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**NOTICE OF AGENCY APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED RULE
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AGENCY: Family Protection Services Board TITLE NUMBER: 191

CITE AUTHORITY: 48-26-401(4), 48-26-404

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: _____

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: 3

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: Perpetrator Intervention
Program Licensure

THE ABOVE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE RULE HAVING GONE TO A PUBLIC HEARING OR A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IS HEREBY APPROVED BY THE PROMULGATING AGENCY FOR FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW.

Trudy Laurensen
Authorized Signature

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QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please include a copy of this form with each filing of your rule.)

DATE: July 25, 2002

TO: LEGISLATIVE RULE-MAKING REVIEW COMMITTEE

FROM: (Agency Name, Address & Phone No.) Family Protection Services Board

1204 Kanawha Boulevard, East Charleston, WV 25301

LEGISLATIVE RULE TITLE: 304-727-1906 (contact: Beth Morrison)

Perpetrator Intervention Program Licensure

1. Authorizing statute(s) citation 48-26-401(4), 48-26-404

2. a. Date filed in State Register with Notice of Hearing or Public Comment Period:

June 21, 2002

b. What other notice, including advertising, did you give of the hearing?

Sent mailings to licensed programs and Family Court Judges.

c. Date of Public Hearing(s) or Public Comment Period ends:

July 22, 2002

d. Attach list of persons who appeared at hearing, comments received, amendments, reasons for amendments.

**Brief Summary of Proposed
Legislative Rule Title 191, Series 3
Perpetrator Intervention Program Licensure**

The proposed rule will will clarify the duties of the Family Protection Services Board with regard to licensure of domestic violence programs and perpetrator intervention programs by creating a separate series for perpetrator intervention programs, and bring the rule into compliance with changes in the State Code.

Statement of Circumstances Which Require the Rule

§48-26-401 and 48-26-404 of the West Virginia Code establishes the Family Protection Services Board and the duties of the Board. This rule addresses the operating procedures of the Board and licensing standards for perpetrator intervention programs.

APPENDIX B

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: Perpetrator Intervention Program Measure

Type of Rule: Legislative Interpretive Procedural

Agency: Family Protection Services Board

Address: 1209 Kanawha Blvd, East
Charleston, WV 25301

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304-727-1906

1. Effect of Proposed rule:

	ANNUAL FISCAL YEAR				
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	0	0	0	0	0
PERSONAL SERVICES					
CURRENT EXPENSE					
REPAIRS & ALTERATIONS					
EQUIPMENT					
OTHER					

2. Explanation of Above Estimates:

No cost to implement this rule.

3. Objectives of These Rules:

To revise licensing procedures and standards for perpetrator intervention programs.

Rule Title: Perpetrator Intervention Program Licensure

4. Explanation of Overall Economic Impact of Proposed Rule:

A. Economic Impact on State Government:

N/A

B. Economic Impact on Political Subdivisions; Specific Industries; Specific Groups of Citizens:

N/A

C. Economic Impact on Citizens/Public at Large.

N/A

Date: June 21, 2002

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative:

Judy Laursen

**TITLE 191
LEGISLATIVE RULE
FAMILY PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD**

**SERIES 3
PERPETRATOR INTERVENTION PROGRAMS LICENSURE**

§ 191-3-1. General

1.1. Scope - This rule establishes general standards and procedures for the licensure of perpetrator intervention programs as specified in West Virginia Code §48-26-404. The West Virginia Code is available in public libraries and on the Legislature's web page at <http://www.legis.state.wv.us/>.

1.2. Authority – West Virginia Code) §48-26-401(4) and §48-26-404(a).

1.3. Filing Date –

1.4. Effective Date –

§ 191-3-2. Definitions

2.1. “Board” means the Family Protection Services Board created under West Virginia Code §48-26-301.

2.2. “Department” means the department of health and human resources.

2.3. “Educator/Facilitator” means an individual who meets the minimum requirements outlined in Section 4.3. of this rule and who directly facilitates regularly scheduled classes for perpetrators of domestic violence.

2.4. “Family protection program” means a licensed domestic or family violence program offered by a locally controlled non-profit organization created primarily for the purpose of providing services, including residential shelters, to victims of domestic or family violence or abuse and their children.

2.5. “Perpetrator Intervention Program” means any licensed program that accepts perpetrators of domestic or family violence into education intervention groups.

2.6 “Power and Control” means the primary cause that gives rise to the occurrence of domestic violence and family violence. Factors such as alcohol, poverty, unemployment, stress, and substance abuse are conditions that contribute to the incidents of domestic violence and family violence but are not themselves the cause of domestic and family violence.

2.7. "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of health and human resources.

§ 191-3-3. Licensure Process

All perpetrator intervention programs shall be licensed by the Board in order to provide services to perpetrators. The Board shall enforce a system of standards and a process for the annual licensure of all perpetrator intervention programs in the state.

3.1. License Application

3.1.a. The Board shall provide a standard license application to perpetrator intervention programs upon request. An organization shall complete license application when it initially requests licensure or when it wishes to reopen after closure. After initial licensure, perpetrator intervention programs shall be evaluated by the Board on an annual basis.

3.1.b. The Board shall consider all applications submitted for licensure in light of the need for services, the viability of the applicant to successfully operate a program, the applicant's ability to obtain adequate funding for the delivery of services, and the applicant's interest and ability to provide quality services.

3.1.c. If the Board finds that an application contains deficiencies, the application and a list of deficiencies shall be returned to the applicant and the applicant shall have thirty (30) days to submit a revised application.

3.1.d. The Board shall renew, on an annual basis, the licenses of all perpetrator intervention programs that are in compliance with this rule.

3.1.e. The Board shall, by certified letter, notify any organization operating without a license as a perpetrator intervention program of its right to apply for licensure. The Board shall petition the circuit court for an order preventing the operation of an organization which refuses to obtain a license as required under this rule and West Virginia Code §48-26-404 et seq.

3.2 Issuance of A License

3.2.a. The Board shall issue a license to any organization which has applied for a license and been approved by the Board as having complied with all established standards as set forth in this rule. Compliance with the standards shall be evaluated by peer reviewers, by Board members, by Board staff, or a combination of these parties as determined by the Board.

