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Administrative Code Citation

N.J.A.C. 13:34-5.2

Text

Notice of Action on Petition for Rulemaking

Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners

Professional Counselor Examiners Committee

Petitioners: the New Jersey Counseling Association (NJCA) 2021-2022 Executive Committee: Maria del Carmen Rodriguez, President, Eurica Pinthieve, Secretary, Benjamin Guy III, Treasurer, David Julius Ford Jr., Past President, and Wanda Quezada, Past President; and the New Jersey Association for Multicultural Counseling (NJAMC) Past Presidents: Joana Couto, Sherritta Hughes, Joyce E. Williams, and Roberto Schiraldi.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:8B-13 and 34 et seq.

Take notice that on December 15, 2021, the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (Committee) of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (Board) received a petition for rulemaking from the above-named petitioners requesting that the Board improve and increase the level of cultural competence training to ensure that counselors are equipped to provide services to clients from diverse backgrounds. The changes sought by petitioners would require amending N.J.A.C. 13:34-5.2(d).

A notice acknowledging receipt of the petition was published in the January 18, 2022, New Jersey Register at 54 N.J.R. 189(a). In accordance with applicable law, the petition was duly considered at a public meeting of the Committee on January 6, 2022, and of the Board on January 13, 2022. The

petitioners request that the required amount of social and cultural competence continuing education for licensed professional counselors be increased from three hours to 6.5 hours. The petitioners also request that the Board offer at least four hours of free continuing education towards this requirement and that social and cultural competence training be infused throughout core curricular areas, where appropriate. Upon due deliberation, the Committee recommended, and the Board concurred, to refer the petition to a subcommittee of the Committee for further deliberation. The Board and Committee would like to gather information regarding the continuing education requirements for other mental health professions before making a final decision on the petition.

A copy of this notice is being mailed to the petitioners pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2.

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