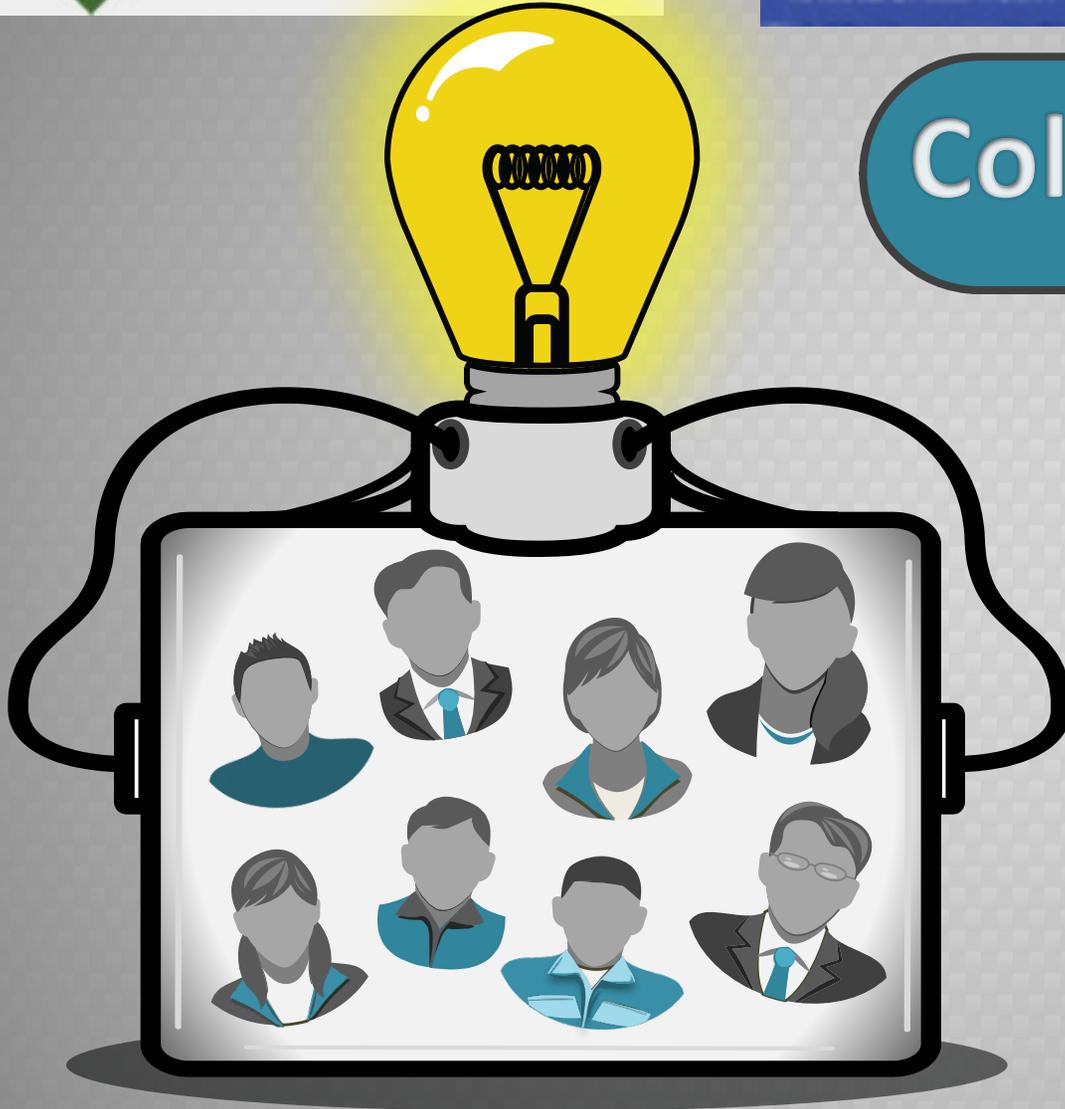




Collaborative Report



ND Behavioral Health Boards
Mandated Response to
HB1048

Presentation to the:
Legislative Health Services
