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July 1, 2020

The Honorable J. Kevin Stitt, Governor Office of the Governor c/o Mr. Jeffrey Cartmell Jeffrey.cartmell@gov.ok.gov c/o Ms. Jessica Cleveland Jeffrey.cartmell@gov.ok.gov

Greg Treat, President Pro Tempore Greg.Treat@oksenate.gov

Charles McCall, Speaker of the House <u>Charels.McCall@okhouse.gov</u>

RE: Executive Order 2020-03

Dear Governor Stitt, President Pro Tempore Treat, and Speaker of the House McCall,

As required by Executive Order 2020-03, the Board of Behavioral Health Licensure (BBHL) reports as follows:

1. Agency Name:

Board of Behavioral Health Licensure (0148)

2. Name, Title, and Contact Information of Person Submitting Report:

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3. Short Description of Method Used to Conduct Review:

In 2013, the Board created a Rules Committee. The Rules Committee consists of a Licensed Professional Counselor, Licensed Marital and Family Therapist, Licensed Behavioral Practitioner, and a Community Representative. The Committee was tasked with review of 86:10, 86:15, and 86:20, and to identify costly, ineffective, duplicative, and outdated regulations. The Rules Committee's recommendations were presented to the



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full Board on April 24, 2020. A motion was made and the Board voted unanimously to accept the Rules Committee's recommendations to submit the Executive Order 2020-03 report with no recommendations for changes.

4. Explanation of Conclusions:

The Board of Behavioral Health Licensure is comprised of three distinct licenses separated by their core competencies, education requirements, state and national exams, internship/practicum requirements, supervised experience requirements and continuing education requirements. The Board created the Rules Committee to:

- Identify regulations that may be costly, ineffective, duplicative, and outdated.
- Ensure that all regulations of core competencies are in alignment with national standards.
- Ensure that the standards adopted were the least restrictive means possible.
- Identify barriers to licensure and to reduce or eliminate them where it is appropriate.
- Increase the efficiency of the regulations by unifying the code across all three professions where it is appropriate.

All committee recommendations must be presented to, and adopted by, the full Board. All Board approved permanent rule change recommendation must conform to the filing format requirements of the APA and the rules of the Secretary of State. The Board adopted permanent rules changes in 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019 and 2020. As part of the permanent rule changes the following regulations were revoked:

86:10-7-3	86:15-7-5	86:20-17-3(a)
86:10-11-7	86:15-7-6	86:20-17-3(c)
86:10-15-6	86:15-9-3(b)	86:20-17-5
86:10-15-7	86:15-13-8(3)(B)	86:20-17-6
86:10-9-1.1	86:15-15-2	86:20-25-1(a)(5)
86:10-25-3(4)	86:15-15-3(b)	86:20-25-1(b)
86:10-27-3	86:15-15-3(d)	86:20-25-1(c)
86:10-29-2	86:15-15-3(e)	86:20-21-1.1
86:10-29-3(b)	86:15-15-3(f)	86:20-27-3
86:10-29-3(d)	86:15-15-4	86:20-29-2
86:10-29-3(e)	86:20-3-2(c)	86:20-29-3(b)
86:10-29-3(f)	86:20-3-2(d)	86:20-29-3(d)
86:10-29-4	86:20-3-2(f)	86:20-29-3(e)
86:10-29-6(d)	86:20-9-8(e)	86:20-29-3(f)
86:15-7-3	86:20-9-10(g)	86:20-29-4
86:15-7-4(b)	86:20-17-2	86:20-29-1



Due to the innovation and thorough review the Board has already completed, the Board believes they have identified all costly, ineffective, duplicative, and outdated regulations. Therefore, the Board is recommending no additional changes at this time in accordance with the criteria of Executive Order 2020-03.

This completes the Board of Behavioral Health Licensure's report, as required by Executive Order 2020-03. If there are any questions about the content of this report, please contact me at 405-522-3696 or by email: <u>Eric.Ashmore@bbhl.ok.gov</u>.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Ashmore, Executive Director Board of Behavioral Health Licensure