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

RE: 18 V AC 140-20-10 et seq. Regulations Governing the Practice of Social Work

Dear Ms. Brown:

I have reviewed the Emergency Regulation, 18 V AC 140-20-10 et seq., in accordance with the Administrative Process Act. The amended regulations are constitutional and in conformity with statutory provisions of Chapter 64 of the 2004 Acts of the Assembly.

The "emergency situation" which exists is specified in §2.2-4011 of the Code of Virginia as one in which the agency is required by statutory law to have a regulation in effect within 280 days from the enactment of the law. Having satisfied all legal requirements, you may proceed to take the necessary steps to promulgate this emergency regulation in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Process Act.

Sincerely,

Howard M. Cásway Assistant Attorney General

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