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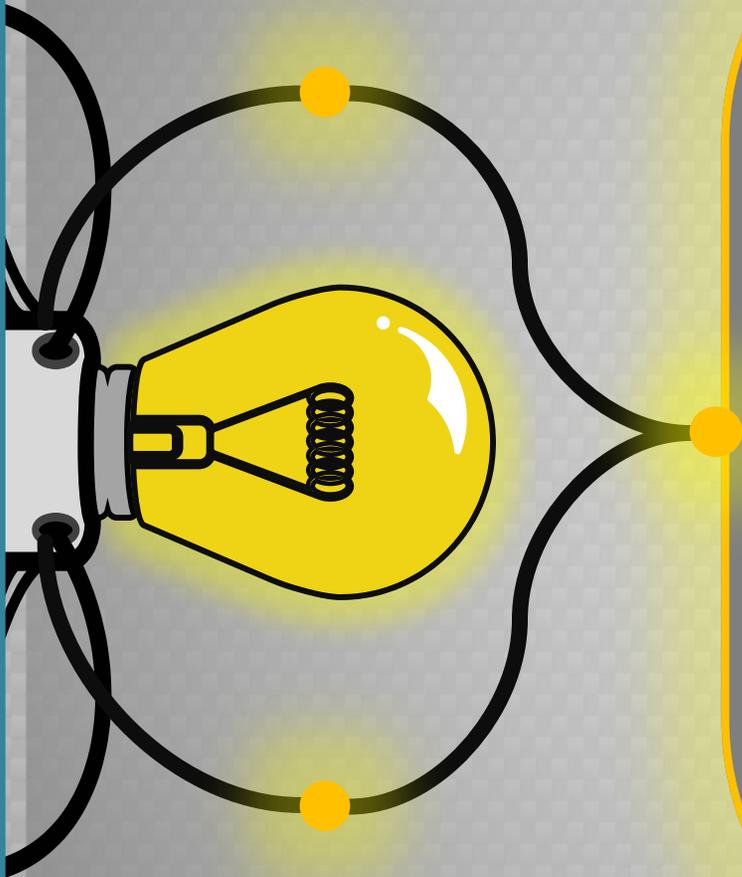
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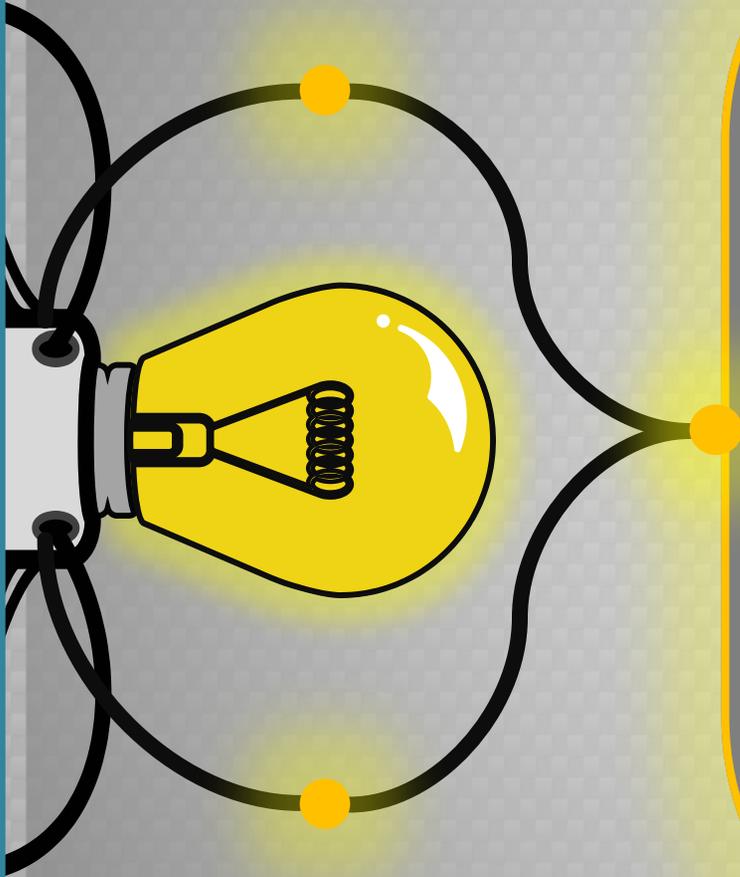


