

BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

APPROVED LANGUAGE

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Amend Sections 1870, 1870.1, and 1874 as follows:

ARTICLE 6. LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS

§1870. REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSOCIATE CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER SUPERVISORS

(a) Any person supervising an associate clinical social worker registered with the board on and after May 10, 1999, (hereinafter called "supervisor") within California shall comply with the requirements set forth below and shall, prior to the commencement of such supervision, sign under penalty of perjury the "Responsibility Statement for Supervisors of an Associate Clinical Social Worker" (revised ~~09-04~~ 07/05), which requires that:

(1) The supervisor possesses and will maintain a current valid California license as either a licensed clinical social worker or a licensed mental health professional acceptable to the Board as specified in Section ~~4996.21(b)~~ 4996.21(a) of the Code and Section 1874 of California Code of Regulations.

(2) The supervisor has and will maintain a current license in good standing and will immediately notify the associate of any disciplinary action, including revocation, suspension (even if stayed), probation terms, inactive license, or lapse in licensure, that affects the supervisor's ability or right to supervise.

(3) The supervisor has practiced psychotherapy as part of his/her clinical experience for at least two (2) years within the last five (5) years immediately preceding supervision.

(4) The supervisor has had sufficient experience, training and education in the area of clinical supervision to competently supervise associates. Effective January 1, 2001, supervisors who are licensed by the board shall have:

(A) A minimum of fifteen (15) contact hours in supervision training obtained from a state agency or approved continuing education provider. This training may apply towards the approved continuing education requirements set forth in Sections 4980.54 and 4996.22 of the Code. The content of such training shall include, but not be limited to:

1. familiarity with supervision literature through reading assignments specified by course instructors;
2. facilitation of therapist-client and supervisor-therapist relationships;
3. evaluation and identification of problems in therapist-client and supervisor-therapist relationships;
4. structuring to maximize supervision, including times and conditions of supervision sessions, problem solving ability, and implementing supervisor interventions within a range of supervisory modalities including live, videotape, audiotape, and case report methods;
5. knowledge of contextual variables such as culture, gender, ethnicity, and economic issues; and
6. the practice of clinical social work, including the mandated reporting laws, and knowledge of ethical and legal issues.

(5) The supervisor knows and understands the laws and regulations pertaining to both supervision of associates and the experience required for licensure as a clinical social worker.

(6) The supervisor shall ensure that the extent, kind and quality of clinical social work performed is consistent with the training and experience of the person being supervised and shall review client/patient records, monitor and evaluate assessment and treatment decisions of the associate clinical social worker, and monitor and evaluate the ability of the associate to provide services at the site(s) where he or she will be practicing and to the particular clientele being served, and ensure compliance with all laws and regulations governing the practice of clinical social work.

(7) Effective January 1, 1999, the supervisor and the associate shall develop the "Supervisory Plan" as described in Section 1870.1. of the California Code of Regulations. This original signed plan shall be submitted to the board ~~within 30 days of commencement of any supervision~~ upon application for licensure.

(8) The supervisor shall provide the board with the original, signed "Responsibility Statement for Supervisors of an Associate Clinical Social Worker" (revised 09-04 07/05), within 30 days of commencement of any supervision. A copy of this form shall be provided to the associate by the supervisor.

(9) A supervisor shall give at least one (1) week's written notice to an associate of the supervisor's intent not to certify any further hours of experience for such person. A supervisor who has not provided such notice shall sign for hours of experience obtained in good faith where such supervisor actually provided the required supervision.

~~(10) At the time of termination of supervision, the supervisor shall complete the "Termination of Supervision" (new 11-98). This original signed form shall be submitted to the board by the supervisor within 30 days of termination of supervision.~~

~~(14)~~ (10) Effective January 1, 1999, the supervisor shall complete an assessment of the ongoing strengths and limitations of the associate. The assessments shall be completed at least once a year and at the completion or termination of supervision. A copy of all assessments shall be provided to the associate by the supervisor.

~~(12)~~ (11) Upon written request of the board, the supervisor shall provide to the board any documentation which verifies the supervisor's compliance with the requirements set forth in this section.

Authority cited: Section 4990.14, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 4996.21, Business and Professions Code.

§1870.1. SUPERVISORY PLAN

(a) On and after January 1, 1999, all associate clinical social workers and licensed clinical social workers or licensed mental health professionals acceptable to the board as defined in Section 1874 who assume responsibility for providing supervision shall develop a supervisory plan that describes the goals and objectives of supervision and shall complete and sign under penalty of perjury the "Supervisory Plan", (form no. 1800 37A-521, revised 2-99 07/05), hereby incorporated by reference.

(b) This supervisory plan shall be completed by each supervisor providing supervision and the original signed plan shall be submitted by the associate clinical social worker to the board ~~within 30 days of commencing supervision~~ upon application for licensure.

Authority cited: Section 4990.14, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4996.18 and 4996.21, Business and Professions Code.

1874. DEFINITION OF ACCEPTABLE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

For purposes of Sections 4996.20(b) and ~~4996.21(b)~~ 4996.21(a), a licensed mental health professional acceptable to the board is one who, at the time of supervision, has possessed for at least two years a valid license as a psychologist, marriage, family, and child counselor or physician certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4990.14, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4996.20 and 4996.21, Business and Professions Code.