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N.J.A.C. 13:34-10.2 and 13.1

Text

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners

Petitioner: Jeffrey W. Cox Jr., LPC, LCADC, ACS.

Take notice that on April 3, 2022, the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (Board) received a petition for rulemaking from the above-named petitioner requesting that the Board amend N.J.A.C. 13:34-13.1 to require that supervisors of licensed associate counselors be professional counselors licensed in New Jersey for at least three years and have an approved clinical supervisor certification.

Existing N.J.A.C. 13:34-13.1(a) requires that supervisors of licensed associate counselors have 4,500 hours of work experience subsequent to holding a clinical license to provide mental health counseling services, and that they have either an approved clinical supervisor credential from the Center for Credentialing and Education of the National Board for Certified Counselors, an equivalent supervisor credential recognized by their respective professional healthcare licensing board, or three graduate credits in clinical supervision from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. In addition to N.J.A.C. 13:34-13.1, petitioner's request would require an

amendment at N.J.A.C. 13:34-10.2. The definition of "qualified supervisor" at N.J.A.C. 13:34-10.2 includes professionals licensed to practice professional counseling, marriage and family therapy, psychology, psychiatry, and social work. The petitioner states that the education and training social workers receive does not include the training of a professional counselor, and, therefore, social workers should not be supervisors of associate counselors. The petitioner does not address whether professionals licensed to practice marriage and family therapy, psychology, or psychiatry should be permitted to supervise associate counselors. However, the petitioner's proposed amendment at N.J.A.C. 13:34-13.1 would limit eligibility to be a qualified supervisor of associate counselors to professional counselors.

In accordance with the provisions at N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2, a copy of this notice has been mailed to the petitioner, and the Executive Director will subsequently mail to the petitioner and file with the Office of Administrative Law a notice of action on the petition.

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