3.2.b. All licenses shall be valid for one (1) year commencing on the first day of July and terminating on the thirtieth day of June on the next year. The Board shall

grant or deny license within forty-five (45) days of receiving the license application. The Board shall require every licensed perpetrator intervention program and shelter to conspicuously display the license.

3.3. Evaluation for Licensure

3.3.a. The Board shall annually evaluate all licensed perpetrator intervention programs operating in the state. The evaluation shall be conducted using the licensing standards found in Section 4 of this rule.

3.3.b. All licensed perpetrator intervention programs will be reviewed on-site a minimum of once every two years. The Board shall annually assure an on-site review of the established standards found in this rule for at least one-half of all licensed programs. Review of remaining programs will be determined by the Board. The standards compliance review shall be completed utilizing the most current revision of the standards checklist authorized by the Board. The annual review shall be scheduled in a timely manner by the Board in order to allow for the Board to consider the results prior to the expiration of the previous year's license.

3.3.c. Any areas of non-compliance shall be reported on the licensing checklist by the reviewer. The Board shall review each area of non-compliance and consider the relative risk it poses to the health, safety and well-being of individuals being served by the perpetrator intervention program—or the perpetrator intervention program and staff employed by that program.

3.3.d. The Board may contact the program's partner agencies to determine program effectiveness in relationship to community needs.

3.4. Issuance of a Provisional License.

3.4.a. Upon a finding by the Board that a perpetrator intervention program is not in compliance with this rule, the Board shall give the perpetrator intervention program written notice that shall include but not be limited to the following:

3.4.a.1. A statement of program deficiencies;

3.4.a.2. A requirement to submit a plan of correction regarding the deficiencies.

3.4.a.3. A timeline for the Board's review of the plan of correction;

3.4.a.4. A requirement that the plan be modified and resubmitted to the Board within twenty (20) days should the original plan not address the identified deficiencies;

3.4.a.5. A requirement that compliance occur within a time period set by the Board;

3.4.a.6. Verification of the issuance of a provisional license until compliance is achieved or until the Board takes action deemed necessary for the safety of clients.

3.5 Revocation or Suspension of A License.

The Board shall close any licensed perpetrator intervention program that violates the standards established under this rule, subject to the requirements in this rule regarding public hearings.

3.5.a. Four (4) members of the Board shall vote in the affirmative before a license is revoked or suspended.

3.5.b. When there is an unplanned closure by the perpetrator intervention program's board or directors, the Board shall place such participants in other perpetrator intervention programs.

3.5.c. The Board shall send written notice of the license revocation or suspension by certified mail to the president of the perpetrator intervention program's or shelter's board of directors. The notice shall include a statement of the perpetrator intervention program's alleged violations of the rule. The perpetrator intervention program's board of directors shall have fifteen (15) days to respond to the violations. This response shall be in writing. If there is no written response, the Board shall proceed with the revocation or suspension of the perpetrator intervention program's license. The Board shall not provide funds to a perpetrator intervention program whose license has been revoked or suspended.

3.5.d. If the Board is provided with a response to the violations, a public hearing shall be held within thirty (30) days in the municipality or county in which the program is located.

3.6. Receivership of Program.

The Board may place a perpetrator intervention program under receivership when the health, well being and/or safety of its clients are threatened. The Board shall oversee the operation of the program to preserve the services for clients. The Board shall have access to and may use all assets of the program. After placing a perpetrator intervention program into receivership and prior to closure of a perpetrator intervention program, the Board shall send written notice of the intent to place a perpetrator intervention program into receivership by certified mail to the president of the perpetrator intervention program's governing board of directors.

3.6.a. The Board shall provide for and hold a public hearing in the municipality or county in which the program is located prior to the closure of a program by placing a program into receivership.

3.6.b. The Board shall provide the board of directors and/or legal counsel of the perpetrator intervention program notice of hearing time, date and location at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing date. The Board shall provide notice of the hearing to the Secretary of State in compliance with West Virginia Code §6-9A et seq. The Board shall provide notice of the hearing through a local newspaper's legal notice section at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing date. The hearing will be held in accordance with West Virginia Code §29A-5 et seq.

3.6.c. The Board chair shall conduct the hearing and she/he shall have full authority to call recesses, to remove individuals exhibiting inappropriate behavior from the hearing, and to call for an executive session of the Board if necessary. Four (4) members must be present to hear the violations and the program's response.

§ 191-3-4. Licensing Standards for Perpetrator Intervention Programs

4.1. Perpetrator intervention program requirements

4.1.a. A perpetrator intervention program shall have a written statement of purpose specifying program orientation. The statement should identify the types of services provided and the individuals to be served. The statement of purpose shall be available to the public on request.

4.1.b. A perpetrator intervention program shall ensure that all purchase of client service agreements and other purchase of service agreements that exceed one-thousand dollars (\$1000.00) annually are in writing. Those agreements shall contain all terms and conditions required to define the individuals to be served, the services to be provided, the procedures for payment and the payment amount

4.1.c. A perpetrator intervention program shall maintain copies of all leases into which it has entered. These leases shall state the location of the property involved, the monthly or annual rent, and the ownership of the property, the useable square footage and the term of the lease.

4.1.d. A perpetrator intervention program shall have a written description of its referral process, admission policies, exit interview process, and follow-up procedures.

4.1.e. A perpetrator intervention program shall employ staff or utilize volunteers to cover the following areas: administration and supervision of the program; program direction to provide overall development; coordination of personnel; volunteer activities; case supervision; direct services; record keeping; and community education activities.

4.1.f. A perpetrator intervention program shall make available and display the address and telephone number of the Domestic Violence Services Complaint Toll Free Number at all locations.

4.2. Board of Directors.

4.2.a A perpetrator intervention program shall be governed by a board of directors which is responsible for and has authority over the policies and activities of the program, and which is broadly representative of the community served.

4.2.b. The board of directors shall adopt, and review on a bi-annual basis, written by-laws and policies that define the powers and duties of the governing body, its committees, the executive director(s), and advisory group, where one exists. Copies of the articles of incorporation and the by-laws shall be maintained by the board of directors.