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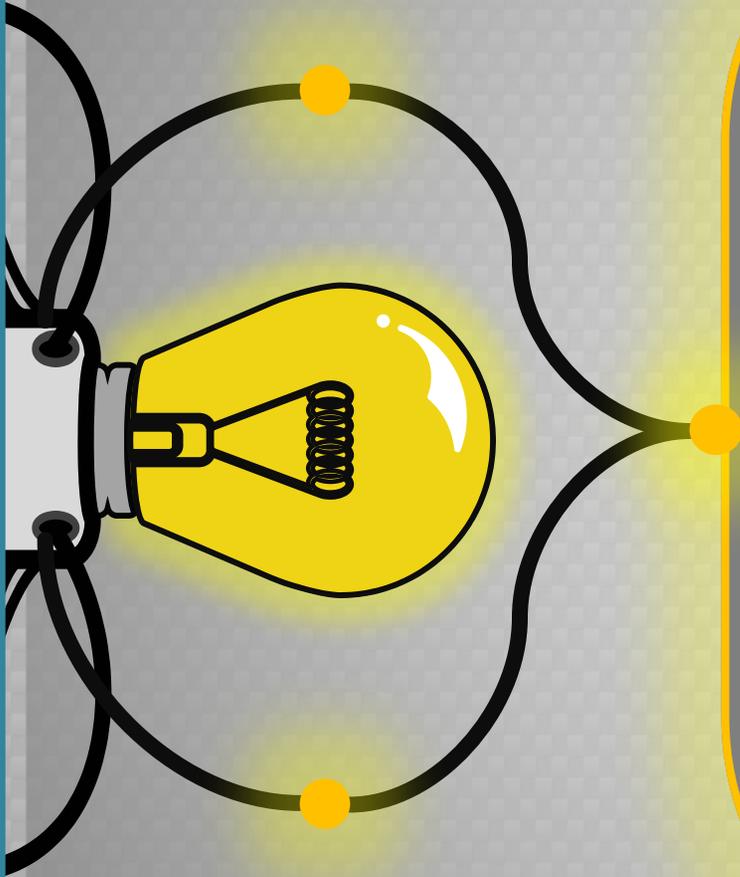
Testimony Outline

- Regulatory Boards
- HB1048
- Collaboration Procedures
- Consensus Statements
- Report Recommendations
- Supplemental Info Request



