

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board

Rule No.: MPSW 11

Relating to: Professional counselor training licenses

Rule Type: Permanent

1. Finding/nature of emergency:

N/A

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

The current rules, specifically MPSW 11.015 (2), state that a professional counselor training license is valid for 48 months and may be renewed at the discretion of the professional counselor section. The board will consider adding criteria for the professional counselor section to consider when contemplating whether to grant a renewal of a professional counselor training license.

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:

A possible benefit of implementing the rule will be to provide greater clarity for professional counselor training license holders as to whether their renewal request will be granted. It would also provide the professional counselor section with more guidance to assist in making such determinations. The alternative of implementing the rule is to not provide this additional guidance, leaving the section with broad discretion to grant or deny renewals of professional counselor training licenses.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule:

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats. provides that each board shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the profession to which it pertains.

Section 457.03 (1), Stats. provides the board with authority to promulgate rules establishing minimum standards for educational programs and supervised clinical training that must be completed to obtain licensure as a professional counselor.

Section 457.13 (2), Stats. gives the professional counselor section discretion to renew a professional counselor training license.

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

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80 hours.

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

Professional counselors in training and their supervisors and applicants for professional counselor licensure.

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 to minimal. This rule is not likely to have a significant impact on small businesses.

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