



NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

April 3, 2020.

Chairperson Travis Teetor, M.D.
Board of Health members
State of Nebraska
Lincoln, NE 68509
C/O Monica Gissler, staff

RE: 407 Credentialing and Review Application for Art therapy Certification

Dear Dr. Teetor and Board of Health members:

In reference to the application for credentialing of the art therapists, it is our observation that the applicant group is applying for certification which is title certification of art therapists. They are not applying for licensure of art therapy which is protection of scope of practice. Ergo, should their application ever become law and they become "certified art therapists" subsumed under the umbrella of Licensed mental health practitioners (LMHP) or Licensed independent mental health practitioners (LIMHP), no other practitioners can call themselves "art therapists." However, these other LMHPs or LIMHPs can practice art therapy provided that they can prove their competency by their training and experience in art therapy. That the definitions of certification and licensure in Nebraska regulatory law are clearly and differently defined is imperatively important, and the applicant group cannot equivocate.

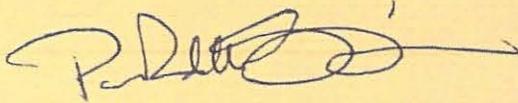
Our organization respectfully submits the above statement as neutral position.

Sincerely,

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