



Date: Thursday, August 24, 2006

To: PA Board Certified Diplomates

Subject: **BCD NewsFlash - Urgent Request for BCDs in Pennsylvania**

Dear Colleague,

ABE has received the following email request from Pennsylvania BCD Charles Kuhn. He has asked us to forward this on to you for your action. ABE has joined the Pennsylvania Social Work Coalition, with NASW-PA and the PA Society for Clinical Social Work in order to support the passage of SB 841. The Coalition needs the support of individual clinical social workers like you to affect the outcome of this very important bill. Please follow the instructions in the following message and contact your state legislator as soon as possible.

Thanks for your support on this matter,

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-----Original Message-----

To Robert Booth, Michael Brooks and the staff at ABECSW

We are LCSWs and BCDs in Pennsylvania and we need your help.

We appreciate the actions that ABECSW has already taken in support of our profession.

We know that you are aware that a Bill has been introduced in the Pennsylvania Senate (SB 841) that will include "diagnosing" as a legitimate function of clinical social work. It is an important piece of legislation for all LCSWs, but it has been stalled in committee for some time now.

The address below will take you to PA NASW website with information about the Bill and how you can help.

<http://www.nasw-pa.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=214>

We need your help in contacting all BCDs and LCSWs in Pennsylvania. We want them to call, email or talk to their PA state Senators and ask them to support SB 841 by contacting Hon. Robert Tomlinson, the Chairman of the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee, and other committee members asking them to report SB 841 out of committee with a favorable recommendation.

We also need LCSWs and BCDs to spread the word among their colleagues and encourage them to do the same. A significant expression of interest in this legislation will result in this bill going to the full Senate.

We need every one to do their part today! This legislative session ends in November and the bill will die if it is not voted out of committee.

There is a listserv of LCSWs, who are concerned about this and other issues and we encourage all BCDs and LCSWs to join us there. It is not affiliated with any specific organization. The URL is

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/PaLCSW>

Your help on this very important matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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