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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. David Brown
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DATE: December 12, 2018

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

I have reviewed the amendment to the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Professional Counseling*, 18VAC115-20, the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Marriage and Family Therapy*, 18VAC115-50, and the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Licensed Substance Abuse Treatment Practitioners*, 18VAC115-60, as adopted by the Board of Counseling on November 2, 2018. The Board has the statutory authority to adopt these regulations under Virginia Code §§ 54.1-2400, 54.1-3503, and 54.1-3506. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.