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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. David Brown
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DATE: December 31, 2019

SUBJECT: *Regulations Governing the Practice of Professional Counseling*
Regulations Governing the Certification of Substance Abuse Counselors
and Substance Abuse Counseling Assistants
Regulations Governing the Certification of Rehabilitation Providers
Regulations Governing the Practice of Marriage and Family Therapy
Regulations Governing the Practice of Licensed Substance Abuse
Treatment Practitioners
Regulations Governing the Registration of Peer Recovery Specialists
Regulations Governing the Registration of Qualified Mental Health
Professionals
18VAC115-20; 18VAC115-30; 18VAC115-40; 18VAC115-50;
18VAC115-60; 18VAC115-70; 18VAC115-80

I have reviewed the amendments to the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Professional Counseling*, 18VAC115-20, the *Regulations Governing the Certification of Substance Abuse Counselors and Substance Abuse Counseling Assistants*, 18VAC115-30, the *Regulations Governing the Certification of Rehabilitation Providers*, 18VAC115-40, the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Marriage and Family Therapy*, 18VAC115-50, the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Licensed Substance Abuse Treatment Practitioners*, 18VAC115-60, the *Regulations Governing the Registration of Peer Recovery Specialists*, 18VAC115-70, and the *Regulations Governing the Registration of Qualified Mental Health Professionals*, 18VAC115-80, as adopted by the Board of Counseling on November 22, 2019. The Board has the statutory authority to adopt these Regulations under Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4805 and 54.1-2400. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.