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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
2018-158A

Eric Ashmore, Executive Director  
State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure  
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Dear Executive Director Ashmore:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure intends to take with respect to Licensed Professional Counselor (“LPC”) applicant, J.M. The applicant has submitted four previous applications, all of which were denied for various reasons. The applicant has applied again, but the application was deemed academically deficient by the Board. The Board proposes to deny the application for lack of fitness.

The Licensed Professional Counselors Act requires all applicants to “comply with the rules promulgated by the Board[.]” 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 1906(B)(5).. Board rules state that the Board may deny an application when the applicant has exhibited a “[l]ack of necessary skills and abilities to provide adequate services.” OAC 86:10-5-2(1). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to uphold the standards of LPCs.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State’s policy of protecting the public from the unfitness of an applicant.

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