



STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of
LCB Number R110-17
of the
Board of Examiners for Social Workers

The Board of Examiners for Social Workers will hold a Public Hearing at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 15, 2017 at Mojave Mental Health, Reno, 745 W. Moana Lane, #100, Reno, NV 89509 and Mojave Mental Health, Las Vegas, 4000 E. Charleston Blvd., #B230, Las Vegas, NV 89104

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested parties regarding the adoption of regulations that pertain to R110-17, Chapter 641B of the Nevada Administrative Code.

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

LCB File Number. R110-17

1. Need and purpose of the proposed regulations or amendments

The need for the proposed regulations is to protect the public health, safety and welfare by ensuring that only qualified and competent social workers are licensed in the state.

The purpose of the proposed regulations is to provide clarity for the public, individuals and licensees through regulations regarding the following areas – (a) Reducing the amount of time an application for licensure remains open; (b) Removal of the "Provisional C" licensure option that was approved through T000-16 in light of legislative changes in endorsement; (c) Expanding the number of clinical hours that can be accrued per quarter for post-graduate clinical internships; (d) Allowing the use of telecommunication options for supervision of clinical / independent internships; (e) Expanding content areas for required CEUs in ethics and increasing the requirement for CEUs in ethics for all licensing categories to 4 per renewal cycle; (f) Removal of the one-year grace period for CEUs post-graduation; (g) Removal of limitations on the number of CEUs that can be obtained online; (h) Changes for Board approved CEU vendors; and (i) Development of a professional will for social workers in independent practice.

2. How to obtain the approved or revised text of regulations prepared by LCB

You may obtain a copy of the proposed regulations by writing to the Board of Examiners for Social Workers, 4600 Kietzke Lane, C121, Reno, NV 89502, or by calling the Board office at (775)688-2555. The proposed regulations are also available for review and download on the Board website <http://socwork.nv.gov/>

3. Methods used in determining the impact on a small business

The agency used informed, reasonable judgment in determining that there will not be an impact on small businesses due to the nature of the regulation changes. The Board does not believe that there will be an impact on small business and it has conducted a survey of social workers with small businesses. This survey has validated the belief of the Board.

4. Estimated economic effect of regulations on business and the public

a. Adverse and beneficial effects

The adoption of these regulations should have no adverse economic effect on business, the public or practitioners of social work. The benefits of these regulations are that the public and the practitioners (social workers) will be provided more clarity in NAC 641B.

b. Immediate and long-term effects

The immediate and long-term effects of the regulations proposed in R110-17 will provide clarity and consistency in regulation and licensing of social workers in Nevada.

5. Cost for enforcement of the regulations

There are no additional costs involved in enforcing the proposed regulations.

6. Overlap or duplication of other state or local governmental agencies

The proposed regulations do not overlap or duplicate any regulation of other state or local governmental entities.

7. Regulation required by federal law

Not applicable

8. More stringent than federal regulations

The Board is not aware of any similar federal regulations of the same activity in which the state regulations are more stringent.

9. New or increases in existing fees

The proposed regulations do not include new or increases in existing fees.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed action of the Board of Examiners for Social Workers may appear at the scheduled public hearing or address their comments, data, views or arguments in written form to the Board of Examiners for Social Workers, 4600 Kietzke Lane, C121, Reno, NV, 89502. The Board of Examiners for Social Workers must receive all written submissions on or before **December 15, 2017**. 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 Social Workers may proceed immediately to action upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulations to be adopted, R110-17 will be on file at the Nevada State Library, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulations to be adopted, R110-17, will be available from the Board of Examiners for Social Workers, 4600 Kietzke Lane, C121, Reno, NV, 89502, and in all counties 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 regulations 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 upon request.

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

This **Notice of Hearing** has been posted on the Board's website <http://socwork.nv.gov/>; and at the following locations:

Carson City Library
900 North Roop Street
Carson City, NV 8701

Lincoln County Library
63 Main Street
Pioche, NV 89043

Churchill County Library
553 South Main Street
Fallon, NV 89406

Lyon County Library System
20 Nevin Way
Yerington, NV 89447

Las Vegas-Clark County Library District
Headquarters
833 Las Vegas Blvd. North
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Mineral County Public Library
110 1st Street
Hawthorne, NV 89415

Douglas County Public Library
1625 Library Lane
Minden, NV 89423

Pershing County Library
P.O. Box 781
1125 Central Avenue
Lovelock, NV 89419

Elko County Library
720 Court Street
Elko, NV 89801

Storey County Public Library
P.O. Box 980
Virginia City, NV 89440

Esmeralda County Library
Corner of Crook & 4th Street
PO Box 430
Goldfield, NV 89013

Tonopah Public Library
167 South Central Street
Tonopah, NV 89049

Eureka County Library
10190 Monroe Street
Eureka, NV 89316

Washoe County Library System
301 South Center Street
Reno, Nevada 89049

Humboldt County Library
85 East 5th Street
Winnemucca, NV 89445

Battle Mountain Branch Library
625 South Broad Street
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

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University of Nevada, Reno
School of Social Work
Ansari Business Building
Reno, NV

Clark County Social Services
1600 Pinto Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89106

White Pine County Library
950 Campton Street
Ely, NV 89301

Office of the Attorney General
200 North Carson Street
Carson City, NV 8701

University of Nevada, Las Vegas,
School of Social Work,
Las Vegas, Nevada

Washoe County Human Services Agency
350 S. Center Street
Reno, NV 89501

Dated: November 14, 2017