4.2.c. The board of directors shall be responsible for ensuring the program's continual compliance and conformity with:

4.2.c.1. Provisions of the program's charter;

4.2.c.2. All federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations governing the operation of the program; and

4.2.c.3. Terms of all leases, contracts, or other legal agreements to which the program is a party.

4.2.d. The board of directors will receive a written programmatic and financial report at each board meeting from the program director.

4.2.e. Every member of the board of directors shall disclose in writing of any financial transactions with the program in which any member of the board or her or his immediate-family is involved. The board of directors must approve any contract or transaction of disclosure where financial interests of this nature has been made.

4.2.f The board of directors shall designate an individual(s) to act as program director of the perpetrator intervention program and shall delegate necessary authority to such individual(s) manage the affairs of the program effectively.

4.2.g. The board of directors shall meet at a minimum on a quarterly basis and shall keep written minutes of all meetings, including attendance and whether or not a quorum was present.

4.2.h. The board of directors shall maintain a current listing of its members, including the name, the position, and the term of membership (if applicable) for each member.

4.2.i. The board of directors shall establish internal operating procedures, including by-laws and meeting dates.

4.2.j. The board of directors shall ensure that the program is adequately funded and fiscally sound. To this end, the board of directors shall be responsible for the following:

4.2.j.1. Assessing the adequacy of operating funds for at least six months into the future, i.e., reserves, guarantee of loans or other funds and fees, and developing a fund-raising strategy when necessary;

4.2.j.2 Reviewing and approving the program's annual budget;

4.2.j.3. Providing for an annual audit of all accounts by an independent certified public accountant who is not an employee of the perpetrator intervention program nor a member of the board of directors;

4.2.j.4. Monitoring disbursement of all funds on a quarterly basis to assure that they are made in accordance with the perpetrator intervention program's objectives as specified by the board of directors;

4.2.j.5. Assuring that a perpetrator intervention program maintains liability insurance and bond for volunteers and members of the board of directors;

4.2.j.6. Providing, at its own expense, a financial bond for all individuals delegated the authority to sign checks or manage funds. The bond shall assure the full operation of the perpetrator intervention program for a period of thirty (30) days should those individuals misappropriate or mismanage the program's funds or assets or engage in any illegal act which results in the loss of funds or assets.

4.2.k. A perpetrator intervention program's board of directors shall adopt and monitor implementation of written personnel policies that shall, at a minimum:

4.2.k.1. Pertain to all paid staff;

4.2.k.2. Include requirements for recruitment efforts, equal employment opportunity, selection procedures, orientation, on-going staff development and training, and termination of employment;

4.2.k.3. List, in definitive terms, all benefits that are available to staff and volunteers, including specifics of any insurance program;

4.2.k.4. Specify eligibility for vacation, personal leave and adjusted work week, yearly carry-over and accumulation, approval procedures, and payment upon termination;

4.2.k.5. Specify actions that will be taken by the agency if an employee fails to comply with employee policies, including written notification of the nature of misconduct or poor performance, the discipline being taken, the effective date of the discipline, future consequences for reoccurrence, and appeal rights. The policy shall allow the employee the opportunity to respond to the charges of misconduct or poor performance before a disciplinary decision is made;

4.2.k.6. Specify grievance procedures for the employees, including grievable issues, steps of appeal, required time frames and who has the authority for resolution;

4.2.k.7. Delineate the lines of authority within the agency, and outline the authority of the supervisor(s) regarding personnel activities such as promotion, discipline, leave approval, performance evaluations, grievances, assignment of work and training;

4.2.k.8. Include job descriptions and position qualifications for each position within the program;

4.2.k.9. Require that all staff, including administrative and supervisory staff, receive performance evaluations at least on an annual basis. The evaluations must be signed by both employee and supervisor;

4.2.k.10. Set forth, in written form, rules of conduct which include such topics as appropriate attire, work hours, confidentiality, insubordination, misuse of authority or equipment, absences without leave and falsification of records;

4.2.k.11. Require that individuals providing professional or therapeutic counseling, and/or professional social work have appropriate credentials and are licensed when applicable; and

4.3 Staff Qualifications

4.3.a. Educators/facilitators shall have a minimum of 40 hours of training approved by the Board. The 40 hours of training shall include, but not be limited to the following:

4.3.a.1. The dynamics of domestic violence within the context of power and control;

4.3.a.2. The effects of domestic violence on victims and their children and the critical nature of victim contacts and safety planning;

4.3.a.3. The understanding that domestic violence is deeply rooted in historical attitudes toward women and is intergenerational;

4.3.a.4. Lethality assessment for risks of homicide, suicide, further domestic violence, or other violent aggressive behaviors, and the access to or use of weapons.

4.3.a.5. Information on state and federal laws pertaining to domestic violence, including the policies affecting treatment of court-ordered program participants, child abuse, divorce and custody matters;

4.3.a.6. The role of the facilitator within the group and in the context of a coordinated community response to domestic violence;

4.3.a.7. Teaching non-controlling alternatives to violent and controlling behaviors, and understanding and preventing collusion.

4.3.a.8. Dynamics involved in interpersonal relationships and knowledge of human behavior and development.

4.3.a.9. Educators/facilitators shall have at a minimum a high school diploma or G.E.D.

4.3.b. Educators/facilitators shall receive on an annual basis a minimum of 4 hours of continuing education or training approved by the Board. The training shall include but not be limited to the following:

4.3.b.1. Domestic violence and substance abuse.

4.3.b.2. Domestic violence and the law;

4.3.b.3. Other issues which pertain to domestic violence.

4.3.b.4. Cultural competency;

4.3.b.5. Group process and facilitation skills training.

4.4. Staff Evaluation – A perpetrator intervention program's personnel policies shall require that all staff, including administrative and supervisory staff, will receive performance evaluations on an annual basis. The evaluation shall be conducted by the perpetrator program. The evaluations must be discussed with the staff person and become a part of the staff person's permanent personnel record. Perpetrator intervention program policies shall provide that the staff person receives a written copy of the evaluation and signs the evaluation to demonstrate agreement or disagreement with the results of the evaluation. Policies shall assure that any written response from the staff person is included in the permanent personnel file.

