Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Bureau of Professional Licensing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

September 22, 2020 1:00 p.m.

Location: This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom pursuant to Executive Order 2020-132.

The hearing is held to receive public comments on the following administrative rules:

Accountancy – General Rules (MOAHR #2020-30 LR)

Authority: MCL 339.205, MCL 339.308, MCL 339.721, MCL 339.725, MCL 339.726, MCL 339.728, and MCL 339.729, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1991-9, 1996-2, 2003-1, 2008-4, and 2011-4, MCL 338.3501, MCL 445.2001, MCL 445.2011, MCL 445.2025, and MCL 445.2030.

Overview: The proposed rules will clarify the meaning of terms used in the rules and remove definitions that are no longer necessary or duplicative of definitions found in the Occupational Code; adopt the most current published standards and supply the cost for obtaining copies of the adopted standards; remove language that imposes a limited exam window for passing the Uniform CPA exam; identify the educational requirements to sit for the Uniform CPA exam; remove different and non-standardized concentration in accounting options; supply greater clarity of the requirements and limitations for continuing education activities; and allow an applicant to submit proof of the required continuing education within one year after filing a relicensure application, if the department determines that the continuing education submitted with the application is deficient.

Counseling – General Rules (MOAHR #2020-33 LR)

Authority: MCL 333.16141, 333.16145, 333.16148, 333.16201, 333.18101, 333.18106, 333.18107, and 333.18111, as well as Executive Reorganization Nos. 1991-9, 1996-2, 2003-1, 2008-4, and 2011-4, MCL 338.3501, 445.2001, 445.2011, 445.2025, and 445.2030.

Overview: The proposed rules clarify definitions and the meaning of terms used in the rules; update higher institution educational program accreditation standards; update CACREP accreditation standards; clarify the educational training program requirements for applicants who are graduates of both CACREP and non-CACREP accredited programs; provide a date of promulgation for the human trafficking rule; add the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE) as an approved examination for licensure; clarify the requirements for attainment of supervised experience as it relates to experience gained in the immediate physical presence of the supervisor; establish a rule for renewal of licenses; and update requirements for supplying counseling supervision.

The rules will take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State, unless specified otherwise in the rules. Comments on the proposed rules may be presented in person at the public

hearing. Written comments will also be accepted from date of publication until 5:00 p.m. on September 22, 2020, at the following address or e-mail address:

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Bureau of Professional Licensing– Boards and Committees Section P.O. Box 30670 Lansing, MI 48909-8170 Attention: Policy Analyst Email: BPL-BoardSupport@michigan.gov

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by contacting Board Support at (517) 241-7500 or the email address noted above. Electronic copies also may be obtained at the following link:

https://ars.apps.lara.state.mi.us/

All members of the public may attend and participate in this meeting by visiting the following web link or dialing the number below at the time of the meeting.

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Phone number: 888-684-8852

Conference Code for audio connection: 335451

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