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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: September 2, 2016

SUBJECT: *Regulations Governing the Practice of Counseling; Regulations Governing the Practice of Marriage and Family Therapy; Regulations Governing the Licensure of Substance Abuse Treatment Practitioners 18VAC115-20; 18VAC115-50; 18VAC115-60*

I have reviewed the amendments to the Regulations Governing the Practice of Counseling, 18VAC115-20, the Regulations Governing the Practice of Marriage and Family Therapy, 18VAC115-50, and the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Substance Abuse Treatment Practitioners, 18VAC115-60, as adopted by the Board of Counseling on August 19, 2016. The Board has the statutory authority to adopt these regulations under Virginia Code §§ 54.1-2400 and 54.1-3505.1. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.