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

Text

Notice of Action on Petition for Rulemaking

Professional Counselor Examiners Committee

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:8B-13.

Petitioner: Doreen Consulmagno, LPC.

Take notice that on June 25, 2024, the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (Committee) of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners received a petition for rulemaking from Doreen Consulmagno, LPC, requesting that the Committee amend the definition of "qualified supervisor" at N.J.A.C. 13:34-10.2 to remove licensed clinical social workers from the list of individuals eligible to supervise licensed associate counselors. In addition, if the petition is granted, the petitioner recommends that the Committee reject any proposed plan of supervision submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-50 that includes a licensed clinical social worker as a qualified supervisor once the amended definition goes into effect.

Currently, the definition of "qualified supervisor" at N.J.A.C. 13:34-10.2 includes individuals licensed to practice professional counseling, marriage and family therapy, psychology, psychiatry, and social work. The petitioner states that the experience, education, and training social workers receive do not meet the experience, education, and training criteria to become a licensed professional counselor. Consequently, the petitioner believes that licensed associate counselors supervised by licensed clinical social workers may not get the full benefit from supervision, as their supervisors may lack the training and experience necessary to guide and support them. Lastly, the petitioner notes that applicants for licensure as clinical social workers are not permitted to be supervised by licensed professional counselors and believes that the reverse should be true.

A notice acknowledging receipt of the petition was filed with the Office of Administrative Law on July 8, 2024, and was published in the New Jersey Register on August 5, 2024, at 56 N.J.R. 1577(b).

Take further notice that, at its July 18, 2024 meeting, the Committee referred this matter to its Regulations Sub-Committee for further deliberation in order to develop a better understanding of the implications this request would have for licensees and the public.

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

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