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OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ALASKA

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Amy Demboski

Department of Commerce Community and Economic Development

FROM:

April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor

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DATE:

February 25, 2020

RE:

Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Social Work Examiners

Board of Social Work Examiners regulations re: continued competency, standards of practice, continuing education, teletherapy, and board member absences (12 AAC 18.112; 12 AAC 18.160; 12 AAC 18.210; 12 AAC 18.300 - 12 AAC 18.330; 12 AAC

18.940; 12 AAC 18.990)

Attorney General File:

2019200267

Regulation Filed:

2/25/2020

Effective Date:

3/26/2020

Print:

233, April 2020

cc with enclosures:

Harry Hale, Department of Law

Judy Herndon, LexisNexis

Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist

ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

The attached eight pages of regulations, dealing with continued competency, standards of practice, continuing education requirements, teletherapy practice, board member absences, and definitions, are hereby certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Board of Social Work Examiners adopted at its January 27-28, 2020 meeting, under the authority of AS 08.01.020, AS 08.95.030, AS 08.95.040, AS 08.95.050, AS 08.95.100, and AS 08.95.120, and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Board of Social Work Examiners paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

Danielle LaFon, LBSW, Chair Board of Social Work Examiners

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that _____, 2020 at <u>1:31</u> An., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 – 44.62.120.

Effective: March 26, 2020.

Register: 233, April 2020.

Chapter 18. Board of Social Work Examiners.

12 AAC 18.112 is amended to read:

12 AAC 18.112. Continued competency. Proof of continued competency satisfactory to the board includes

- (1) successful passage of the applicable examination in 12 AAC 18.105 within the two years immediately before [AND] the [TWO YEARS IMMEDIATELY AFTER] application; or
- (2) verification of completion within the five years immediately preceding application of
 - (A) 1,500 hours of work as a social worker while holding a license similar to that for which application has been made; and
- (B) the continuing education requirements described in

 12 AAC 18.210(a)(1) and (3). (Eff. 10/14/99, Register 152; am 8/29/2003, Register 167;

 am 3 / 26 / 2020, Register 233)

Authority: AS 08.95.030 AS 08.95.120

12 AAC 18.160 is amended to read:

12 AAC 18.160. Standards of practice. A social worker licensed in this state shall adhere to the standards of practice adopted by the board under this section. The board hereby adopts by reference the ["STANDARDS OF PRACTICE/CODE OF CONDUCT", PARTS 1 - 10 OF THE] Model Social Work Practice Act Model Law Task Force, 1996 – 1997, with amendments, 1998 – 2012, with amendments, 2013 – 2015, with amendments, 2018, and the

Model Regulatory Standards for Technology and Social Work Practice ASWB International

Technology Task Force, 2013 – 2014 published by the Association of Social Work Boards, as the standards of practice for social workers licensed in this state. (Eff. 10/14/99, Register 152; am 8/29/2003, Register 167; am 11/4/2015, Register 216; am 3 /26/2026, Register 233)

Authority: AS 08.95.030

Editor's note: A copy of the Model Social Work Practice Act and the Model

Regulatory Standards for Technology and Social Work Practice ["STANDARDS OF

PRACTICE/CODE OF CONDUCT"] adopted in 12 AAC 18.160 is available for inspection at the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, Juneau, Alaska, or may be obtained from the Association of Social Work Boards, 400 Southridge Parkway, Suite B, Culpeper, VA 22701-3791, phone: (800) 225-6880, fax: (540) 829-0562, or websites at https://www.aswb.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Model law.pdf and https://www.aswb.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/ASWB-Model-Regulatory-Standards-for-Technology-and-Social-Work-Practice.pdf.

12 AAC 18.210(a) is amended to read:

12 AAC 18.210. Continuing education requirement (a) For the first biennial renewal of a person's social worker license, an applicant for renewal shall document completion of 45 contact hours of continuing education activities acceptable to the board that were earned during the two years before the expiration date of the person's license that included a minimum of

(1) six contact hours in substance abuse education;

a Publisher; "Remainder of editor's note is unchanged)))

(2) six contact hours in cross-cultural education relating to Alaska Natives;

[AND]

(3) three contact hours in professional ethics; and

(4) three contact hours in teletherapy practice.

