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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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August 19, 2010

Donna A. Tonrey, Chair
State Board of Social Workers, Marriage/Family Therapists and Professional Counselors
2601 North Third Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-6911 (IRRC #2701)
State Board of Social Workers, Marriage/Family Therapists and Professional Counselors
Code of Ethical Practice and Standards of Professional Conduct

Dear Ms. Tonrey:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our order is enclosed and will be available on our website at www.irrc.state.pa.us.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that meets the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

Arthur Coccodrilli

Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Robert M. Tomlinson, Majority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Michael P. McGeehan, Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Julie Harhart, Minority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Basil L. Merenda, Acting Secretary, Department of State

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held August 19, 2010

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Regulation No. 16A-6911 (#2701)
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Marriage/Family Therapists and Professional
Counselors
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On June 4, 2008, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage/Family Therapists and Professional Counselors (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapters 47, 48 and 49. The proposed regulation was published in the June 14, 2008 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on July 14, 2010.

This regulation sets forth ethics and professional conduct standards for the Board's licensees.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the State Board (63 P.S. § 1906(2)) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.




Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman