Welcome and introductions (Evan) 5 minutes

Evan Seiden, MBA, LCSW, Executive Secretary to the State Board for Mental Health Practitioners will introduce members of the State Board, Department staff and others.

Provisions of Chapter 230 of the Laws of 2022 (David) 8 minutes

David Hamilton, Ph.D., LMSW, Assistant Commissioner for Professional Licensing & Practice will provide a brief overview of the law establishing a diagnostic privilege available to licensed mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists and psychoanalysts, effective June 24, 2024.

Emergency Regulations Adopted July 12, 2022 (David) 2 minutes

The Board of Regents discussed and adopted emergency regulations for Limited Diagnostic Permits (acceptable settings and supervisors) and the requirements for the diagnostic privilege; published on July 27, 2022, for 60-day period of comment period ending September 25, 2022. Comments may be submitted to REGCOMMENTS@nysed.gov

Clinical content in graduate degree program for diagnosis, psychotherapy & assessment-based treatment planning (Evan introduce and facilitate) 35 minutes

Law requires 60-semester hour (or clock hour equivalent) masters or higher degree with specific content. This does not change the education requirements for license-qualifying program but graduate coursework must be in the profession.

Wrap-up and next steps (Evan) 5 minutes

Organizations are invited to submit comments to MHPBD@nysed.gov. Regulations will be developed for education in late 2022. Reminder that a privilege cannot be issued until June 2024.