4.5. Intake - Criteria concerning a perpetrator's appropriateness for the program.

4.5.a. A perpetrator shall be admitted to a perpetrator intervention program if court-ordered to the program, voluntarily enrolled in the program and/or is assessed by the program to be eligible for participation in perpetrator intervention programs. An assessment shall be performed to:

4.5.a.1. Identify individuals who would benefit from concurrent mental health or substance abuse treatment programs.

4.5.a.2. Screen out those individuals from the perpetrators intervention program who have substance abuse problems or other impairments which make them unable to participate in the group intervention even with concurrent or preliminary treatment of those problems;

4.5.a.3. Screen out those individuals from the perpetrators intervention program who may be dangerous or have severe mental illness and would not benefit from the program.

4.5.b. Upon admittance to a perpetrator intervention program, the program educator/facilitator shall complete a perpetrator intake form. The information shall be collected from the perpetrator and independent sources such as, but not limited to, police reports and court records.

4.5.c. A perpetrator intervention program shall have a contract outlining the responsibilities of the perpetrator and the educator/facilitator in the program. The terms of the contract will be agreed to and signed by the perpetrator and the authorized individual of the perpetrator intervention program.

4.6. Contact with Victims

4.6.a. Unless approved by a licensed perpetrator intervention program, contact with victims should come from a licensed family protection program and all information for contacting the victim remain with a licensed family protection program.

4.6.b. Educator/facilitators of licensed perpetrator intervention programs will consult with local licensed family protection programs to determine the appropriateness and logistics of contacting the victim and/or partner of the perpetrator. Victims and/or partners will be contacted by either the educator/facilitator, a designated staff member of the perpetrator intervention program, or staff from a local licensed family protection program. Victims and/or partners should be contacted at a time and a fashion that gives primary emphasis to their safety.

4.6.c. In the event that the contact of the victim and/or partner is done by

the perpetrator intervention program staff, they shall provide written information to the perpetrator intervention program, including the date and contact information.

4.6.d. Victim and/or partner contact will also include informing the perpetrator's victim and/or partner of class commencement and termination dates, as well as a duty to warn the victim and/or partner of any imminent danger from the perpetrator. Victims and /or partners will also receive written materials about the perpetrator's class, detailing the limitations of the class's effectiveness, the fact that the class is not intended to salvage relationships, and the necessity for victims to maintain a safety plan.

4.7. Client Records and Service Plans

4.7.a. A perpetrator intervention program shall maintain a written record for each individual who receives services from the perpetrator intervention program. The service plan or contract shall be developed by perpetrator intervention program staff with the active participation of the client and must be completed prior to the beginning of the provision of services

4.7.b Individual client records shall include service data from the time of initial contact until the time services are concluded

4.7.c. Individual client case records maintained by a perpetrator intervention program shall contain an application form, which includes identifying data, eligibility factors pursuant to section 4.6., rights and responsibilities, participant/client signature and authorized staff signature

4.7.d. A perpetrator intervention program shall maintain, if possible, a copy of protective orders issued against a perpetrator enrolled in the perpetrator intervention program.

4.8. Confidentiality

Perpetrator intervention programs shall have written policy regarding disclosure of information to the individual or individuals named in the protective order which ordered the perpetrator to the program. There shall be a written agreement providing for disclosure of information to the victim and a waiver of confidentiality. The disclosure agreement shall be signed by the perpetrator.

4.9. Reports

The perpetrator intervention program shall provide a monthly report to a licensed family protection program. This report shall contain the perpetrator attendance record and perpetrator compliance with perpetrator intervention program rules. If the participant is court ordered, this report shall also be forwarded to the perpetrator's probation officer, parole officer, the courts and/or state and local law enforcement agencies.

4.10. Perpetrator Intervention Classes

4.10.a. A perpetrator intervention class shall last for a period of at least thirty-two weeks and will include but not be limited to the following topics:

4.10.a.1. A model that depicts an overall system of physical and sexual abuse where the perpetrator uses methods and tactics of power and control over a victim.

4.10.a.2. The nature and effects of domestic violence;

4.10.a.3. The work that is necessary to bring about changes in the attitudes and beliefs that promote domestic and family violence.

4.10.a.4. The necessity for the maintenance of non-abusive behavior which includes learning non-violent conflict resolution, non-aggressive communication, and maintaining positive, healthy partnerships;

4.10.a.5. The importance of community services which allows perpetrators to give something of themselves back to the community and contribute to changing the climate that condones domestic and family violence;

4.10.a.6. Information about state and federal law and practice regarding domestic violence and legal/social consequences for perpetrators of domestic violence.

4.10.b. After the completion of a perpetrator intervention program, a report shall be made to the referral source to be used in determining whether or not to release the perpetrator from the intervention class. This process may be repeated as necessary.

4.10.c. Perpetrators shall pay a fee for the perpetrator intervention classes. Provisions shall be made for those who are indigent. The fee scale shall be determined by the perpetrator intervention program.

4.10.d. Educator/facilitators of perpetrator intervention programs shall utilize a group education format with a staff ratio at a minimum of one educator/facilitator per 12 perpetrators.

4.11. Interagency Cooperation.

A perpetrator intervention program shall initiate a written memorandum of understanding with a licensed family protection program on an annual basis. The memorandum of understanding shall be agreed upon and signed by both parties and a copy shall be sent to the Board. The memorandum of understanding shall include but not be limited to the following:

4.11.a. Identification of liaison persons involved in the meeting to develop the memorandum of understanding;

4.11.b. Description of the formal process of exchanging information between agencies including safeguards for protecting victim safety;

4.11.c. Description of the formal process of perpetrator intervention program's sending of monthly reports to the licensed family protection program;

4.11.d. Description of coordination, if any, of service plans;

4.11.e. Description of the process and timetables for annual perpetrator intervention program evaluation to include: who will be involved, where will it be held, who will coordinate the evaluation, who will write the evaluation report and who will sign the evaluation report.

4.11.f. Procedures for amending or evaluating the memorandum of understanding.

4.12. Perpetrator Intervention Program Evaluation

By October 31 of each year, a perpetrator intervention program shall complete and submit to the Board an annual evaluation. The evaluation will include but not be limited to the following:

4.12.a. Frequency of and reasons for low attendance of perpetrator(s).

