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9	STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS,	
10	MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS,	
11	AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS	
12	VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS	
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14	TIME: 10:08 A.M.	
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17	2601 North Third Street	
18	One Penn Center, Board Room C	
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State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors April 8, 2022

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BOARD MEMBERS:

Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT, Chair
Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
Professional and Occupational Affairs - Absent
Michelle Santiago, Psy.D., LPC, Vice Chair
Eric DeCriscio, MA, LPC, ACS
Kimberly Early, LSW
Erika Evans, Ph.D., LMFT
Christian Jordal, Ph.D., LMFT - Absent
Linda A. Martin, LCSW, RN
Cindy Moyer, LCSW
Marilyn L. Painter, Public Member - Absent
Mayte Redcay, LCSW

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Steven A. Mimm, Esquire, Board Counsel Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel Sarah E. McNeill, Board Administrator

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April 8, 2022

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7 The State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and 8 Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors

9 Regulatory Meeting was held on Friday, April 8, 2022.

10 Joy E. Corby, Ph.D., LMFT, Chair, called the meeting

11 to order at 10:08 a.m.

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13 Introduction of Board Members and Attendees

14 [Chair Corby requested Board members and attendees

15 introduce themselves.]

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17 | Regulatory Board Counsel

18 | [Steven A. Mimm, Esquire, Board Counsel, mentioned

19 prior Board discussion regarding Chapter 47 and

20 Chapter 48. He noted changes made in Chapters 47 and

21 | 48 would also apply to Chapter 49, starting with the

22 definition section at § 49.1 with "direct client

23 | contact" and "electronic supervision" definitions

24 moving forward.

25 Ms. Early expressed concern that "direct client

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contact" did not seem to be worded like a regulation is written, compared to "electronic supervision," where it references locations, and suggested wording such as "including but not limited to" to provide clarification.

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Mr. Mimm would explore expanding the language.

Ms. Redcay commented that the Board could be more direct in terms of defining "privacy," where a supervisor and supervisee would have a private setting and prevent confidential information from being disclosed.

Chair Corby stated the language used was from the definition the Board made before the end of 2021, so people understood that they could continue supervision online.

Mr. Mimm noted the electronic supervision section also mirrors Chapter 47 and Chapter 48.

Mr. Mimm referred to § 49.2 under educational requirements, noting an addition regarding 6 semester hours or 9 quarter hours of practicum/internship experience, which also mirrors language in a prior section.

Dr. Santiago commented that they suggested taking out 100 clock hours of supervised practicum.

25 Chair Corby noted Dr. Santiago to be correct and

further explained that for years both internship and practicum were considered as one and that this matches that by looking at 6 semester hours, not the actual number of hours.

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Ms. McNeill stated the internship or practicum is usually designated as semester credits, and staff looks for either 6 semester credits or 9 quarter credits. She mentioned someone whose education is older may not have it designated as semester or quarter credits and would have the hours, and asked whether staff would ask the school for an equivalent number of credits or how that would work.

Dr. Santiago asked whether "for the equivalence of 700 hours" could be added if they are not listing 100 hours of this and 600 hours of that.

Chair Corby noted not being sure why the 700 hours was taken out. She believed there must be 240 face-to-face and more like the marriage and family therapists (MFTs) that specify the number of hours. She suggested adding the semester or quarter hours and the equivalence of 700 hours of which 240 must be in person.

Mr. DeCriscio agreed, noting it is in line with the Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP) Standards for counseling

programs. He commented that a person could do 9 quarter hours and just be sitting in a room the whole time not saying anything, noting how many of those hours were individual practice and so on should be documented.

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Chair Corby referred to the LMFT section that gives 1 year, which is comprised of at least a 2 semesters or 4 quarters, including 300 hours of supervised direct client contact with individuals, couples, and families. She suggested adding "or 700 hours of which 240 need to be direct client contact with individuals, couples, and families."

Mr. DeCriscio suggested including groups and whatever hours agreed upon, whether 240, 250, or 300 that at least half of the time spent on the internship or practicum be in an individual session, group session, or a family session actually doing the work.

Dr. Santiago disagreed that it should be half, noting it has always been held to the standard of 40 out of the 100 hours of practicum and 240 out of the 600 hours, which is slightly less than half, noting it has not been specified before because nobody can agree on the appropriate number of hours for trainees.

Chair Corby suggested using CACREP numbers.

Dr. Santiago suggested also using Masters in

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Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council

(MPCAC) numbers, along with CACREP numbers to see what

both of them say as requirements.
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Chair Corby requested Dr. Santiago and Mr. DeCriscio search the two and notify the Board and Mr. Mimm of the number of hours they suggest.