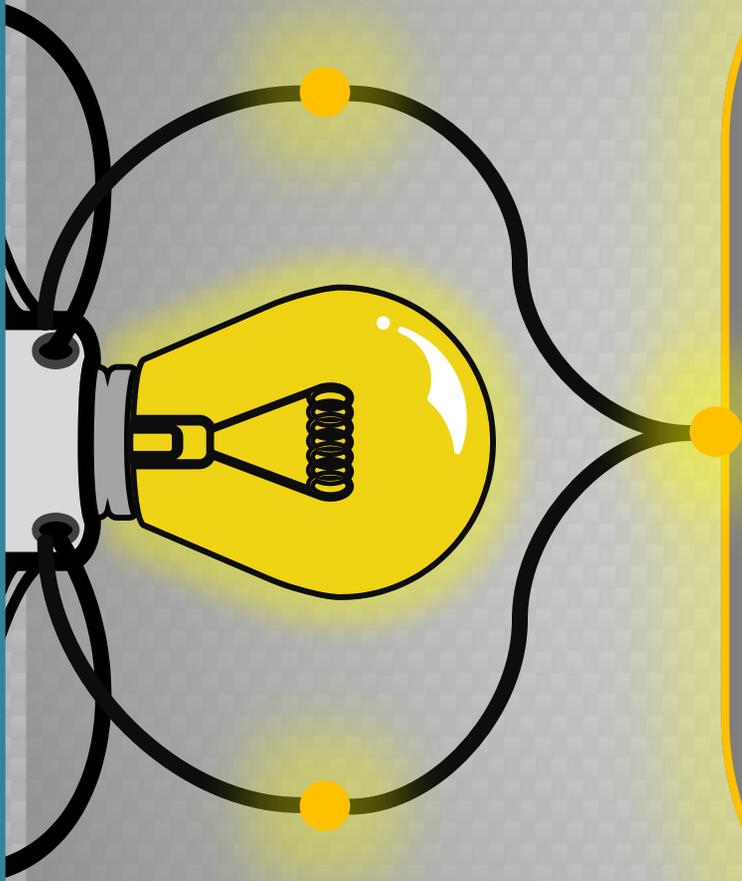
Regulatory Boards

- Members are unpaid volunteers who dedicate their time and service to regulate the professions in the interest of protecting the public health, safety, and welfare
- Appointed by the Governor
- Function of the executive branch of ND State Government
- Members are **REGULATORS**, not professional advocates (*NC State Board of Dental Examiners v. FTC, Feb. 2015*)



House Bill No. 1048

- Enacted in 2015
- Six (6) Behavioral Health licensure boards
- Develop a plan for administration and implementation of licensing and reciprocity standards for licensees
- Plan for issuance of licenses in a timely manner
- Evaluate whether regional, **national**, or international licensing and reciprocity standards are adequate for licensure in ND



Collaboration Process

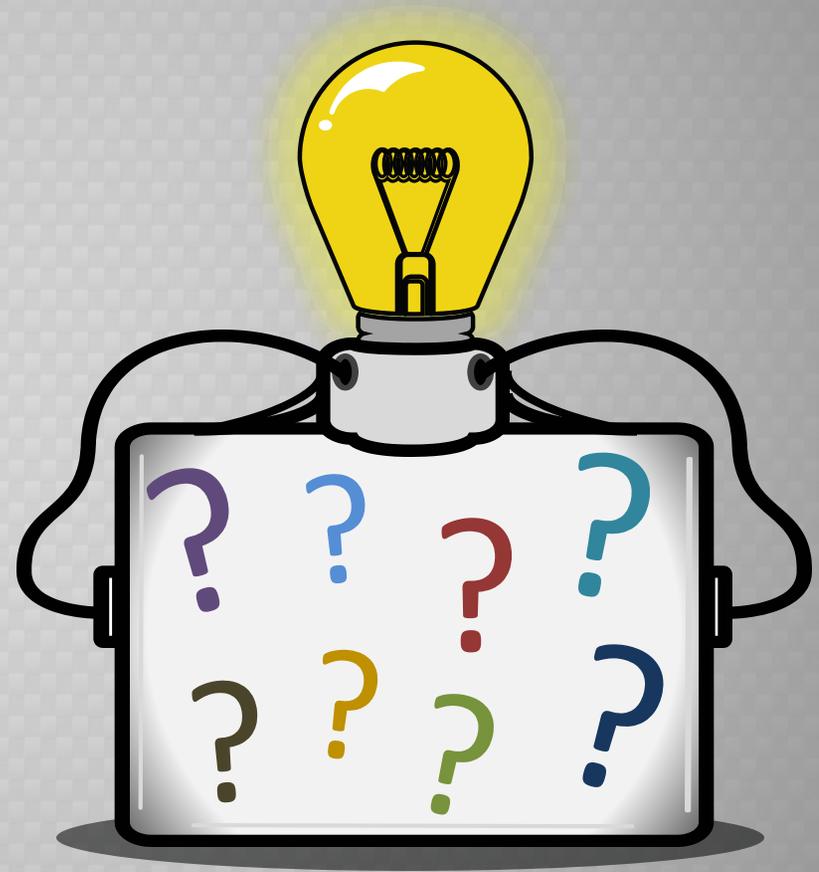
- ❑ Prior to the HB, a plan was already underway for a collaborative training for all ND regulatory boards in August 2015
- ❑ At the end of this training, the presenter facilitated the first planning meeting of the 6 behavioral health boards in response to HB1048
- ❑ Several teleconferences and two more in-person meetings were held based on a collaborative consensus process model
- ❑ Volunteer Board members have spent in excess of 275 hours on this process
 - ❑ 42-page report