4.12.b. Number of individuals served.

4.12.d. Number of perpetrator intervention classes provided.

4.13. Funding of Perpetrator Intervention Programs

Perpetrators may pay a fee for the perpetrator intervention classes. Provisions may be made for those who are indigent. The fee scale shall be determined by the perpetrator intervention program.

**FAMILY COURT JUDGE
FIRST FAMILY COURT CIRCUIT**

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July 10, 2002

Trudy Laurenson, Chair
Family Protection Services Board
1002 Sandhill Drive
Saint Albans, WV 25177

RE: Monitored Visitation Centers

Dear Ms. Laurenson:

I have reviewed the proposed Rules which you provided with your June 26, 2002 Memorandum. Although I have not reviewed West Virginia Code §48-26-10, I would ask that consideration be given to removing the words "visitation" and "custody" as it appears in all locations in the Rules.

The Legislature has been very careful, in its changes to the allocation of custodial responsibility in Chapter 48, to remove any reference to the words "visitation" and "custody". During my work with legislators, I found that they desired to remove the stigma that parents felt of "visiting" with their children. Moreover, the word "custody" had a certain meaning to parents which was negative to the individual who did not receive "custody".

Therefore, I would recommend that the reference to the program contained in the proposed Rules be described as a "Monitored Parenting and Exchange Program". Under those circumstances where the individual is not a "parent" then the term "monitored contact" may be used.

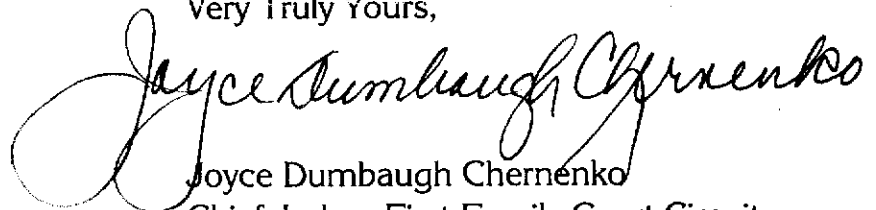
For example, under Section 191-4-2. Definitions, under 2.2 I would describe the "custodial parent" as a biological parent, adoptive parent, legal guardian, state agency and its representatives who are the temporary or permanent legal custodian of the

child.

As an additional example, in Section 191-4-2. Definitions, 2.4 I would describe a "monitored exchange" as means of supervision of movement of a child from the custodial to the non-custodial parent at the start of the "parenting opportunity" and back to the custodial parent after the end of the "parenting opportunity"

If you have any questions regarding my comments concerning the proposed Rules, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joyce Dumbaugh Chernenko". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, flowing loops.

Joyce Dumbaugh Chernenko
Chief Judge, First Family Court Circuit
State of West Virginia

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
FAMILY PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD
BOB WISE, GOVERNOR

July 25 2002

The Honorable Joyce Dumbaugh Chernenko
Family Court Judge, First Family Court Circuit
Courthouse Annex, Second Floor
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Dear Judge Chernenko:

Thank you very much for taking time to review and comment on the proposed changes to the Family Protection Services Board rules. After checking with the Administrative Law division of the Secretary of State, we have determined that your suggestion for modifying the term "visitation" to "parenting" is not beyond the scope of our authority. The Board, as well as several providers of the service, agree that the term "Monitored Parenting and Exchange Program" conveys a more inclusive and welcoming meaning for families. In addition, where possible, the term "visit" was changed to "parenting visit."

Again, thank you very much for your time and interest. If you have additional comments or questions about the rule, or the work of the Family Protection Services Board, please feel free to contact me at 645-6334, or our staff person, Beth Morrison, at 727-1906.

Sincerely,

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July 18, 2002

Dear Trudy,

I appreciate the opportunity to review the proposed rules and have a number of comments.

The first few are minor corrections:

On P. 2 section 2.5 of "Licensure of Domestic Violence (DV) and Perpetrator Intervention(PI) Programs", I believe Department of Health and Human Resources should be capitalized, and preceded by WV, and at the bottom of the page, section 2.11 the " is missing in front of "Shelter". On p. 2 section 3.1 of the section on "Monitored Visitation and Exchange Programs", it appears that some words are omitted after "rules apply only to,"

Next, a point of clarification: in the section on "Monitored Visitation and Exchange Programs", is there an established curriculum or manual for the required 30 hours of required training described on p. 7?

The following comments are more substantial in nature, and reflect my general, long standing concern with the manner in which funding and services are allocated by the Board, state-wide. Much of the language I am questioning is not new to the current revisions.

In the first section, "Operation of the Board", I take p.3 section 3.4, (and other sections throughout the Rules) to mean that a "Family Protection Program" has to include a shelter. This is reinforced on p. 13 section 6.7.3.d., and p. 26 section 7.3.a. in the section on "Licensure of DV and PI Programs": "Provide or propose to provide a facility which will serve as a temporary shelter"

In the second section "licensure of DV and PI Programs", on p. 2 section 2.7, the definition of "Family Protection Program" includes no reference to shelters. However, on p. 9 section 4.1.j. under "Family Protection Program Requirements" mandates "follow-up procedures for residential clients", and section 4.1.k mentions direct resident services"; p. 27 section 7.4.b. states "the Board shall not refund a ...program if its original application projected the provision of residential services and such services were not provided in the first three months following disbursement of funds"; and section 7.6 states that the funding formula "may include...number of beds, shelter nights...."

In regards to new language, section 2.8 on the same page changes "Outreach Program" to "Outreach Service". I take issue with this change because I think it only reinforces the position of outreach programs as existing at the "will and pleasure" of their parent shelters. In my opinion, this does NOT serve the cause of providing equitable access to services for all victims of DV. I see this language as being further disempowering to outreach programs, and thereby contrary to the Coalition's core principle of empowerment. Why are Monitored Visitation and Perpetrator Intervention services referred to as "programs" while outreach programs are demoted to the category of "services"?

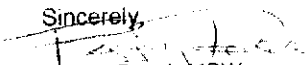
I gather that p. 18 "Licensing Standards for Domestic Violence Outreach Services" again precludes the licensing of non-shelter based programs in "outreach" counties.

