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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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July 21, 2011

Donna A. Tonrey, Chair
State Board of Social Workers, Marriage/Family Therapists and Professional Counselors
2601 North Third Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-6916 (IRRC #2831)
State Board of Social Workers, Marriage/Family Therapists and Professional Counselors
Licensure by Endorsement; Hours of Supervised Clinical Experience

Dear Ms. Tonrey:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our order is enclosed and will be available on our website at www.irrc.state.pa.us.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that meets the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III
Chairman
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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Robert M. Tomlinson, Majority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Julie Harhart, Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Harry A. Readshaw, Minority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held July 21, 2011

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Regulation No. 16A-6916 (#2831)
State Board of Social Workers,
Marriage/Family Therapists and Professional
Counselors
Licensure by Endorsement; Hours of
Supervised Clinical Experience

On April 8, 2010, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage/Family Therapists and Professional Counselors (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code §§47.12c, 47.12d, 47.16, 48.17 and 49.18. The proposed regulation was published in the April 24, 2010 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on June 15, 2011.

This regulation implements Act 68 of 2008 (Act 68). Act 68 reduced the total number of hours of supervised clinical experience needed for licensure from 3,600 to 3,000 hours. The regulation also adds requirements for licensure by endorsement.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 1906(2)) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III, Chairman