Mr. Mimm noted the hours mentioned so far were 700 with 240 direct client contact.

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Mr. Mimm referred to § 49.3 regarding qualifications for a supervisor of individuals pursuing a professional counseling license.

Chair Corby explained that an individual must have an active license in the state where the supervising experience is occurring and have 5 years of postmaster's experience, where they can start counting once they have the degree and are practicing.

Chair Corby referred to § 49.3(3), shall complete at least 6 continuing education units on supervision prior to beginning as a supervisor and suggested inserting a comma before "or by the next biennial renewal cycle for those already providing supervision." She also referred to § 48.3(4) suggesting a punctuation change for it to read, "Shall complete at least 6 continuing education units on supervision prior to beginning as a supervisor, or by

the next biennial renewal cycle."

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Ms. McNeill asked whether, as far as when the experience is verified by a supervisor completing the forms, they will need to be adding something to the forms for them to sign that they completed this and asked how staff is going to verify the requirement of training.

Chair Corby noted it was agreed that a line be added to the application where the supervisor says, "I have met the requirements and done whatever."

Mr. Mimm referred to § 49.11 regarding licensure examination.

Chair Corby asked whether Board members were okay with individuals taking a drug counselor examination as being good enough, considering things seen recently in applications.

Mr. DeCriscio noted not being okay with that and asked why the National Counselor Examination (NCE) is not included as an option.

Chair Corby mentioned the Board is only looking at (6) and (8), the Advanced Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse Counselor Examination (AAODA) given by the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium/Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Inc. (IC & RC/AODA), which is what is in the regulations now.

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She mentioned raising the question because of all the recent discussion with the applications of the drug and alcohol people not necessarily meeting educational requirements. She noted the reason they are not may be because this is in there.
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Chair Corby provided a list of examinations, including the National Counselor Examination for license and certification given by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) to the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) examination given by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC), the Art Therapy Credentials Board Certification Examination (ATCBCE) given by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB), the Board Certification Examination given by the Certification Board for Music Therapists (CBMT), the Practice Examination of Psychological Knowledge (PEPK) given by the North American Association of Master's in Psychology (NAMP), Advanced Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse Counselor Examination, and the Examination for Master Addiction Counselor (MAC) given by NBCC.

Dr. Santiago believed the Art Therapy Credentials Board Certification Examination should be removed and Mr. DeCriscio agreed.

Mr. Mimm referred to § 49.11(a)(3) Art Therapy

Credentials Board Certification Examination.

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Chair Corby noted Dr. Santiago and Mr. DeCriscio were suggesting removing (3) and (6) Advanced Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse Counselor Examination.

Mr. DeCriscio explained that EMAC given by NBCC is for individuals who want to specialize in addictions and not for licensed professional counselors and Dr. Santiago agreed.

Mr. Mimm noted the Board's position to remove (3) and (6).

Mr. DeCriscio addressed (2), the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Examination given by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification, noting they have their own separate credentials and could go either way with that one. He noted LPCs are trying to solidify requirements, and he could go either way with that one.

Chair Corby referred to (5), the Practice

Examination of Psychological Knowledge given by the

North American Association of Master's in Psychology.

Dr. Santiago noted not many people qualify for that exam and suggested removing it, and Mr. DeCriscio agreed.

Chair Corby mentioned only having NCE and CRC after removing (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7).

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Dr. Santiago suggested also having the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE).
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Chair Corby noted making NCMHCE (3).

Mr. Mimm referred to § 49.12 regarding general qualifications for licensure.

Chair Corby noted removing (5), "the applicant has submitted two certificates of recommendation" because that has not been done for years in practice.

Mr. Mimm referred to \$ 49.13.

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Chair Corby commented that all that is, is inserting and reflecting an act already instituted.

Dr. Santiago noted § 49.13(a)(4)(i), "the completion of 48 semester hours or 72 quarter hours of graduate coursework" is coming out.

Ms. McNeill suggested adding "being granted a qualifying master's degree" or referring to the section that states qualifying degrees.

qualifying master's degree" be added to 47 and 48.

She stated that individuals need to have the qualifying degree for the license type and cannot be any master's degree before they can start earning supervised clinical experience.

