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**BOARD OF COUNSELING PROFESSIONALS LICENSURE**

2015 - 2016 Regulatory Agenda

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AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional & Occupational Regulation, **Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None.

**EXPECTED 2015-2016 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:**

**CHAPTER 1:** Definitions

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A., §§ 13853 (2), 13853(11), 13858(8).

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise this chapter, which defines terms used in the board’s rules.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 1-A,** Advisory Ruling

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 M.R.S.A., §§ 8051, 9001(4).

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise this chapter, which describes a procedure for the issuance of advisory rulings.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 2:** Licensed Professional Counselors

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRSA §§ 13853(2), 13853(11), 13858(8).

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise this chapter, which defines the scope of practice for the professional counselor license and sets forth licensure requirements.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 3:** Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A., §§ 13853 (2), 13853(11), 13858(8).

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise this chapter, which defines the scope of practice for the professional clinical counselor license and sets forth licensure requirements.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 4**: Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A., §§ 13853 (2), 13853(11), 13858(8).

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise this chapter, which defines the scope of practice for the marriage and family therapist license and sets forth licensure requirements.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 5**: Licensed Pastoral Counselors

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A., §§ 13853 (2), 13853(11), 13858(8).

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise this chapter, which defines the scope of practice for the pastoral counselor license and sets forth licensure requirements.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 5-A**: Registration Counselors

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A., §§ 13853 (2), 13853(11), 13858(8).

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise this chapter, which sets forth provisions relating to the scope of practice and obligations of registered counselors.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 6:** Applications / Applicants Licensed in Another Jurisdiction

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A., §§ 13853 (2), 13853(11), 13858(8).

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise this chapter, which sets forth general requirements relating to applications for licensure, applicants trained in foreign countries, and applicants licensed in other jurisdictions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 7:** License Renewal; Inactive Status

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A., §§ 13853 (2), 13853(11), 13858(8), 13864, and 10 MRSA §8003(5-A)(D).

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise this chapter, which describes the board’s application and renewal process.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 7-A**: Continuing Education

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A., §§ 13853 (2), 13853(11), 13858(8), 13860(2).

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise this chapter, which makes peer consultation an optional, as opposed to mandatory, component of continuing education, and also requires four hours of continuing education in domestic violence, substance abuse or emotional trauma.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 8-A:** Code of Ethics

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A., §§ §13853 (2), 13853(11), 13858(8).

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise this chapter, which contains the code of ethics to be followed by licensed and registered counselors.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.

**CHAPTER 8-B**: Client Bill of Rights; Disclosure Statements

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A., §§§ 13853 (2), 13853(11), 13858(8).

PURPOSE: The board may review and revise this chapter, which contains the client bill of rights and counselor disclosure statements adopted by the board, and requires counselors to distribute these documents to clients in hand at the commencement of the counseling relationship.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not expected.