The treatment provider agrees to submit reports to the Monitoring Department on a pre-determined basis. Provide treatment plans and summaries of participant progress as scheduled in treatment plan or treatment team recommendations.
8. Agrees to notify and consult the Monitoring Department staff when the participant is progressing poorly or is non-compliant with treatment and refer patient accordingly.
9. Agrees to review Board Order if applicable, treatment team recommendations, and sign appropriate releases to collaborate with other treatment team providers as necessary.
10. Subscribes to the importance of working as a team with other professionals.

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