It is my belief that the current mechanisms for distribution of funds for DV programs are highly inequitable. I am most familiar with the WRC catchment area where, at the present time, Fayette County (pop. approx. 48,000) has only one DV advocate, with no other backup or support staff, while Raleigh County (pop. approx 77,000) has 20+ staff including counselors, child advocates and etc. The shelter-based funding formula of the FPSB only serves to reinforce these inequities. Having just experienced a situation where the WRC cut me out of their budget completely, (they had been paying me 10 hours+ per week since our Conrad Hilton funding was terminated some 10 years ago,) without so much as informing me, I do not think that outreach counties can necessarily count on shelters to look out for the best interest of their programs. It is my belief that it is in the best interests of victims of DV state-wide that funding be distributed more equitably between ALL counties, and that "outreach" counties have a guaranteed base of funding and a level of staffing that more equitably reflects the service needs of the victims in these counties. A logical first step in accomplishing this would be to restore the "outreach program" language in these Rules, and eliminate the requirement that funded programs provide shelter services. It has been widely acknowledged that, with advances in the area of DV law, the need for shelter services has declined in recent years, adding further justification for a change in these Rules. The title "Family Protection Services Board" reflects acknowledgment of the need for protection for all family members, including children. A number of DV programs (in both shelter and outreach counties) are broadening their scope of services to include child advocacy functions. I believe it would behoove the Board to better support these efforts by allowing for the licensing of non-shelter programs.

With the current state-wide crisis in social services and Medicaid funding, rural counties run the risk of being further under-served, in the areas of both DV advocacy and social and mental health services overall. The FPSB is in a position to counter this tide by opening the door for non-shelter counties to qualify for base funding from which to expand their service and base of support. As the Executive Coordinator of an outreach program that has successfully secured diverse funding to provide a comprehensive array of services to victims of family violence and abuse in an under-served county, I am convinced that it would be in the best interests of the DV network, and particularly of the families it serves, if the Board and Coalition made a commitment to strengthening their efforts to support and empower outreach programs. This can be done by seeking to help to provide both the funding and technical assistance (including grant writing training and support, etc), to bolster outreach programs state-wide and to move away from a shelter-based funding formula and the resulting inequitable distribution of resources and services.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,


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Dear Ms. Rossi:

Thank you very much for taking time to review and comment on the proposed changes to the Family Protection Services Board rules. In response to your comments:

1. Staff revised your noted typographical errors;
2. There is not, at this time, an established curriculum for the required 30 hours of training for staff of the monitored visitation centers;
3. The Board did not elect to make substantive changes in the funding section of the rule this year. You raise a valid point about equitable distribution of advocacy resources across the state, and I'm sure many program directors would agree that it is a great challenge to staff their rural counties adequately. The Board will take your comments under advisement and convene a broader group during the coming year to discuss distribution of resources.

Again, thank you very much for your time and interest.

Sincerely,

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Trudy Laurenson, Chair

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**TITLE 191
LEGISLATIVE RULE
FAMILY PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD**

**SERIES 1
OPERATION OF THE FAMILY PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD**

General Comments

Comment	Suggestion
There are times when entity reference to "board" or "Board" is unclear.	That throughout the four-part series, references to the Family Protection Services Board be "Board"; while references to community-based boards of directors be "governing body."
Each of the Series (1,2, 3,and 4) contain exact numbered references that address different issues. The numbering process could easily present problems for people who are referencing a specific Series but may be understood by other people to reference a different Series. For example: a. 2.1 in Series 1 addresses the purposes of the Board b. 2.1 in Series 2 addresses the definition of advocacy c. 2.1 in Series 3 addresses the definition of the Board d. 2.1 in Series 4 addresses the definition of the Board	That the Series number preface each of the numbered sections as a means of avoiding confusion about which Series is being referenced. For example: a. 1.2.1 addresses the purpose of the Board b. 2.2.1 addresses the definition of advocacy c. 3.2.1 addresses the definition of Board d. 4.2.1 addresses the definition of Board <u>and</u> there is no confusion about what Series the person is referencing. Series 1 = Operation of FPSB Series 2 = Family Protection Programs Licensure Series 3 = PIP Licensure Series 4 = Visitation Centers Certification
Confusion can be created by having the same rule included in the different series and with different numbered references. For example: The same definition of "Board" has four different references: 191-1.3.1 191-2.2.2 191-3.2.1 191-4.2.1	Contact someone like Rita Pauley who has expertise in this area and may have suggestions (may also affirm the numbering process as it is!)
What is the guideline for including some but not all definitions in Series 1 Section 1.3 - Definitions?	Include all definitions found in the four-part series in the definitions section of Series 1.

Series Specific Comments

Series 1 – Operation of FPSB

✓ **191.1.1** – Add "*The West Virginia Code is available at . . .*"

✓ **191.2.1** – Add "a system of standards for the annual certification of monitored visitation . . ."

191.3 – Definitions not referenced in this section but found in other sections of the four part series:

- educator/facilitator
- power/control
- advocacy
- crisis counseling
- direct services
- outreach services
- safety planning

✓ 191.1.3.5 – The definition of “shelter” here differs from the definition of “shelter” found in series 2 (191.2.11). Choose one definition.

✓ 191.1.4 – Add “an annual report to the governor”

191.1.5.1.a – Language differs from that found in 191.2.3.1.a

191.5.1.b – Alter sentence to read “The Board shall *use the following criteria when considering* applications submitted for license:” Delete “all” and “in light of”

191.5.1.d – Undelete “*perpetrator intervention* programs” or change same reference in

✓ 191.3.3.1.d

191.1.5.1.e – Change language to read “the operation of an organization *that has not obtained a* license . . .” It doesn’t matter whether a program agrees or refuses to obtain a license; what matters is whether or not they actually have one. No?