Consensus Statements

Administration and Implementation of licensing and reciprocity standards for licensees from a **public protection perspective**

ALL 6 Occupational Boards:

- 1 Service to a recipient in ND constitutes practice in ND.
- 2 Require an APPLICATION and fees, burden is on applicant.
- 3 Require attainment of EDUCATIONAL standards.
- 4 Require attainment of TRAINING standards.
- 5 Require passing of a NATIONAL EXAMINATION.
- 6 Require attainment of SUPERVISED PRACTICE standards.
- 7 Require CONTINUING EDUCATION for renewal.
- 8 Facilitates for PROFESSIONAL MOVEMENT into ND.

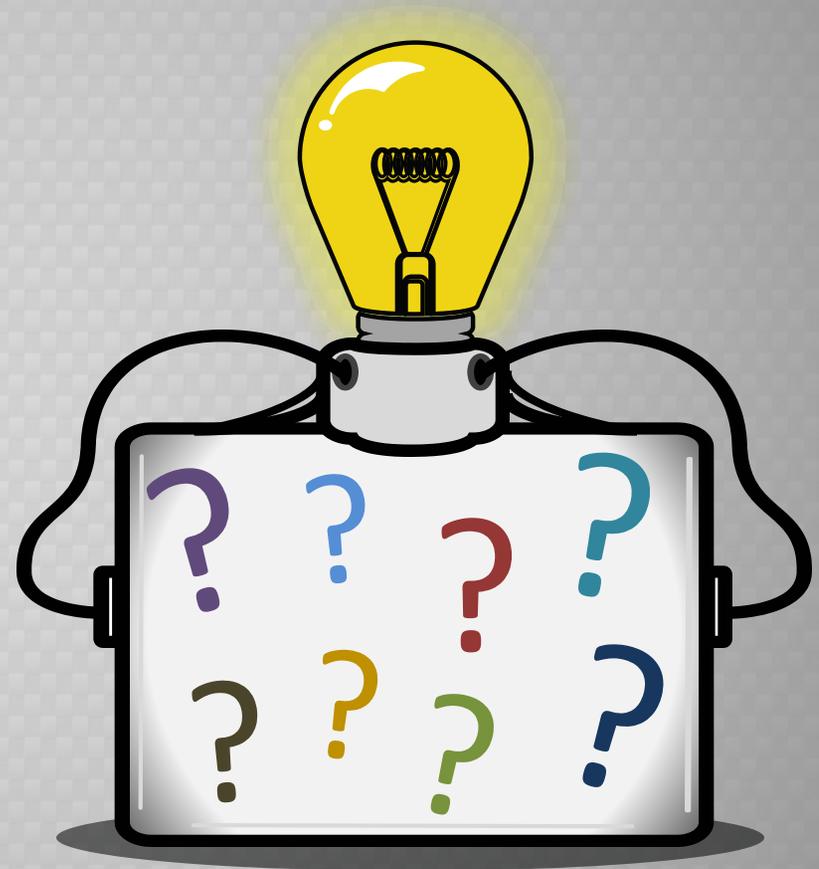


Consensus Statements

Practicalities and Operating Efficiencies of licensing and reciprocity standards for licensees from a **public protection perspective**

