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Board of Mental Health
7 Eagle Square
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Waiver Request to Take the ASWB Exam Upon Completion of 1500 Hours of Supervision

Dear Members of the Board of Mental Health,

I am writing to formally request a waiver to allow me to take the ASWB Clinical Exam upon completing 1500 hours of supervised practice, in alignment with the recent changes to licensing requirements for a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) in New Hampshire.

As of 2019 according to RSA 330-A:18 New Hampshire law no longer requires candidates holding a master's degree and a MLADC in the state to complete 3000 hours of supervised clinical practice to qualify for the LCSW. Instead, 1500 hours of supervised practice is now sufficient. I am on track to complete my required 1500 hours in March 2025.

However, the rule governing the minimum waiting period to take the ASWB Clinical Exam has not been adjusted to reflect this change. As it currently stands, I would need to wait until September 2025—an additional six months—before being eligible to take the exam. This delay would unnecessarily prolong the process of obtaining my LCSW and my ability to serve the community in the capacity for which I am trained.

I respectfully request that the Board allow me to take the ASWB Clinical Exam upon completion of my 1500 supervised hours in March 2025. This request aligns with the intent of the updated law to streamline the licensing process while maintaining the standards of clinical competency.

I am committed to upholding the highest professional standards in mental health care, and I appreciate your consideration of this request to help me achieve licensure without unnecessary delay. Please let me know if additional information or documentation is required to support this waiver request.

Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Amy Pettengill MLADC MSW