Duty To Warn/Duty To Disclose/Duty To Maintain Confidentiality

The Duty to Warn statute can be found in the SC Code of Laws, Title 19, Chapter 11, Section 19-11-95, which impacts the Professional Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists and Psycho-Educational Specialists Board which operates under Title 40, Chapter 75.

If a licensee has specific questions about its application to a factual situation, then they should consult with their attorney, as the Board cannot give legal advice.

The Professional Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists and Psycho-Educational Specialists website also provides useful information. Refer to www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/counselors

The Code of Regulations and the Code of Ethics are located on the homepage under “Board Information/Laws and Policies”.

The Board also subscribes to the code of ethics and practice standards for counselors promulgated by the American Counseling Association which shall be used as aids in resolving ambiguities which may arise in the interpretation of the rules of professional ethics and conduct, EXCEPT THAT THE BOARD’S RULES OF ETHICAL PRACTICE AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT SHALL PREVAIL WHENEVER ANY CONFLICT EXISTS BETWEEN THESE RULES AND ACA’s standards.