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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: October 8, 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 Practice of Marriage and Family Therapy; and Regulations Governing the Practice of Licensed Substance Abuse Treatment Practitioners*
18VAC115-20; 18VAC115-30; 18VAC115-50; 18VAC115-60

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 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 August 16, 2019. The Board has the statutory authority to adopt these regulations under Virginia Code § 54.1-2400. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.