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POLICY AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

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February 10, 2022 | 9:30-11:00

A G E N D A

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - What is one policy/advocacy topic that's on your mind this week?
- II. Review and approval of October 2021 minutes
- III. Follow-up from last time/update: CalSWEC Land Acknowledgement
- IV. Updates from NASW
 - Governor's budget & allocations
 - NASW CA Budget advocacy efforts
 - Bills and pending legislation
 - Lobby Days 2022
 - Other updates
- V. Discussion Topics
 - Scope of practice for Social Work in legislation
 - See two attachments: 1. The social work scope in law, and 2. The MFT scope (as newly written)
 - Title Protection
 - Potluck – what other pressing topics would people like to discuss?
- VI. Future planning and next steps

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Section 4996.9

4996.9. The practice of clinical social work is defined as a service in which a special knowledge of social resources, human capabilities, and the part that unconscious motivation plays in determining behavior, is directed at helping people to achieve more adequate, satisfying, and productive social adjustments. The application of social work principles and methods includes, but is not restricted to, counseling and using applied psychotherapy of a nonmedical nature with individuals, families, or groups; providing information and referral services; providing or arranging for the provision of social services; explaining or interpreting the psychosocial aspects in the situations of individuals, families, or groups; helping communities to organize, to provide, or to improve social or health services; doing research related to social work; and the use, application, and integration of the coursework and experience required by Sections 4996.2 and 4996.23.

Psychotherapy, within the meaning of this chapter, is the use of psychosocial methods within a professional relationship, to assist the person or persons to achieve a better psychosocial adaptation, to acquire greater human realization of psychosocial potential and adaptation, and to modify internal and external conditions which affect individuals, groups, or communities in respect to behavior, emotions, and thinking, in respect to their intrapersonal and interpersonal processes.

(Amended by Stats. 2013, Ch. 473, Sec. 48. (SB 821) Effective January 1, 2014.)

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Section 4980.02

4980.02. (a) For the purposes of this chapter, the practice of marriage and family therapy shall mean the application of psychotherapeutic and family systems theories, principles, and methods in the delivery of services to individuals, couples, or groups in order to assess, evaluate, and treat relational issues, emotional disorders, behavioral problems, mental illness, alcohol and substance use, and to modify intrapersonal and interpersonal behaviors.

(b) The application of marriage and family therapy principles and methods includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

- (1) Assessment, evaluation, and prognosis.
- (2) Treatment, planning, and evaluation.
- (3) Individual, relationship, family, or group therapeutic interventions.
- (4) Relational therapy.
- (5) Psychotherapy.
- (6) Client education.
- (7) Clinical case management.
- (8) Consultation.
- (9) Supervision.
- (10) Use, application, and integration of the coursework and training required by Sections 4980.36, 4980.37, and 4980.41, as applicable.

(c) The amendments to this section made by the act adding this subdivision do not constitute a change in, but are declaratory of, existing law. It is the intent of the Legislature that these amendments shall not be construed to expand or constrict the existing scope of practice of a person licensed pursuant to this chapter.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 647, Sec. 22. (SB 801) Effective January 1, 2022.)