

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD

Rule No.: MPSW 8, 14, 19

Relating to: Continuing Education

Rule Type: Permanent

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):

N/A

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The proposed rule will update the continuing education required to reflect current continuing education programs, including technological methods of delivery. It will also remove obsolete provisions and provide clarification of the required continuing education. In addition, many licensees of this board hold multiple credentials regulated by the board and the objective is to minimize confusion and streamline the continuing education process.

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

Updating the continuing education requirements will create clarity and utilize current technological methods of delivery of the continuing education. In addition, a recent audit of continuing education revealed that there is confusion among those licensees who hold multiple credentials with this board as it relates to continuing education requirements.

The alternative is to not promulgate the rule which would continue the confusion and not allow current technological methods of delivery.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

15.08(5)(b) Each examining board shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.

457.22(1) The examining board may do any of the following:

(a) Upon the advice of the social worker section, promulgate rules establishing requirements and procedures for social workers, advanced practice social workers, independent social workers, and clinical social workers to complete continuing education programs or courses of study in order to qualify for renewal.

(b) Upon the advice of the marriage and family therapist section, promulgate rules establishing requirements and procedures for marriage and family therapists to complete continuing education programs or courses of study in order to qualify for renewal.

(c) Upon the advice of the professional counselor section, promulgate rules establishing requirements and procedures for professional counselors to complete continuing education programs or courses of study in order to qualify for renewal.

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:

150 hours

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:

Marriage and Family Therapists, Professional Counselors and Social Workers

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:

None

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

None

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Date Submitted