ALL 6 Occupational Boards :

- 1 Average license issue time of **1-week**
– upon completion of all requirements
- 2 For professional mobility, ND needs to match **national** standards.
- 3 Minimal changes for each NDCC Chapter would bring ND standards in sync with **national occupation-specific standards**
- 4 No consistent international standards and number of applicants are small
- 5 Work-force related issues are not due to regulatory barriers or board inefficiencies
- 6 No authority over employment standards or insurance reimbursement requirements
- 7 No authority, nor purview, to advocate for workforce, employers, insurance carriers, or professions.
- 8 Welcome **funded** opportunities to interact with other State regulators.

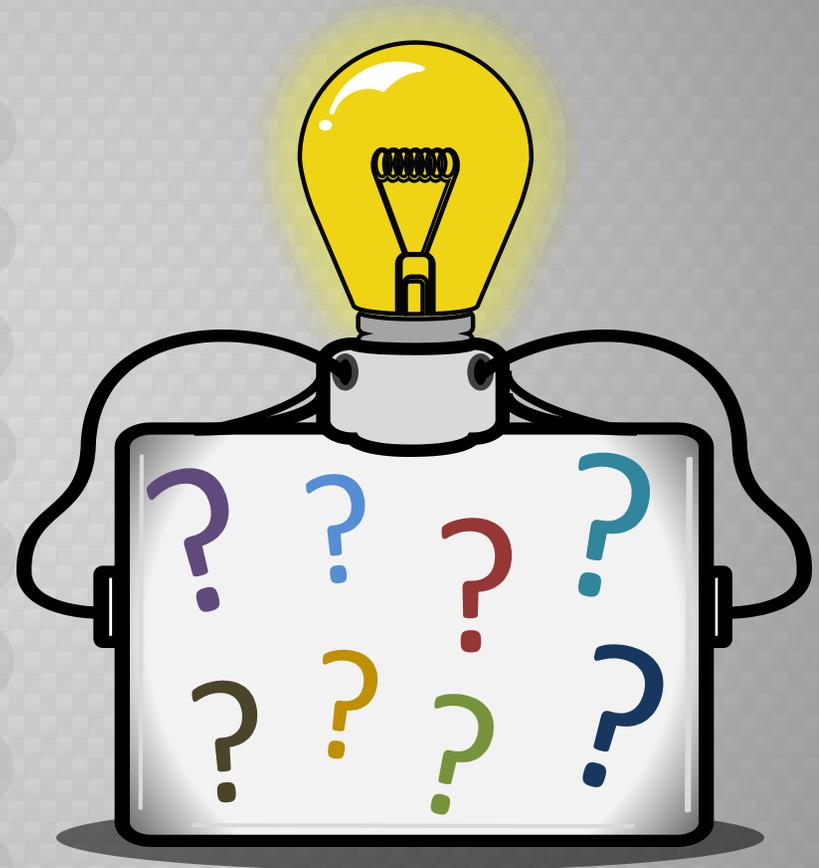


Collaborative Recommendations

Administration & Implementation

of licensing and reciprocity standards for licensees from a **public protection perspective**

