

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Social Work hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 279, "Administrative and Regulatory Authority for the Board of Social Work Examiners," Chapter 280, "Licensure of Social Workers," Chapter 281, "Continuing Education for Social Workers," Chapter 282, "Practice of Social Workers," Chapter 283, "Discipline for Social Workers," and Chapter 284, "Fees," Iowa Administrative Code.

These proposed amendments change the composition of the Board in accordance with Iowa Code section 147.14(1)"t" and add a definition for "diagnosis." Additionally, the proposed amendments change the name of the Board of Social Work in response to 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 10, which renamed health-related examining boards as licensing boards.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendments no later than September 29, 2009, addressed to Roxanne Sparks, Professional Licensure Division, Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075; E-mail rsparks@idph.state.ia.us.

A public hearing will be held on September 29, 2009, from 9 to 9:30 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Room #526, Lucas State Office Building, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendments.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 21, 147, 154C and 272C.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Strike "board of social work examiners" wherever it appears in **645—Chapter 279 to Chapter 284** and insert "board of social work" in lieu thereof.

ITEM 2. Rescind subrule 279.3(2) and adopt the following **new** subrule in lieu thereof:

279.3(2) The members of the board shall include a total of seven members, five who are licensed to practice social work, with at least one from each of three levels of licensure and one employed in the area of children's social work, and two who are not licensed social workers and who shall represent the general public.

ITEM 3. Adopt the following **new** definition of "Diagnosis" in rule **645—280.1(154C)**:

"Diagnosis" means the determination and identification of a specific mental or emotional disorder or condition based in whole or in part on the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (current edition) of the American Psychiatric Association.

ITEM 4. Adopt the following **new** definition of "Diagnosis" in rule **645—282.1(154C)**:

"Diagnosis" means the determination and identification of a specific mental or emotional disorder or condition based in whole or in part on the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (current edition) of the American Psychiatric Association.