



# Dora NEWSLETTER

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## MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS AND PROGRAMS

### NEW SECTION DIRECTOR

Richard Morales joined DORA in March of 2008 as the Program Director for the Mental Health Boards and Programs. In July of 2008 he was promoted to Section Director of the Health Services Section of which the mental health professions are a part of. DORA's mission of *Consumer Protection* is what initially drew Mr. Morales to the Department. He enjoys working with the various stakeholders in the regulatory process, learning about the nuances of each profession and contributing to the health, safety and welfare of all Coloradans. Mr. Morales is looking forward to developing greater communication with mental health professionals and educating consumers on how to make informed choices for their health service needs.

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### Have You Moved Lately?

It is imperative that all licensees keep their mailing address updated with the Mental Health Boards.

The Board mails renewal information to the licensee at the last address furnished to the Board.

You may update your mailing address at [https://  
www.doradls.state.co.us/](https://www.doradls.state.co.us/)

### NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR

On September 2, 2008, Carlotta Knox joined the Division of Registration as the new Program Director for the Colorado Mental Health Boards and Programs. Ms. Knox has worked for the Department of Regulatory Agencies for 17 years. She brings extensive knowledge from her experience as an award winning Senior Investigator who was subsequently promoted to Chief Investigator for the Departments Division of Real Estate. Ms. Knox later continued to promote consumer protection by serving as the Director of Education and Outreach.

### MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSION'S E-UPDATES

Spring 2009 edition of the e-update is available at:

[Click here](#)

E-Updates provide information electronically to mental health professionals who have provided their e-mail address to the mental health boards and programs. E-Updates contain information that is relevant to the mental health professions. The topics include, but are not limited to, information concerning renewal dates, legislative updates, rulemaking, trends within the industry, etc.

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

#### HB 09-1086 Continued Competency

Effective January 1, 2011, Clinical Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Professional Counselors and Addictions Counselors will be required to maintain continuing professional competency in order to renew or reinstate their license or certificate to practice.

The affected Mental Health Boards and Programs along with appropriate stakeholders will craft a continuing competency program that will ensure that applicable professions have an ongoing ability to learn, integrate and apply the knowledge, skill and judgment necessary to practice the profession according to generally accepted professional and ethical standards.

### Meeting Dates and Deadlines

The meeting dates for all mental health boards and programs are posted at:

[Click here](#)

Open session meetings are open to the public.



**Consumer protection  
is our mission**

## MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEMBERS

### ADDICTION COUNSELOR PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Pam Jackson

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Rita Quinn

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## BECOME A BOARD MEMBER

Visit [www.colorado.gov](http://www.colorado.gov)

### To apply for any board or commission appointment:

Please complete the application form. Mail or fax your application with a current resume to:

Office of Boards and  
Commissions  
136 State Capitol  
Denver, CO 80203

-or-

fax to  
(303) 866-6368

### If you have any questions please call or e-mail:

(303) 866-6380 or [boards@state.co.us](mailto:boards@state.co.us).

#### State Grievance Board

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#### **Assistant Attorney General**

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## AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY

Effective January 1, 2007, all applicants requesting original license, renewal of an active license, or reinstatement of a lapsed license must complete and sign the Affidavit of Eligibility Form.

**No license can or will be issued without this form.**

***The good news is that you can complete this form online when you use Registrations Online Services!***

You must possess at least one secure and verifiable document and include information about that document on the Affidavit itself (or provide the information during online renewal).

The list of secure and verifiable documents is available to you when you renew online.

We also have a web page where you can read the law, look at the Affidavit, and see the list of acceptable documents.

[www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/Affidavit.htm](http://www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/Affidavit.htm)

## Hot Topic

### Work Experience & Supervision Hours and the Unlicensed Psychotherapist Database Requirement

The Mental Health Boards and Programs receive questions concerning the requirement for non-licensed individuals performing psychotherapy to be listed in the State Grievance Board Database. This includes non-licensed individuals who are performing psychotherapy for the required experience and supervision hours as they are working towards licensure or certification. The Mental Health Boards are reaching out to the mental health professionals to educate and provide additional guidance on the database listing requirements.

To that end, this information is to inform **all** current and aspiring mental health professionals who practice psychotherapy as defined in C.R.S. § 12-43-201(9) that pursuant to C.R.S. § 12-43-702.5, no unlicensed/uncertified person may practice psychotherapy if such person is not listed in the State Grievance Board database as an unlicensed psychotherapist. This includes Certified and Licensed Addiction Counselors.

Effective **August 31, 2009**, an applicant **will not** receive credit toward licensure or certification for the experience or supervision hours earned after this date if they are not listed in the data base as of September 1, 2009, unless an applicant is:

- Registered as a psychologist candidate,
- Licensed or certified in another profession authorized to practice psychotherapy, or
- Exempt from the provisions outlined in C.R.S. § 12-43-215.

## DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The following is provided for your information regarding Board Actions (January 2007– October 2009) [Click Here](#) – in PDF format only

Adobe Acrobat Reader is required in order to view and print these materials. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, [download the latest free version](#) directly from the Adobe website or

## Registrations Online Documents

The Department of Regulatory Agencies' **Registration Online Documents (ROD)**, found at:

[www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/ROD.htm](http://www.dora.state.co.us/registrations/ROD.htm), is a website that allows the consumer to view images of scanned disciplinary documents through the Internet. In reviewing a licensee's information, it is important to know what is and is not available from the agency about Colorado licensees.

The following information WOULD appear on a record under Board or Program Actions if applicable to the licensee:

1. If a licensee had been disciplined or formally accused of wrongdoing by the Board or Program.
2. If the Board or Program has taken some other non-disciplinary action against the licensee that restricts or limits the individual's license.

**Board/Program Action Documents available via Registrations Online Documents (ROD)**

- All **Stipulations, Final Agency Orders**, and **Suspensions** that were in effect in February 2000 plus any that became effective since that date. Child support suspensions are not available online but may be obtained by contacting the appropriate Board.
- Any document **Revoking** or agreeing to a **Voluntary Relinquishment/Surrender** of license or registration, **Cease and Desist Orders** and **Letters of Admonition** from January 1, 1999 to the present.
- All **Injunctions**.
- All **Notice of Charges** or **Formal Complaints**, if the information is a public record, for cases that were pending hearing as of February 2000.
- **Jury verdicts** against a physician or physician assistant in a civil medical liability trial that occurred after August 3, 2004.