✓ 191.1.5.4.3.a – Add “The Board shall annually evaluate all *licensed* family protection . . .” Undelete “The evaluation *will be*”

✓ 191.5.3.b – Add “All *licensed* programs”; add “assure onsite review *of the established*”

✓ 191.1.5.d – Change language to read “The Board may *contact* the program’s partner agencies to *assess* program effectiveness”

✓ 191.1.5.4.d – Delete “twenty (20) days ~~to the Board~~ should”

✓ 191.1.5.5 – Add “The Board shall close any *licensed* family protection “

191.1.5.b – Add “or shelter’s governing *body* ; delete ~~Board of directors~~”; the family protection program’s ~~Board of directors~~ *governing body*;

✓ 191.1.5.5.d – Delete “the ~~family protection services~~ Board”

✓ 191.1.5.6 – Undelete “*perpetrator intervention program*” since this section applies to BIPPs – cross reference 191.3.3.6

✓ 191.1.5.6.a – This section is not clear to me. Maybe something like “*After placing a family protection program into receivership and prior to the closure of a family protection program the Board shall provide for and hold a public hearing in the municipality or county in which the family protection program is located. . .*”; Add shelter’s governing *body*; delete ~~board of directors~~.

191.5.6.b – Add “counsel of the *family protection or perpetrator intervention* program.” Cross reference 191.3.6.b

✓ 191.1.6.1 – Change language “the welfare of the children, adults, and program staff during *supervised monitored* contact.” (to keep distinctions clear?); add “While these rules apply only to *monitored visitation and exchange centers* nothing in these rules”

- take out BIPP rule

- ✓ 191.6.2.a – This is unclear to me. Does the Board not have discretion to certify a program? Perhaps stated differently might make this rule clearer? “All monitored visitation and exchange programs that represent themselves as certified for monitored contact *are required to obtain certification by the Board.*”
- ✓ 191.6.5.a – Note: This deleted section is not deleted in 191.4.3; also if deletion holds then the numbering for the section that follows should be 191.6.5.a and not 191.6.5.b
- ✓ 191.6.6.b.2 – Numbering is off. It says 3.6.b.2
- ✓ 191.6.7.1 – Is this the correct code cite? I don't have my reference book with me.
- ✓ 191.6.7.3 – Perhaps it would be helpful to add as the number one criteria – *Be licensed by the Board.* If so this will change the numbering of sections that immediately follows.
- ✓ 191.6.7.3.b Change Board to *board.*
- ✓ 191.6.7.4.a – Add *sexual orientation.*
- ✓ 191.6.7.4.a ✓ Add “a family protection *program* if services”
- ✓ 191.6.7.5 – Add “deny an application *for funding* within forty-five days”
- ✓ 191.6.7.6 – Is this the correct code cite? I don't have my reference book with me. Also is *monthly financial reporting* new? Do programs already do this? If so who reviews the reports?
- ✓ 191.6.7.7.c – Use small letters for social workers to be consistent with marriage counselors or family therapists

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- ✓ Series 2 – Family Protection Domestic Violence Programs Licensure (To be consistent with the content of the rule)
- ✓ 191.2.2.2 - Delete “for the licensure of family protection and *perpetrator intervention* programs “
- ✓ 191.2.2.3 – Delete and insert “employed by a family *violence* protection program”
- ✓ 191.2.2.5 – For consistency, capitalize Department of Health and Human Resources and add “or any successor agency however so named.” (*Cross reference 191.1.3.3 or delete the phrase in this section*)
- ✓ 191.2.2.7 – Delete “or *Program* means” – rule is specific about referring to a family protection program and not to a “program” in general
- ✓ 191.2.2.10 – Capitalize Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources (consistency – cross reference 191.1.3.1)
- ✓ 191.2.2.11 – This definition differs from that found in 191.1.3.5. Choose one.
- ✓ 191.2.3 - Delete “*and perpetrator intervention* programs” – Because there are separate rules for the perpetrator programs I am suggesting that reference to perpetrator programs be omitted from this series on family protection programs.
- ✓ 191.2.3.1 – Delete “*and perpetrator intervention* programs” and NOTE: Language in this provision differs form language in 191.1.5.1.a
- ✓ 191.2.3.1.b - Insert “The Board shall *use the following criteria when considering receive and consider* all applications submitted for licensure: Also – add “operate a *family protection* program” and “the delivery of services, *capacity of the family protection program to comply with standards,* and” (cross reference language with 191.1.5.1.b)
- ✓ 191.2.3.1.d – Delete “*and perpetrator intervention programs* in a timely manner”
- ✓ 191.2.3.1.e – Delete and insert: “an *organization which refuses to obtain that has not obtained a* license”
- ✓ 191.2.3.2.b – Delete “*and perpetrator intervention* program and shelter”
- ✓ 191.2.3.3.b - Add “one half of all licensed *family protection* programs”

✓	191.2.3.3.c – Delete “ and perpetrator intervention program and staff”
✓	191.2.3.5.b – Add or shelter’s governing <i>body board of directors</i> ; and programs governing <i>body board of directors</i> shall have fifteen”; and restore language “suspension of the <i>family protection program’s</i> ”
✓	191.2.3.5.d – Add “in which the <i>family protection</i> program is located”
	191.2.3.6 Delete “governing <i>board of directors</i> and insert <i>body</i> ” in the last sentence.
✓	191.2.3.6.a – Not clear. Same suggestion as in 191.1.5.6.a Maybe something like “ <i>After placing a family protection program into receivership and prior to the closure of a family protection program the Board shall provide for and hold a public hearing in the municipality or county in which the family protection program is located.</i> ”
✓	191.2.3.6.b – Add “legal counsel of the <i>family protection</i> program”
✓	191.2.4.1.b – Add “family protection <i>program</i> ”
✓	191.2.4.1.f.1 through 191.2.4.1.f.4 – Capitalize first letter of each phrase
✓	191.2.4.2.c.1 through 191.2.4.2.c.3 – Capitalize first letter of each phrase
✓	191.2.4.2.e – Add any member of the board of <i>directors</i> ”
✓	191.2.4.2.j & 4.2.j.2 & 4.2.j.7 & 4.2.j.8 – Add “ <i>family protection</i> program”
✓	191.2.5.10 – Revise to read “victims who are elderly, have disabilities, <i>or are adult or adolescent males</i> ”
✓	191.2.6.6.a through 191.2.6.6.g – capitalize first word of each phrase.
✓	191.2.6.8 – regarding “outreach meetings per year” – This may be changing now that the Certification of Advocacy Process is operational. <i>du</i>
	191.2.7.3 – Add a new point – “ <i>Be licensed by the Family Protection Services Board.</i> ”
	191.2.8.7.4 – Add “ <i>sexual orientation</i> ”
	191.2.8.7.5 – Add “an application <i>for funding</i> within forty five days”