- 1 Mandate ND employers and insurance carriers to use ND occupational licensing standards – limited cost to gov't.
- 2 Maintain autonomous boards with ND standards mapped to **national occupational standards** – no cost.
- 3 Adopt **EXPEDITED LICENSURE** model for mobility/ portability of licensure – minimal to moderate cost to boards.
- 4 Appropriation of funds to Governor's Office to expand operational efficiencies for smaller boards.
- 5 Appropriation of funds to Governor's Office for designated purpose of yearly meetings of ALL regulatory Board Chairs and Board Managers.
- 6 Require background checks for all new issue licenses – moderate cost to boards and minimal cost to applicants.
- 7 Standardization of CE reporting and renewal processes – moderate cost to board.
- 8 Mechanism to share disciplinary action between ND boards and to public – minimal cost.
- 9 Consistency of telepractice laws/rules across all behavioral health boards – minimal to moderate cost.
- 10 **Aspire** to consistency in statutory language across all licensing professions by use of **model language** to promote consistent format, mechanism, procedures, and issuance of licenses – cost prohibitive.



Internship, Training, & Supervision

NDBACE

1400hrs.
Reqs set by the Board for training and supervisors, training consortiums approved by the Board

NDBCE

700hrs.
Reqs set by program; Board only has authority over supervisor requirements

NDBOM

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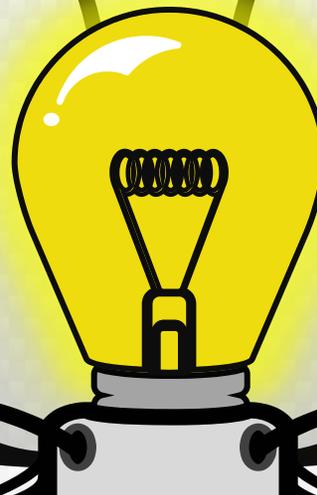
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NDSBPE

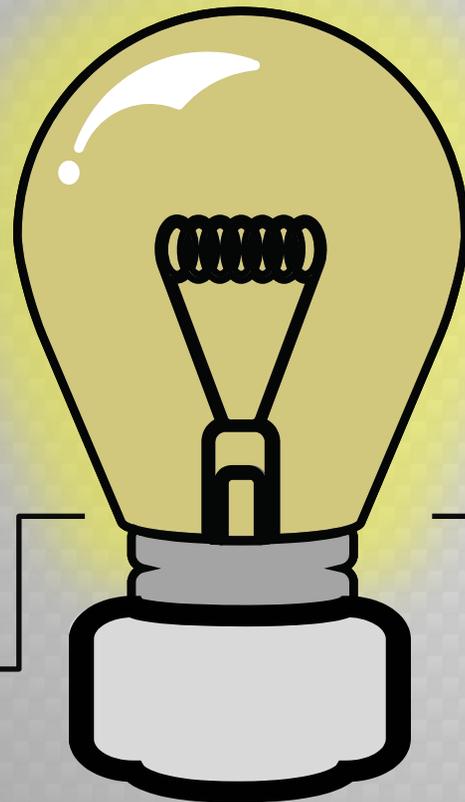
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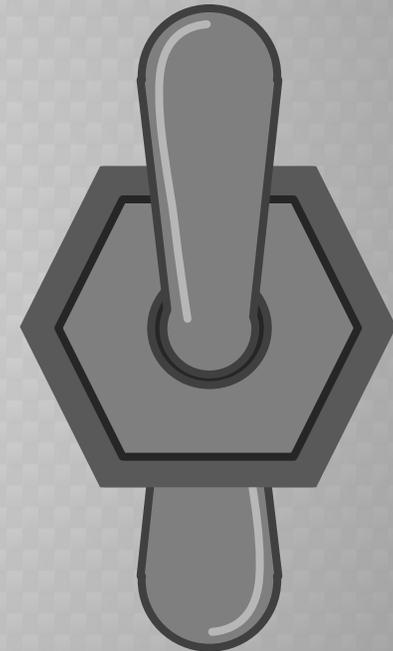
Collaborative Behavioral Health Boards