Chair Corby agreed and suggested "being granted a

Mr. Mimm referred to § 49.13a regarding

- 1 electronic supervision.
- 2 Chair Corby mentioned having prior Board
- 3 discussion and approval.
- 4 Mr. Mimm referred to § 49.14 regarding standards
- 5 for supervision.
- 6 Chair Corby explained that supervisors would be
- 7 | required to attest to compliance on the verification
- 8 of experience.
- 9 Mr. Mimm referred to § 49.15 regarding exemption
- 10 from licensure examination.
- 11 Chair Corby noted § 49.15 is reserved for future
- 12 use.
- 13 Mr. Mimm explained that a reserve section allows
- 14 | a section to subsequently add a regulation and leave
- 15 space in the regulation itself for additional
- 16 regulations, so they are not out of order and to keep
- 17 | them grouped logically.
- 18 Chair Corby stated all the information would be
- 19 taken out and read, § 49.15 reserved.
- Dr. Santiago asked Mr. DeCriscio whether he was
- 21 familiar with what is considered a related field for
- 22 people to apply for licensure for an LPC.
- 23 Mr. DeCriscio did not believe there should be a
- 24 related field, and Dr. Santiago suggested taking that
- 25 out.

Chair Corby commented that there are a few differences between all three of the licenses, but the definition is pretty much basically the same with a few variations.

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Ms. Martin stated the related field for social work is regarding who someone can get supervision from who has a degree and a license in a related field. She clarified that someone cannot be an LCSW with a degree in one of the related fields and must have a degree in social work to be an LCSW.

Ms. Martin mentioned that LPCs and LMFTs may accept other degrees in related fields, but the related field for social work is referring to supervision. She explained that an individual can get supervision from someone holding an LCSW and half of that supervision can be supervised by someone in a related field.

Dr. Santiago stated half of supervision must come from LPCs and the other half comes from the related fields for LPCs. She asked whether the Board is comfortable with the other 50 percent of hours being supervised by advanced therapists and are the social workers happy with the other half of their hours and the LCSWs being supervised by a psychologist for the other half of their hours.

Ms. Martin believed they have always approved a psychologist's and psychiatrist's supervision. She noted they have always approved half of the hours for psychiatry, psychology, marriage and family therapy, and LPCs.

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Chair Corby noted the need to make some changes under MFTs also.

Ms. McNeill stated marriage and family therapy regulations are slightly different than the professional counselor because all of them have a related field and what they would refer to as far as who could be a supervisor, but marriage and family therapy also has a definition of field closely related to the practice of marriage and family therapy and someone can have a degree in any of those fields.

Mr. Mimm recommended putting a pin in the related field's conversation so he could do some legal research regarding the definition and how it may affect other licenses before offering an amendment.

Chair Corby also suggested Board members do some research in their own sections.

Mr. Mimm referred to § 49.18(a) regarding endorsement under Act 41.

Chair Corby explained that § 49.18(a) is language of Act 41 being put into their regulations.

Mr. DeCriscio asked whether the Board has ever given any consideration to changing the title LPC to something else.

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Chair Corby informed Mr. DeCriscio that it would be very difficult to change because not only are there the codes, but there is the white book that is difficult to change.

Mr. DeCriscio commented that it is being changed to licensed clinical mental health counselor on different state levels and would like to be consistent with LCSW and LMFT and refer to LPCs as licensed clinical counselors.

Mr. Mimm explained that making that name change would be a legislative process and is not in the scope of what they are able to do as a Board.

Mr. Mimm referred to § 49.18(b) regarding professional corporations (PCs).

Chair Corby explained that PC has not existed under the MFT section and is being inserted because it exists in the social work section.

21 Mr. Mimm received no comments for § 49.18(c).

Mr. Mimm referred to § 49.32 regarding requirements for biennial renewal.

Ms. McNeill reminded Mr. Mimm of the 3 credit
hours for the child abuse recognition and reporting

requirements.

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Mr. Mimm received no comments from the Board regarding § 49.33 acceptable continuing education courses and programs.

Mr. Mimm received no comments from the Board regarding § 49.35 standards for courses and programs.

Mr. Mimm referred to § 49.36 regarding preapproved providers of continuing education courses and programs for professional counselors.

Dr. Santiago referred to, "the following entities may provide sponsor or cosponsor but may not approve continuing education courses or programs" and suggested the addition of MPCAC if CACREP is going to be in there.

Ms. Martin noted the original regulations had significant changes, where it had been divided into three different groups. She stated there are entities that may provide sponsor or cosponsor but may not approve continuing education courses. She asked whether (1) that meant that graduate and undergraduate programs that are already approved to provide their own continuing education just cannot approve other entities.

Chair Corby explained that an institution that provides trainings and certain things are allowed to

give CEUs for that but cannot approve somebody else.

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Ms. Martin commented that the entities that may provide means they do not have to come to the Board for approval if they are a graduate or undergraduate program accredited by the Council of Social Work Education and are able to provide CEUs.

Ms. Martin referred to (2), where the following entities may provide or approve and means under (i), the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) does not have to get approval for CEUs and can also approve anyone else that wants to do it.

