MARCH 31, 2020 NOTICE OF BOARD ACTION

Summary of Board Action Taken on March 31, 2020: On March 31, 2020, and pursuant to Governor Ivey’s March 2020 proclamations, the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners held a specially called meeting needed to respond to COVID-19 by adopting the following emergency rules deemed necessary for the public’s health, safety and welfare, which provides the Board the authority to extend the Board’s licensing renewal procedures and continuing education requirements set forth at Administrative Code Sections 850-X-7-.02 and 850-X-8-.01 during a Governor declared state of emergency. This emergency rule was adopted at this March 31, 2020 specially called Board meeting that convened at 1:30PM and adjourned at 1:46PM and is available for review below:

EMERGENCY RULE: 850-X-7-.02 (01)ER Authority for Extending License Renewal Filing Deadlines During a Declared State of Emergency.

Where a state of emergency has been declared by the Governor of the State of Alabama, the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners has the authority to modify its licensing renewal filing deadline procedures set forth under its Administrative Code Section 850-X-7-.02 for those holding a current unexpired Alabama license when said emergency declaration impedes social workers good faith ability to timely comply with the Board’s licensing renewal deadline procedures for his or her current Alabama license as set forth under the Board’s Administrative Code Section 850-X7-.02. Moreover, when the declared state of emergency adversely impacts the ability to meet the Board’s aforesaid licensing renewal filing deadlines as stated, the Chairman of the Board may authorize the Board’s Executive Director to modify the Board’s aforementioned licensing renewal filing deadlines for those holding a current unexpired Alabama license, subject to the Board Chairman’s final approval before said limited modifications go into effect. This rule does not expand or modify the license in issue and the adoption of this rule is deemed necessary for the public’s health, safety or welfare. Author: Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-30-57 History: Emergency Rule: Filed March 31, 2020.

Upon the Board’s adoption of the above referenced Emergency Rule 850-X-7-.02(01)ER, the Board took the following action during this specially called meeting: A motion to allow current and active licensees to earn their required continuing education during their grace period for the next 120 days was made and passed by the Board. General Information: Any future notices relating to the above- referenced Emergency Rule will appear on the Alabama State Board of Social work Examiners website (www.socialwork.alabama.gov) For further information or if there are any questions, please contact the Board’s office at 334- 242-5860.
EMERGENCY RULE: 850-X-.01 (01) ER Authority for Allowing Continuing Education to be earned online waiving the requirement for “live” and “classroom” during a Declared State of Emergency.

Where a state of emergency has been declared by the Governor of the State of Alabama, the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners has the authority to modify its continuing education procedures set forth under its Administrative Code Section 850-X-.01 for those holding a current unexpired Alabama license when said emergency declaration impedes social workers good faith ability to timely comply with the Board’s continuing education procedures for his or her current Alabama license as set forth under the Board’s Administrative Code Section 850-X-.01. Moreover, when the declared state of emergency adversely impacts the ability to meet the Board’s aforesaid licensing requirement as stated, the Chairman of the Board may authorize the Board’s Executive Director to modify the Board’s aforementioned continuing education requirements for those holding a current unexpired Alabama license, subject to the Board Chairman’s final approval before said limited modifications go into effect. This rule does not expand or modify the license in issue and the adoption of this rule is deemed necessary for the public’s health, safety or welfare. Author: Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-30-57 History: Emergency Rule: Filed March 31, 2020.

Upon the Board’s adoption of the above referenced Emergency Rule 850-X-.01(01)ER, the Board took the following action during this specially called meeting: A motion to allow current and active licensees to earn all 30 CEU hours online, waiving the 10 hour “live/classroom” required component of continuing education for the next 120 days was made and passed by the Board. General Information: Any future notices relating to the above-referenced Emergency Rule will appear on the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners website (www.socialwork.alabama.gov) For further information or if there are any questions, please contact the Board’s office at 334- 242-5860.