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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. David E. Brown

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FROM: James E. Rutkowski

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DATE: March 25, 2022

SUBJECT: Periodic Review of the Regulations Governing the Certification of Substance

Abuse Counselors and Substance Abuse Counseling Assistants and the

Regulations Governing the Certification of Rehabilitation Providers

18VAC115-30; 18VAC115-40

In accordance with Virginia Code § 2.2-4017, I have reviewed the Regulations Governing the Certification of Substance Abuse Counselors and Substance Abuse Counseling Assistants, 18VAC115-30, and the Regulations Governing the Certification of Rehabilitation Providers, 18VAC115-40. These regulations are undergoing periodic review. In my opinion, the Board of Counseling had the authority under Virginia Code § 54.1-2400 and Chapter 35 (§ 54.1-3500 et seq.) of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia to adopt the current regulations, and the Board of Counseling has the authority to amend the regulations.