Series 3 – Perpetrator Intervention Programs

✓	191.3.1.1 – Add “for the licensure <i>of perpetrator</i> ”
	191.3.2 Definitions – Check this entire section against the language used in definitions contained in Series 1 – Operation of the FPSB. Some of the wording in the definitions are different and other definitions are omitted in series 1.
✓	191.3.2.3 – Reference to Section 7.2 is wrong – there is no Section 7. I think it should be 4.3
	191.3.3 – Delete “The Board shall enforce a system of standards”
	191.3.1.a - An organization shall will) For consistency 191.1.5.1.a
	191.3.1.b – “The Board shall <i>use the following criteria when considering all</i> applications”
	191.3.1.d – Use same language as 191.1.5.1.d by adding “ <i>Forms for licensure ...</i> ”
✓	191.3.3.2.b – Delete “require every <i>licensed family protection and</i> perpetrator “
✓	191.3.3.3.a – Add “all <i>licensed</i> perpetrator”
✓	191.3.3.3.b – Add “all <i>licensed perpetrator intervention</i> programs”
✓	191.3.3.5 – Add “The Board shall close any <i>licensed</i> perpetrator”
✓	191.3.3.5.c – Delete and add “the president of the <i>family protection or</i> perpetrator intervention program’s or shelter’s governing <i>body board of directors</i> . (In both places in this section.)
✓	191.3.6.a – Not clear - <i>After placing a perpetrator intervention program into receivership and prior to the closure of a perpetrator intervention program the Board shall provide for and hold a public hearing in the municipality or county in which the perpetrator intervention program is located.</i>

✓	191.3.3.6.b – Add “legal counsel of the <i>perpetrator intervention</i> program”
✓	191.3.4.2.c.1 through 191.3.4.2.c.3 – Capitalize the first word of each phrase.
	191.3.4.6.a – Change “licensed domestic violence family protection program”
✓	191.3.4.6.b – Add “Educator/facilitators of licensed <i>perpetrator intervention</i> programs will consult with licensed domestic violence family protection programs (Cchange dv to fp in other sentence in this section.)
✓	191.3.4.6.c – “In the event that the contact of the victim and/or partner is done by the perpetrator intervention program staff, they shall provide written information to the licensed perpetrator intervention family protection program, including date and contact information.”
	191.3.4.7.a & 4.7.c & 4.7.c & 4.7.d & 4.8 & 4.9 – Add “ <i>perpetrator intervention</i> program”
	191.3.4.9 – Change “licensed domestic violence family protection program”
✓	191.3.4.10.b – Change “perpetrator intervention class program” (in both places – I assume this refers to release after the entire program is completed and not just one class?)
✓	191.3.4.11 – Change domestic violence to “family protection program”
✓	191.3.4.11.c – “sending of monthly reports to the licensed <i>family protection</i> perpetrator intervention program

Series 4 – Monitored Visitation and Exchange Program Certification

✓	191.4.1.1 – Add “ <i>The West Virginia Code is available ...</i> ”
✓	191.4.3.1 - Change language “the welfare of the children, adults, and program staff during supervised monitored contact.” (to keep distinctions clear?); add “While these rules apply only to <i>monitored visitation and exchange centers</i> nothing in these rules”
✓	191.4.3.2.a - Change language: “that represent themselves as certified for monitored contact shall be are required to be certified by the Board.: The original language makes it seem as if the Board has no discretion in granting certification; all a program has to do is represent itself as being certified and then it shall be certified by the Board.
	191.4.3.5 and 3.5.a are deleted in 191.1.6 – Choose one way or the other.
	191.4.3.5.b.1 through 3.5.b.5 – Due to number change these sections really are 191.4.3.5.a.1 through 3.5.a.5
	191.4.2.a through 191.4.2.k – capitalize first letter of each phrase
✓	191.4.3 – “shall establish and/or report to a board of directors be governed by and report to a board of directors
✓	191.4.5.d – “Statistics shall be gathered and reported in a manner that will not compromise client confidentiality.”
-	191.4.4.5.e.3.a through 191.4.4.5.e.3.e – Capitalize first letter of each phrase
-	191.4.4.6.a and 4.6.b - Capitalize first letter of each phrase
-	191.4.4.7.b.6 – Family violence, including <i>parental abuse, and child abuse and neglect</i>
-	191.4.4.7.b.7 – Capitalize first letter of phrase



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Dear Sue:

Thank you very much for your thorough review of and comments on the proposed changes to the Family Protection Services Board rules. In response to your suggestions:

1. The typos and various language inconsistencies across the Series have been addressed;
2. References to local program boards is now "board of directors" throughout;
3. The rules could not be renumbered to include Series number;
4. The Administrative Law division of the Secretary of State advised that definitions be limited to those relevant to the Series;
5. Clarifications were made regarding the role of the FPSB in certifying monitored visitation and exchange programs;
6. The reference to monthly financial reporting to the FPSB was removed;
7. Outreach advocate training requirements were updated to be consistent with current training requirements for Certified Domestic Violence Advocates;
8. Sexual orientation was added to the list of discrimination prohibitions; and
9. "Class" was changed to "program" in the Perpetrator Intervention Program Series to clarify when the program reports to the referring agency.

Again, thank you very much for your time and interest. If you have additional comments or questions about the rule, or the work of the Family Protection Services Board, please feel free to contact me at 645-6334, or our staff person, Beth Morrison, at 727-1906.

Sincerely,

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Trudy Laurenson, Chair

Cc: FPSB members

Amendments made to proposed rule as result of public comments.

Series 3: Perpetrator Intervention Program Licensure

Changes included agency-approved clean up language to fix typos, make the rule more clear (e.g., changing “class” to “program” in 4.10.b. to clarify that reports are due to the referring agency after a perpetrator completes the whole program instead of after each individual class), and to make it consistent with language in the other Series under this title (e.g., making sure definitions are consistent across Series).