ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling

RULE NO. & TITLE: 255-X-3-.02 Associate Licensed Counselor

INTENDED ACTION:

The Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling proposes to amend this rule to establish a limit for the number of direct counseling service hours accrued annually and would eliminate the exception for supervision provided by a Supervising Counselor. The amendment would prohibit concurrent supervision for an ALC and will state a required time for filing annual supervision progress reports. The amendment requires supervisors and ALCs to maintain supervision records for a 3 year period. The amendment further defines the supervisor's oversight of care for the ALC's clients.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The amendments specify that an ALC may not accrue more than 1500 hours of direct client service annually toward meeting licensure requirements. It also eliminates consideration for supervision by someone other than a Supervising Counselor. The amendment prohibits supervision of the direct service provided by an ALC by more than one supervisor for the same clients in order to meet licensure requirement of another Board. The amendment requires annual supervision progress reports to be submitted within 30 days and that disputes concerning data in reports should be resolved before filing. Supervision logs must be retained 3 years. Supervisors must establish and exercise oversight of client care by ALCs.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views in writing to the Executive Director of the Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling at any time during the 38-day period following the 31st day of May, 2016, or if requested in advance, by personally appearing at Room 765, Medical Forum Building, 950 22nd Street North, Birmingham, AL at 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 8, 2016.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

July 8, 2016

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