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TO: Sara Chambers, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

FROM: April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor 
465.4081

DATE: May 31, 2024

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Professional Counselors

Board of Professional Counselors regulations re: Update names of continuing education organizations and definition of synchronous (12 AAC 62.320)

Attorney General File:	2023200593
Regulation Filed:	5/31/2024
Effective Date:	6/30/2024
Print:	250, July 2024

cc with enclosures: Colleen Bailey, Department of Law
Judy Herndon, LexisNexis
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May 31, 2024

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
Lieutenant Governor
State of Alaska
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Re: *12 AAC 62.320; 12 AAC 62.990 - Board of Professional Counselors -
Update names of cont. ed organizations & definition of synchronous*
Our file: 2023200593

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Board of Professional Counselors against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter 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 Professional Counselors after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations update the names of organizations the board has recognized as providing approved courses, seminars, and workshops and clarify the meaning of the term "synchronous."

Both the March 5, 2024 public notice and May 30, 2024 order certifying the changes to regulations state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

No technical corrections were necessary to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060.

Sincerely,

TREG TAYLOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: **Rebecca C. Polizzotto**
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ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO
REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

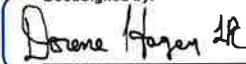
The attached two pages of regulations, dealing with updating the names of approved continuing education organizations and definitions, are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Board of Professional Counselors adopted at its May 20, 2024 meeting, under the authority of AS 08.29.020, and AS 08.29.140, 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 Professional Counselors 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.

DATE: 5/30/2024

DocuSigned by:


Dorene Hagen, Licensed Professional Counselor,
Chair
Alaska Board of Professional Counselors

April Simpson for

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on May 31, 2024 at 12:17 p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

for 

Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor

Effective: June 30, 2024.

Register: 250, July 2024.

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Dahlstrom", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**NANCY DAHLSTROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Chapter 62. Board of Professional Counselors.

12 AAC 62.320(b)(2) is amended to read:

(2) courses, seminars, and workshops offered or approved by the

(A) American Counseling Association;

(B) Alaska Counseling Association;

(C) American Psychological Association;

(D) **Association of Social Work Boards** [AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE SOCIAL WORK BOARDS];

(E) National Association of Social Workers;

(F) **American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy** [AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY];

(G) **National Board for Certified Counselors** [NATIONAL BOARD OF CERTIFIED COUNSELORS] (NBCC);

(H) Alaska Commission for Behavioral Health Certification;

(I) Alaska Psychological Association;

(J) Alaska School Counselor Association;

(K) Alaska Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers;

(L) American School Counselor Association;

(M) Department of Health or Department of Family and Community Services;

(N) Co-Occurring Disorders Institute, Inc.;

(O) **Alaska Training Cooperative** [TRUST TRAINING COOPERATIVE];

(P) **NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals**

[NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS];

(Q) Regional Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor Training Program;

(R) **Association for Play Therapy (APT);**

(Eff. 10/30/99, Register 152; am 1/28/2005, Register 173; am 12/29/2006, Register 180; am

5/18/2014, Register 210; am 6 / 30 / 2024, Register 250)

Authority: AS 08.29.020 AS 08.29.140

12 AAC 62.990(c)(6) is amended to read:

(6) "synchronous," **with regard to a course, seminar, or workshop,** means

instruction between an instructor and an attendee that occurs in real-time, either in person

or through the Internet [HAPPENING PRECISELY AT THE SAME TIME]. (Eff. 10/30/99,

Register 152; am 1/28/2005, Register 173; am 11/10/2019, Register 232; am 2/20/2022, Register

241; am 6 / 30 / 2024, Register 250)

Authority: AS 08.29.020