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SD Applied Behavior Analysis Provider Workgroup:

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I am writing in regards to the licensure of applied behavior analysis practitioners in the state of South Dakota. As a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), I have a vested interest in the licensure and qualifications of those providing behavior analytic services in our state. In order to ensure quality services are provided to individuals in South Dakota, I believe that developing appropriate licensing qualifications in addition to those held by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board is imperative.

To best serve the members of our community, it is essential that members of the licensing board be familiar not only with community needs but with the standards associated with the education, supervision, practice, procedures and ethical practices of the field that it governs. With that, I believe that a licensure board for applied behavior analytic services would best be governed by a board comprised primarily of members who have that background and expertise (e.g., BCBA's). These individuals will have the most current working knowledge regarding the field and be able to provide the highest level of guidance regarding services provided throughout our state.

This letter is of my own professional opinion and is no way intended to represent the opinions of my peers or colleagues.

I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts regarding this very important manner.

Sincerely,

  
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