12 AAC 18.210(b) is amended to read:

- (b) After a person's first biennial renewal of a social worker license, an applicant for renewal shall document completion of 45 contact hours of continuing education activities acceptable to the board that were earned during that licensing period and included a minimum of
 - (1) six contact hours in substance abuse education;
- (2) six contact hours in cross-cultural education, of which three hours include issues relating to Alaska Natives; [AND]
 - (3) three contact hours in professional ethics; and
 - (4) three contact hours in teletherapy practice.

12 AAC 18.210(c) is amended to read:

- (c) For purposes of this section,
- (1) one "contact hour" equals a minimum of 50 minutes of classroom instruction between instructor and participant;
 - (2) one academic semester credit equals 15 contact hours; [AND]
 - (3) one academic quarter credit equals 10 contact hours;
- (4) "relating to Alaska Natives" means a structured educational experience such as a course, lecture, workshop, or other organized training that focuses on the indigenous peoples of Alaska as it applies to social work practices; and

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(5) "teletherapy practice" means the use of audio, video, or data communications to perform functions or practices within the training required for licensure under AS 08.95 and this chapter and while physically separated from a client.

12 AAC 18.210 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(f) The three contact hours in teletherapy training may be used to satisfy up to three hours of the 45 contact hours required under (a) and (b) of this section but may not substitute for the subject specific training required under (a)(1) (3) or (b)(1) (3) of this section.

gen An applicant for renewal under this section may receive up to three hours of professional ethics continuing education credit under (a)(3) or (b)(3) of this section once every biennial licensing period for each 150 minutes of attendance at a regularly scheduled board meeting. (Eff. 9/26/91, Register 119; am 10/14/99, Register 152; am 11/4/2015, Register 216; am

3 / 26 / 2020, Register 233)

Authority: AS 08.95.030 AS 08.95.040

12 AAC 18 is amended by adding new sections to read:

Article 3. Teletherapy Practice.

Section

- 300. Requirements to practice teletherapy
- 310. Scope of teletherapy practice
- 320. Providing teletherapy
- 330. Safety and confidentiality of communications

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12 AAC 18.300. Requirements to practice teletherapy. A licensee may provide professional services under AS 08.95 through audio, video, or data communications when physically separated from the client, if the licensee is licensed under AS 08.95 and in good standing with the board. (Eff. 3 /26/2020, Register 233)

Authority: AS 08.95.030 AS 08.95.050

12 AAC 18.310. Scope of teletherapy practice. The practice of teletherapy under this chapter includes functions or practices that are within the training required for licensure under AS 08.95 and this chapter. (Eff. 3/26/2020, Register 233)

Authority: AS 08.95.030 AS 08.95.050

12 AAC 18.320. Providing teletherapy. (a) Before providing teletherapy, a licensee must determine that the client is intellectually, emotionally, and physically capable of using the technology and that the technology is appropriate for the needs of the client.

- (b) If licensee or client determines teletherapy is not appropriate, the licensee shall refer the client to a clinician local to the client for in-person services if available. If the client refuses referral, the licensee must document the reasons for continuing to provide teletherapy.
- (c) For each teletherapy session, a licensee must verify the client's identity and record in the client's file. (Eff. 3 /26 /2006, Register 233)

Authority: AS 08.95.030 AS 08.95.050

12 AAC 18.330. Safety and confidentiality of communications. (a) A licensee must advise each client about the risks of exchanging information by electronic communication and

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must include a disclaimer of the need to maintain confidentiality when communicating through electronic communication. Electronic communications are part of the client record; copies must be kept in a file maintained by the licensee in independent practices or within the licensee's agency record keeping policies.

(b) A licensee must discourage a client from texting of personal information. A licensee shall provide must include a disclaimer about the confidentiality risks when exchanging text messages. Text messages are considered a part of the client record; copies must be kept in a file maintained by the licensee.

- (c) A licensee's online scheduling and billing software must be encrypted and secure.
- (d) A licensee must avoid unwanted interruptions during synchronous teletherapy sessions. (Eff. 3 /26 / 2010, Register 233)

Authority:

AS 08.95.030

AS 08.95.050

The article heading for Article 3 is amended to read:

Article 4 [3]. General Provisions.

12 AAC 18 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 AAC 18.940. Board member absences. (a) The board may recommend to the governor that a member be removed from the board if that member has had three or more unexcused absences from regularly scheduled board meeting during the member's term on the board.

