NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON REGULATION R094-18

Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of Regulations of the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors

The Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors will hold a public hearing at 9 a.m., on the 24th of August of 2018, videoconferenced between

State Library and Archives - Room 110 100 North Stewart Street Carson City, 89701

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Kayenta Legacy - Conference Room 9418 West Lake Mead Boulevard Las Vegas, 89134

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the Adoption of regulations that pertain to chapter 641A of the Nevada Administrative Code.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

1. The need for and the purpose of the proposed regulation or amendment.

The need and purpose of the proposed regulations is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by removing barriers to behavioral health care by streamlining Board processes, enhancing academic requirements, facilitating and expediting licensure, and improve regulatory clarity.

2. If the proposed regulation is a temporary regulation, the terms or the substance of the proposed regulation to be adopted, amended or repealed, or a description of the subjects and issues involved.

Not applicable.

- 3. If the proposed regulation is a permanent regulation, a statement explaining how to obtain the approved or revised text of the proposed regulation.
- Write to or visit during business hours the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors at 7324 West Cheyenne Suite #9 Las Vegas, Nevada 89129
- Email Stephanie Steinhiser at <u>ssteinhiser@mftbd.nv.gov</u>
- Visit https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Register/2018Register/R094-18P.pdf
 - 4. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately and in each case must include:

(a) Both adverse and beneficial effects;

No adverse effects upon small business are anticipated and none have been brought to the Board's attention. Beneficial effects include an increased ability to hire licensed clinicians at a more frequent rate than is currently possible, thereby augmenting workforce and expanding care to citizens.

(b) Both immediate and long-term effects.

The immediate and long-term effects are similar in that an anticipated burgeoning behavioral healthcare workforce will bolster Nevada's overall economy with clinical jobs and improved mental wellness of the citizenry.

5. The methods used by the agency in determining the impact on a small business.

In addition to several Board members' own anecdotal experience in owning and operating several small businesses, in the three public workshops spread across seven months, zero public feedback anticipated a negative impact on small business, with several comments stating a potential positive impact, including the ease of hiring licensees and, subsequently, faster augmentation of services to clients.

6. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.

The Board's costs are anticipated to drop following adoption of these changes by streamlining processes and improving workflow.

7. A description of and citation to any regulations of other state or local governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the notice must include the name of the regulating federal agency.

The Board is not aware of any overlapping or duplication of state, local, or federal regulations.

8. If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, a citation and description of the federal law.

Not applicable.

9. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

Not applicable.

10. Whether the proposed regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee.

No new fees are established.

11. If the proposed regulation is a temporary regulation, each address at which the text of the regulation may be inspected and copied.)

Not applicable.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views or arguments, in written form, to 7324 West Cheyenne Suite #9 Las Vegas, Nevada 89129. Written submissions must be received by the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors on or before August 17, 2018. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulation to be adopted will be on file at the State Library, Archives and Public Records, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulation to be adopted will be available at 7324 West Cheyenne Suite #9 Las Vegas, Nevada 89129 and in all counties in which an office of the agency is not maintained, at the main public library, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation are also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and on the Internet at http://www.leg.state.nv.us/. Copies of this notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public at no charge upon request.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

This notice of hearing has been posted at the following locations:

MFT-CPC Board Office 7324 West Cheyenne Suite #9, Las Vegas 89129 Grant Sawyer Building 555 E. Washington, Las Vegas 89101 Kayenta Legacy 9418 W. Lake Mead Las Vegas 89134 Office of the Attorney General 100 N. Carson Street, Carson City 89701 Washoe County Library 301 S. Center St., Reno 89501 Sparks Library 1125 12th St, Sparks 89431 marriage.nv.gov