Ms. Martin also referred to a section, where the following entities and their regional, state, and local affiliates may sponsor, cosponsor, or approve but noted it does not say anything about providing.

Chair Corby noted that it is just saying they can approve and that is it.

Ms. Martin commented that if she wanted to do a CE program, she could go to the Child Welfare League of American and ask for approval of the CEU program and not have to go to the Board.

Chair Corby stated the Child Welfare League is able to provide continuing education credits and can do training because they are the ones who are providing it.

Ms. Martin explained that (3) says they may sponsor, cosponsor, or approve but does not say they can provide.

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Chair Corby noted it to be a good catch by Ms. Martin and asked why they can sponsor but not provide.

Ms. McNeill noted the Child Welfare League is under (7)(i) in the current regulations.

Ms. Martin stated the Clinical Social Work
Association is included in the original regulations,
and the Clinical Social Work Association provides CEU
programs and noted being unsure as to why (3) on the
new regulations does not say provide.

Mr. Mimm informed the Board that would check with prior Board counsel to see if there is a purpose as to why the word "provide" was omitted and why the three sections were subdivided and will get back to the Board.

Ms. Martin noted that when the original regulations were written that (7), the following groups and their regional, state, and local affiliates might be a subset of (6), the following groups and the providers, courses, or workshops approved by them.

Ms. Martin stated that (7) in the original does not really stand on its own of what it can do and is confusing from the beginning from the original

- document under (7) which is now under (3) what that
 grouping is about because it only says that the
 following groups and their regional, state, and local
 affiliates but does not say what they can do in the
 original.
 - Ms. McNeill referred to the lead-in wording at \$ 49.36(a), which says those are approved providers and (1) through (7) are the approved providers.

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- Ms. Martin pointed out that in the new regulations § 49.36(a) does not change, but the part that says the following are approved providers was deleted.
- Mr. Mimm informed the Board that he would also investigate that, noting it originally was not divided that way and is not consistent in all the sections.
- Mr. Mimm referred to § 49.37 regarding other sources of continuing education.
- Ms. Martin referred to the addition in (a) "with appropriate documentation" and asked whether there would be a section explaining the process and whether there is going to be a form.
- Chair Corby noted it refers to when the state comes up with a list of people that must prove they did their CEUs but asked whether it specifies anywhere in the regulations that electronic copies of their

CEUs or printed copies are required.

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Ms. Martin noted the old regulations talk about an audit and \$ 47.37(c) talks about disciplinary action as a result of an audit.

Chair Corby referred to § 49.31 regarding the definition of certification and § 49.32 regarding the requirement for biennial renewal, noting it does not require a certificate as proof.

Ms. McNeill stated it does, in § 49.39 regarding retention of records, where the licensee shall retain documentation of completion of the prescribed number of clock hours for 4 years following the certification which shall be produced upon request by the Board or its auditing agents.

Chair Corby explained that it says documentation and believed it should say certificate because it is evidence given by the person who provided the training.

Ms. McNeill stated a certificate of completion is required with their name and approval entity or approval number with any audit.

Chair Corby suggested inserting "a licensee selected for audit shall provide a certificate of certification for each CEU."

25 Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire, Senior Board

Counsel, agreed with Chair Corby. She pointed out that the Board's regulations are different from other boards, where other boards regulations say they must retain the certificate from the provider and submit

that and the Board's regulations do not.

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- Mr. Mimm informed the Board that he would discuss the specifics of other boards with Ms. Smith and make a comparative analysis and provide something to address that issue specifically.
- Mr. Mimm referred to § 49.40 regarding exemption and waiver.
 - Chair Corby asked why the Board requires people to submit something before it actually takes place and why it cannot be accepted afterwards. She commented that people who want a waiver need to ask before the deadline, and the addition is probably wise.
 - Mr. Mimm commented that a 30-day requirement would be beneficial administratively in terms of processing.
- 20 Ms. Martin also commented that she believed it to 21 be an administrative addition.
- 22 Mr. Mimm received no comments for § 49.41 23 regarding the code of ethical practice and 24 professional conduct.
- 25 Mr. Mimm informed the Board that he would be

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                  Motion for adjournment.
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                  All in favor, raise your hand. Opposed?
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   [The motion carried unanimously.]
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   [There being no further business, the State Board of
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   Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and
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   Professional Counselors Regulatory Meeting adjourned
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   at 11:57 a.m.]
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I hereby certify that the foregoing summary
minutes of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage
and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors
meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my
supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize
the substance of the State Board of Social Workers,
Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional
Counselors meeting.

CERTIFICATE

Derek Richmond,

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