REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: Social Work Certification and Licensure Board

RULE CITATION: 21 NCAC 63 .0211

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Thursday, July 8, 2021

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> This request may extend to several pages. Please be sure you have reached the end of the document.

The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may call our office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends that the following technical changes be made:

In (a), should G.S. 90B-7(d)(s) be 90B-7(d)(2)?

In (a)(1), lines 6-7, it looks like the practice of clinical social work is defined by statute in G.S. 90B-3(6), as opposed to "this Chapter." Please either delete "as defined in this Chapter" or provide the statutory cross-reference.

In (a)(2), lines 13-16, how is it determined whether a supervisor who has been disciplined will be able to provide supervision? What factors will be used? Is this set forth elsewhere in rule or statute?

In (a)(3), lines 23-24, how will it be determined whether the applicant's work experience meets the definition? Is this provided elsewhere in rule?

In (a)(3), lines 31-32, is this hour for hour of group supervision up to a maximum of 25? If that's correct, I think this is fine.

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

1 2 21 NCAC 63 .0211 is amended with changes as published in 35:13 NCR 1463-1465 as follows:

3 21 NCAC 63 .0211 WORK EXPERIENCE

4 (a) Qualifications as required by G.S. 90B-7(d)(s) for the Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) credential:

- 5 (1) Two years of post-MSW clinical social work experience shall mean 3,000 clock hours of work or 6 employment for a fee or salary while engaged in the practice of clinical social work as defined in 7 this Chapter. The 3,000 hours shall be accumulated over a period of time not less than two years 8 nor more than six consecutive years. Practicum or internship experience gained as part of any 9 educational program shall not be included. Pursuant to G.S. 93B-15.1(a), military applicants may 10 receive credit for military occupational specialty experience obtained post MSW degree and deemed 11 substantially equivalent to clinical social work practice as defined in this Chapter.
- 12 (2) Appropriate supervision shall mean supervision by a MSW who is also a Licensed Clinical Social 13 Worker and who is in good standing with the Board. A supervisor disciplined by any professional 14 credentialing body or professional organization, or who has violated the provisions of an 15 occupational licensing Board may not provide supervision to an associate licensee without the 16 written permission of the Board. The Licensed Clinical Social Worker Associate's (LCSWA) 17 clinical social work supervisor shall have an additional two years of clinical social work experience 18 post LCSW licensure.
- 19 Appropriate supervision shall be that which is provided on a regular basis, conducted no less than (3) 20 once every two weeks, with at least one hour of supervision during every 30 hours of experience. 21 A minimum of 100 hours of supervision is required. The clinical supervisor shall make the initial 22 determination whether the applicant's work experience meets the definition of clinical social work 23 in accordance with the rules of this Chapter. The Board shall make the final determination whether 24 or not the applicant's work experience meets the definition of clinical social work practice. 25 Appropriate supervision may be individual or group supervision. Individual supervision shall mean 26 one on one, face-to-face supervision by a MSW who is also a LCSW where the supervisor reviews 27 and discusses clinical social work cases, reviews documentation, and provides evaluative comments 28 and direction to the LCSWA. Group supervision shall mean face-to-face supervision provided by 29 a MSW who is also a LCSW in a group setting, during which the supervisor reviews and discusses 30 clinical social work cases, reviews documentation, and provides feedback and direction to each 31 LCSWA in the group. A maximum of 25 hours of group supervision may be applied toward meeting 32 the supervision requirements for the LCSW.
- (4) Unless otherwise preapproved by the Board, no more than 20 50 hours of supervision may be
 provided through the use of technology. The clinical supervisor may seek approval by providing a
 written request to the Board. The request shall include the parties' information, including name,
 license number, and business address; and the circumstances for which the additional hours are
 needed. Approval of the request shall be determined on a case by case basis, based upon the

1	circumstances provided in the request. All supervision provided through the use of technology shall
2	be synchronous, involve visual and audio interactions throughout the entire session, and shall take
3	place in such a manner as to maintain the confidentiality of the communication.

- 4 (b) Qualifications as required by G.S. 90B-7(e)(2) for the Certified Social Work Manager (CSWM) credential:
- 5 (1) Two years of post social work degree experience shall mean 3,000 clock hours of employment for 6 a salary while engaged in administrative social work duties including, policy and budgetary 7 development and implementation, supervision and management, program evaluation, planning, and 8 staff development. Such duties shall be carried out in an administrative setting where social work 9 or other mental health services are delivered. The 3,000 hours shall be accumulated over a period 10 of time not less than two years nor more than six consecutive years. Practicum or internship 11 experience gained as part of any educational program shall not be included.
- 12 (2)Appropriate supervision shall mean face-to-face supervision by a social work administrator certified 13 or licensed by the Board who has a minimum of two years of administrative experience in a social 14 work or mental health setting. Appropriate supervision shall be that which is provided on a regular 15 basis, conducted no less than once every two weeks throughout the applicant's two years of administrative social work experience. A minimum of 100 hours of supervision is required. A 16 17 maximum of 50 hours of group supervision may be applied toward meeting the supervision 18 requirements for the CSWM. No more than $\frac{20}{50}$ hours of supervision may be provided through 19 the use of technology. All supervision provided through the use of technology shall be synchronous, 20 involve visual and audio interaction throughout the entire session, and shall take place in such a 21 manner as to maintain the confidentiality of the communication.
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23 History Note: Authority G. S. 90B-6; 90B-7;
 24 Temporary Adoption Eff. October 1, 1999;
 25 Eff. July 1, 2000;

- 26 Amended Eff. October 1, 2012; January 1, 2009; September 1, 2005;
- 27 *Readopted Eff. February 1, 2017. 2017.*
- 28 <u>Amended Eff. August 1, 2021.</u>