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Evelyn B. Brown Executive Director Virginia Board of Counseling 6603 West Broad Street Richmond, VA 23230-1712

RE: 18 VAC 115-20-10 et seq.

Regulations Governing the Practice of Professional Counseling

18 VAC 115-50-10 et seq.

Regulations Governing the Practice of Marriage and Family Therapy

18 VAC 115-60-10 et seq.

Regulations Governing the Practice of Substance Abuse Treatment Practitioners

Dear Ms. Brown:

I have reviewed the Proposed Regulations as cited above and as adopted by the Board of Counseling at its meeting on August 27, 2004. I find that the amended regulations to clarify and conform standards of professional practice for licensees of the board are constitutional and in conformity with statutory provisions.

Sincerely,

Howard M. Casway

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cc: Elaine J. Yeatts, Agency Regulatory Coordinator Department of Health Professions