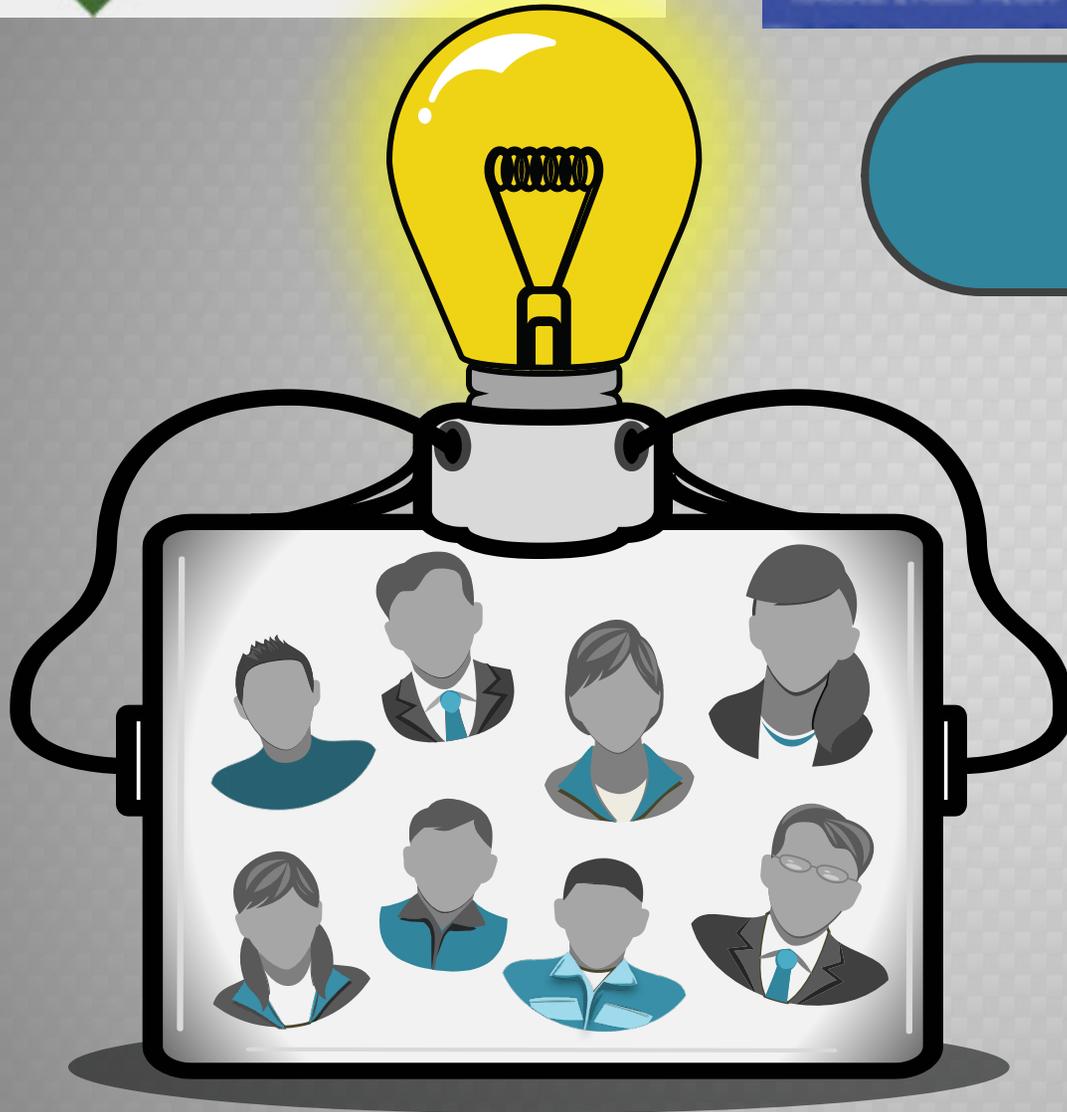
Regulate the professions in the interest of protecting the public health, safety, and welfare

Connecting boards together brings knowledge of commonalities and barriers...



...and lights our common path to efficient and effective public protection and enhanced provider mobility





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