

AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

A public hearing will be held in Highlands Room, Red Rossa Grille, 808 W. Sioux Ave., Pierre, South Dakota on November 20, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., to consider the amendment of the following Board of Examiners for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists rules:

§§ 20:68:01:01 to 20:68:01:02.01, inclusive, 20:68:01:04, 20:68:02:03, 20:68:04:01 to 20:68:04:07, inclusive, 20:68:07:03, 20:68:08:01, 20:71:01:01, 20:71:02:01 to 20:71:02:03, inclusive, 20:71:03:01, 20:71:04:02, 20:71:05:01 to 20:71:05:06, inclusive, 20:71:07:01, 20:73:01:02, 20:73:01:03, 20:73:02:02, 20:73:04:01 to 20:73:04:05, inclusive, 20:73:07:01.

The effects of the rules will be repeal unnecessary rules, implement a fee to process license verifications and duplicate renewal cards, increase license and renewal license fees for marriage and family therapists, align language to be consistent with statutory language, clarify supervisor and exam requirements, and update the Code of Ethics to the most recent version.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the hearing or by sending them to the South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists, PO Box 2164, Sioux Falls, SD 57101-2164 or via email to sdbce.msp@midconetwork.com. Material sent by mail or email must reach the Board by November 20, 2015, to be considered. The previously scheduled hearing on October 9, 2015 will not be held.

For purposes of assisting the Department to fully understand the issues being addressed, individuals intending to present oral testimony at the hearing are asked to make a written copy of their testimony available to the Department. Written comments and testimony must relate directly to the changes being proposed and must cite the specific rule number to which the comments are being directed.

Interested persons may, at any time prior to the hearing, obtain copies of the proposed rules by contacting Teresa Schulte, Department of Social Services, 700 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501. Copies of the proposed rules are also available at: <http://rules.sd.gov>.

This meeting is being held in a physically accessible place. Individuals needing assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact our office within 48 hours of the public hearing if you have special needs for which this agency will need to make arrangements. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605)-773-3165.

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