



North Carolina Board of
Employee Assistance Professionals

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL
Margaret Currin, Chairperson
North Carolina Rules Review Commission
NC Office of Administrative Hearings
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Raleigh, NC 27699-6714

Re: North Carolina Board of Employee Assistance Professionals' Periodic Review of Existing Rules Pursuant to NC General Statutes 150B-21.3A and 26 NCAC 05 .0211

Dear Chairperson Currin:

I write to you pursuant to 26 NCAC 05 .0204 and as Chairman of the North Carolina Board of Employee Assistance Professionals (the "Board") to request a waiver of the deadline of filing the agency review of existing Rules.

In May of 2014, the Board lost its part-time administrator due to retirement from the Division of Health and Human Services. For a period of time following her retirement many of the statutorily required reports were unfortunately not met by our Board. Without her guidance and administration of Board duties, the volunteer Board members were not able to meet and conduct regular business. The Board engaged in a search for a new administrator during that time.

The agency review of our existing rules was scheduled for our August 2014 meeting. Due to our lack of an administrator this was continuously postponed. In December 2014, North Carolina HHS approved a management contract with the retired administrator, who sought to return to her former position. We have now scheduled the agency review of Rules for our February 20th, 2015 meeting; however this will not allow us to meet the 60 day public comment period.

The Board respectfully requests to submit its filing of the review of Rules following its February 2015 meeting and then appear before the RRC at its July 2015 meeting in order to comply with NC General Statutes 150B-21.3A and 26 NCAC 05 .0211.

Please accept my apologies as Chairman of this Board, and on behalf of its members and approximately 150 licensees, for any delay and inconvenience this setback may have caused for the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barden Culbreth", written in a cursive style.

Barden Culbreth
Chairman
NC Board of Employee Assistance Professionals

Cc: Josephine Tetteh, Attorney General Office
Jo Yarbrough, Administrator, NCBEAP