(b) Before the close of each regularly scheduled board meeting from which a member has been absent, the board will determine on the record whether the member's absence from that

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meeting was excused or unexcused. An absence will be excused if it was approved by the chairperson of the board 30 days before the scheduled meeting date or was due to an emergency. (Eff. 3 /26 /2020, Register 233)

Authority: AS 08.01.020 AS 08.95.030

12 AAC 18.990(7) is amended to read:

(7) "substance abuse education" means a structured educational experience such as a course, lecture, workshop, or other organized training that focuses on a misuse of psychoactive substances, [SUBSTANCE ABUSE] as it applies to social work practices; substance abuse education does not include an educational experience that focuses on behavior addiction; for the purposes of this paragraph

(A) "psychoactive substance" means a chemical substance that changes brain function and results in alterations in perception, mood, consciousness, cognition, or behavior and includes alcohol, marijuana, prescription drugs, pharmaceuticals, or illegal substances;

(B) "behavior addiction" means a behavior that produces short-term reward that may create persistent behavior despite knowledge of adverse consequences and diminished control over the behavior;

12 AAC 18.990 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

(9) "synchronous" means real-time interaction between a licensee and a client occurring at exactly the same time during which the glient and Reensee are able to communicate using real time;

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(10) "teletherapy" means the use of audio, video, or data communications to perform functions or practices within the training required for licensure under AS 08.95 and this chapter and while physically separated from a client. (Eff. 9/26/91, Register 119; am 10/15/99, Register 152; am 5/11/2012, Register 202; am 3 / 26 / 2020, Register 233)

Authority:

AS 08.95.030

AS 08.95.050

AS 08.95.100

AS 08.95.040

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

Department of Law

To: The Honorable Kevin Meyer

Lieutenant Governor

Date: February 25, 2020

File No.: 2019200267

Tel. No.: 465-3600

From: Steven C. Weaver

Senior Assistant Attorney General Legislation and Regulations Section Re: Board of Social Work Examiners regulations re: continued competency, standards of practice, continuing education, teletherapy,

and board member absences (12 AAC 18.112; 12 AAC 18.160; 12 AAC 18.210; 12 AAC 18.300 -

12 AAC 18.330; 12 AAC 18.940;

12 AAC 18.990)

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Board of Social Work Examiners against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. I have reviewed this project under a delegation dated December 3, 2018 from the regulations attorney. This memorandum constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Board of Social Work Examiners after the close of the public comment period. The regulations concern continued competency, standards of practice, continuing education requirements, teletherapy practice, board member absences, and related definitions.

The March 31, 2019 public notice and the January 27, 2020 certification of adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.195 is not required.

We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.125. The corrections include the deletion of a redundant provision from 12 AAC 18.210. The corrections are shown on the attached copy of the regulations.

SCW

cc w/enc:

Sara Chambers, Director

Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development

Amy Demboski, Assistant Commissioner and Regulations Contact Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development

Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development

Danielle LaFon, LBSW, Chair Board of Social Work Examiners (via email through Jun Maiquis)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES RELATING TO CONTINUED COMPETENCY, STANDARDS OF PRACTICE, CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, TELETHERAPY PRACTICE, BOARD MEMBER ABSENCES, AND DEFINITIONS IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Board of Social Work Examiners proposes to update various regulations regarding continued competency requirements, update standards of practice, continuing education requirements, board member absences, definitions, and to establish teletherapy standards of practice.

The Board of Social Work Examiners (Board) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 12, Chapter 18 of the Alaska Administrative Code including the following:

- 1. 12 AAC 18.112. Continued competency, is proposed to be changed to amend the continued competency requirements.
- 2. 12 AAC 18.160. Standards of practice, is proposed to be changed to reflect the current version of the standards of practice adopted by the board for social workers.
- 3. 12 AAC 18.210. Continuing education requirement, is proposed to be changed to amend the continuing education requirements for renewal of a social worker license.
- 4. **12 AAC 18.300. Requirements to practice teletherapy,** is a proposed new section that establishes eligibility requirements to practice teletherapy.
- 5. **12 AAC 18.310. Scope of teletherapy practice**, is a proposed new section that establishes scope of practice for teletherapy.
- 6. 12 AAC 18.320. Providing teletherapy, is a proposed new section that determines if a client is qualified for teletherapy services.
- 7. 12 AAC 18.330. Safety and confidentiality of communications, is a proposed new section that establishes safety and confidentiality of communications guidelines for teletherapy services between a licensee and a client.
- 8. **12 AAC 18.340. Limitations on teletherapy practice,** is a proposed new section that establishes limitations on teletherapy practice.
- 9. **12 AAC 18.940. Board member absences,** is a proposed new regulations regarding board member absences from regularly scheduled board meeting.
- 10. **12 AAC 18.990. Definitions**, is proposed to add a new definition for "substance abuse education", "synchronous", and "teletherapy".

