## CHAPTER 75.5-02-06.1 CODE OF ETHICS

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## 75.5-02-06.1-01. Ethical responsibilities to clients.

The board adopts the national association of social workers 2017 code of ethics.

In addition to the ethical responsibilities under the national association of social workers 2017 code of ethics, it is a violation of the code of ethics for a social worker licensed by the board to engage in any practices or treatments that attempt to change or repair the sexual orientation or gender identity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning individuals, commonly referred to as conversion or reparative therapy.

As used in this section, "conversion therapy" means any practices or treatments that seek to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity, including efforts to change behaviors or gender expressions or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same gender. Conversion or reparative therapy does not include counseling that provides assistance to a person undergoing gender transition, or counseling that provides acceptance, support, and understanding of a person or facilitates a person's coping, social support, and identity exploration and development, including sexual-orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices, as long as such counseling does not seek to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity.

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75.5-02-06.1-02. Ethical responsibilities to colleagues.

Repealed effective April 1, 2021.

75.5-02-06.1-03. Ethical responsibilities in practice settings.

Repealed effective April 1, 2021.

75.5-02-06.1-04. Ethical responsibilities as professionals.

Repealed effective April 1, 2021.

75.5-02-06.1-05. Ethical responsibilities to the social work profession.

Repealed effective April 1, 2021.