The LOUISIANA COUNSELING ASSOCIATION is pleased to announce that we have a new staff member. Dr. Dean is a professor at the University of the Cumberlands; has a private practice in Baton Rouge, and the Louisiana Army National Guard.

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Dr. Christian Dean will now also be working for you as the LCA Advocacy Specialist. Most of you will know Dr. Dean. He is both an LPC-S and an LMFT-S. So, he will be able to advocate for all licensed members of LCA.

Dr. Dean has been an unofficial advocate for the counseling profession for some time. He worked hard in the campaign to eliminate the Serious Mental Illness language in the law. Dr. Dean has also advocated for the expansion of LPC practice and recognition ay the national level in both Veterans Affairs (VA) clinics and Vet Centers and the uniformed service on the Armed Forces of the United States.

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