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806. Additionally, the Board will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-2974 and by electronic mail at RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system at http://notice.alaska.gov/193596, and using the comment link. The comments must be received not later than 4:30 p.m. on May 1, 2019. Comments received after this deadline will not be considered by the Board.

Oral comments relevant to the proposed action, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed action, may also be given at a hearing to be held on April 22, 2019, at the State Office Building, 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9th Floor, Conference Room C, Juneau, Alaska. If you wish to give your comments via telephone, please call 1-800-315-6338 access code 52551. The hearing

will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will end when those who have signed up before 1:00 p.m. to give oral testimony have had the opportunity to comment. The chair of the Board may limit each participant's length of oral testimony to a time limit, determined by the chair before the hearing begins, to allow enough time for all those present and timely registered to give testimony.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806 or by e-mail at RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Board will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online System and the Board's website Public Notice on at https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/Professional Licensing/Social Work Examiners.aspx.The Board may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10-day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Jun Maiquis at (907) 465-2537 or RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov not later than April 18, 2019 to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Jun Maiquis at (907) 465-2537 or RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov, or go to https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/CSW-0219.pdf.

A copy of the material proposed for adoption by reference may be viewed at the Board's office at the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, State Office Building, 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9th Floor, Juneau, AK.

After the public comment period ends, the Board will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected. Written comments and questions received are public records and are subject to public inspection.

Statutory Authority: AS 08.01.020; AS 08.95.030; AS 08.95.040; AS 08.95.050; AS 08.95.100; AS 08.95.120

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 08.01.020; AS 08.95.030; AS 08.95.040; AS 08.95.050; AS 08.95.100; AS 08.95.120

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: 3/28/19

Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist Division of Corporations, Business and

Professional Licensing

For each occupation regulated under the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, the Division keeps a list of individuals or organizations who are interested in the regulations of that occupation. The Division automatically sends a Notice of Proposed Regulations to the parties on the appropriate list each time there is a proposed change in an occupation's regulations in Title 12 of the Alaska Administrative Code. If you would like your address added to or removed from such a list, send your request to the Division at the address above, giving your name, either your e-mail address or mailing address (as you prefer for receiving notices), and the occupational area in which you are interested.

ADDITIONAL REGULATION NOTICE INFORMATION

(AS 44.62.190(d))

- **1. Adopting agency:** Board of Social Work Examiners Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing.
- **2. General subject of regulation:** Continued competency requirements, standards of practice, continuing education requirements, board member absences, teletherapy practice, and definitions.
- **3. Citation of regulation:** 12 AAC 18.112, 12 AAC 18.160, 12 AAC 18.210, 12 AAC 18.300, 12 AAC 18.310, 12 AAC 18.320, 12 AAC 18.330, 12 AAC 18.340, 12 AAC 18.940, and 12 AAC 18.990.
- 4. Department of Law file number: To be assigned.
- **5. Reason for the proposed action:** Update and clarification of current regulations; compliance with state statute.
- 6. Appropriation/Allocation: Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing #2360.
- 7. Estimated annual cost to comply with the proposed action to:

A private person: None known.
Another state agency: None known.
A municipality: None known.

- 8. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars):
 No costs are expected in FY 2019 or in subsequent years.
- 9. The name of the contact person for the regulation:

Chelsea Childress, Licensing Supervisor Board of Social Work Examiners

Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Telephone: (907) 465-3262

E-mail: chelsea.childress@alaska.gov

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11,	Date:	3/28/19	Prepared by:	Sallmans	
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				Regulations Specialist	
				(907) 465-2537	

STATE OF ALASKA)
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT) ss.

AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION AND FURNISHING OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I, Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, being sworn, state the following:

As required by AS 44.62.190, notice of the proposed adoption of changes to 12 AAC 18.112 through 12 AAC 18.990, dealing with continued competency, standards of practice, continuing education requirements, teletherapy practice, board member absences, and definitions, has been given by being

- 1. published in a newspaper or trade publication;
- 2. furnished to every person who has filed a request for notice of proposed action with the state agency;
- 3. furnished to appropriate state officials;
- 4. furnished to interested persons;
- 5. furnished to the Department of Law, along with a copy of the proposed regulation;
- 6. furnished electronically to incumbent State of Alaska legislators;
- 7. posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System as required by AS 44.62.175(a)(1) and (b) and 44.62.190(a)(1).

As required by AS 44.62.190, additional regulation notice information regarding the proposed adoption of the regulation changes described above has been furnished to persons in (2), (4), and (6) of the list above. The additional regulation notice information also has been posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

DATE: 8/5/19
Juneau, Alaska

Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist

. 2019.

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State of Alaska

My commission expires:



STATE OF ALASKA)
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT) ss.

AFFIDAVIT OF AGENCY RECORD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

I, Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist for the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, being duly sworn, state the following:

In compliance with AS 44.62.215, the Board of Social Work Examiners has kept a record of its use or rejection of factual or other substantive information that was submitted in writing and orally as public comment and that was relevant to the accuracy, coverage, or other aspect of the Board of Social Work Examiners regulations on dealing with continued competency, standards of practice, continuing education requirements, teletherapy practice, board member absences, and definitions.

DATE:

Juneau, Alaska

Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this ______, 2019.



Notary Public in and for the

State of Alaska

My commission expires: ____

STATE OF ALASKA	
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT) ss

AFFIDAVIT OF ORAL HEARING

I, Lauren Osborn, Licensing Examiner for the Board of Social Work Examiners, being duly sworn, state the following:

The Board of Social Work Examiners presided over the following public hearing held in accordance with AS 44.62.210 for the purpose of taking testimony in connection with the adoption of changes to 12 AAC 18.112 -12 AAC 18.990 dealing with continued competency, standards of practice. continuing education requirements, teletherapy practice, board member absences, and definitions.

April 22, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., at the State Office Building. 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9th Floor, Conference Room C, Juneau, Alaska.

uren Osborn, Licensing Examiner

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AFFIDAVIT OF BOARD ACTION

I, Lauren Bales, Licensing Examiner for the Board of Social Work Examiners, being duly sworn, state the following:

The attached motion dealing with continued competency, standards of practice, continuing education requirements, teletherapy practice, board member absences, and definitions was passed by the Board of Social Work Examiners during its January 27-28, 2020 meeting.

Lauren Bales, Licensing Examiner

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 2 day of



Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska

My commission expires: with my office

Excerpt from Board meeting minutes: From meeting minutes CSW January 27-28, 2020

The board reviewed the suggested edits submitted by Department of Law. The board decided to move forward with revising the language as follows in the motion.

A motion duly made by Ms. Mindy Swisher, seconded by Ms. Collene Vague, and approved by unanimous consent was:

Resolved to adopt the amended regulation proposal to reflect the following changes: 12 AAC 18.210(a) remove sentence that reads "In addition to the requirements of (f) of this section for an applicant whose practice includes teletherapy," 12 AAC 18.210(a) add (4) three contact hours in teletherapy practice, 12 AAC 18.210(b) remove sentence that reads "and subject to the requirements of (f) of this section for an applicant whose practice includes teletherapy," 12 AAC 18.210(b) add (4) three contact hours in teletherapy practice, 12 AAC 18.210(c) add (5) "teletherapy practice" means the use of audio, video, or data communications to perform functions or practices within the training required for licensure under AS 08.95 and this chapter and while physically separated from a client, 12 AAC 18.210 (f) to read "The three contact hours in teletherapy training may be used to satisfy up to three hours of the 45 contact hours required under (a) and (b) of this section but may not substitute for the subject specific training required under (a)(1) – (3) or (b)(1) – (3) of this section," 12 AAC 18.210 (g) to read "An applicant for renewal under this section may receive up to three hours of professional ethics continuing education credit under (a)(3) or (b)(3) of this section once every biennial licensing period for each 150 minutes of attendance at a regularly scheduled board meeting," and 12 AAC 18,300 remove (a)(2) and (b).