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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
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Richard Pierson, Executive Director  
Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors  
101 N.E. 51st Street  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

August 17, 2016

Dear Executive Director Pierson:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding agency action that the Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors intends to take with respect to the application of Lisa Lundgren. The proposed action is to deny a request for extension of time to complete the requirements of the co-occurring disorders certification (LADC/MH). The candidate failed to complete the requirements within three years.

The Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors Act, 59 O.S.2011 & Supp.2015, §§ 1870–1885, requires that applicants for certification for co-occurring disorders “[m]eet the requirements promulgated by the Board to establish the applicant’s competency,” 59 O.S.Supp.2015, § 1876(J)(3). The Board’s rules set out a number of qualifications that must be met for Board approval of LADC/MH certification, including completion of 2,000 hours of supervised work experience in co-occurring disorders-specific work and successful passage of a written exam. OAC 38:10-7-10(c)(3), (5). All qualifications for the LADC/MH “must be completed within three (3) years from the original date of application.” OAC 38:10-7-10(d)(7). The action enforces the requirement that the application process be completed within three years. The Board may reasonably believe that period of time is more than adequate to complete the certification process without the necessity of an extension and that denying the request advances the policy that those providing alcohol and drug counseling services have necessary qualifications.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State of Oklahoma’s policy that Oklahomans receive alcohol and drug abuse treatment from competent, qualified providers.

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E. SCOTT PRUITT  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA