Rule: 881.2. Definitions.

Action: Proposed Amendment

Comment: The proposed amendment aligns the Council’s rules with House Bill 2598, passed by the 89th Legislature, to rename a Licensed Specialist in School Psychology to a School Psychologist.

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(a) The following definitions are generally applicable throughout the agency's rules and policies:

(1) The term "ALJ" as used herein shall refer to an administrative law judge employed by SOAH.

(2) The terms "Chapter 501," "Chapter 502," "Chapter 503," "Chapter 505," and "Chapter 507" as used herein shall refer to the corresponding chapter in the Occupations Code.

(3) The term "Executive Council" or "Council" as used herein shall refer to the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council (BHEC).

(4) The term "member board" as used herein shall refer to:

(A) The Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists (TSBEMFT);

(B) The Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors (TSBEPC);

(C) The Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (TSBEP); or

(D) The Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners (TSBSWE).

(5) The term "PFD" as used herein shall refer to a proposal for decision issued by an ALJ.

(6) The terms "professional development" and "continuing education" as used herein have the same meaning.

(7) The term "SOAH" as used herein shall refer to the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

(8) The term "TAC" as used herein shall refer to the Texas Administrative Code.

(b) The following definitions apply only to those rules specific to the regulation of the practice of marriage and family therapy:

(1) "LMFT" refers to a licensed marriage and family therapist and has the same meaning as assigned by §502.002 of the Occupations Code.

(2) "LMFT Associate" refers to a licensed marriage and family therapist associate and has the same meaning as assigned by §502.002 of the Occupations Code.

(c) The following definitions apply only to those rules specific to the regulation of the practice of professional counseling:

(1) "LPC" refers to a licensed professional counselor and has the same meaning as assigned by §503.002 of the Occupations Code.

(2) "LPC Associate" refers to an individual licensed as a professional counselor associate under §503.308 of the Occupations Code.

(d) The following definitions apply only to those rules specific to the regulation of the practice of psychology:

(1) "LPA" or "Psychological Associate" refers to an individual licensed as a psychological associate under §501.259 of the Occupations Code.

(2) “SP” or “LSP” ~~"LSSP"~~ refers to an individual licensed as a ~~specialist in~~ school psychologist ~~psychology~~ under §501.260 of the Occupations Code.

(3) "Provisionally licensed psychologist" or "provisional licensee" means an individual licensed as a psychologist with provisional status under §501.253 of the Occupations Code.

(4) "PSYPACT" refers to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact found in Chapter 501, Subchapter L of the Occupations Code.

(e) The following definitions apply only to those rules specific to the regulation of the practice of social work:

(1) "LBSW" refers to a licensed baccalaureate social worker and has the same meaning as assigned by §505.002 of the Occupations Code.

(2) "LCSW" refers to a licensed clinical social worker and has the same meaning as assigned by §505.002 of the Occupations Code.

(3) "LMSW" refers to a licensed master social worker and has the same meaning as assigned by §505.002 of the Occupations Code.

(4) "LMSW-AP" refers to an individual licensed as a master social worker with the advanced practitioner specialty recognition.