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Re: NEABA Public Policy Group's Response to Dr. Judith Bothern's Concerns

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Dr. Bothern describes a case in which she referred a child for a diagnostic evaluation to another licensed provider who could perform diagnostic evaluations. Board Certified Behavior Analysts are neither licensed in Nebraska nor do they perform diagnostic evaluations as indicated in our proposed scope of practice in the licensure document. As unfortunate as it is that this child experience hardships and trauma, this specific scenario appears to be a disagreement between Dr. Bothern and a licensed psychologist or other licensed professional (LIMHP) capable of providing diagnostic evaluations. This is not about the conduct of an individual practicing behavior analysis but rather the conduct of someone conducting a diagnostic evaluation which a licensed behavior analyst would not do. In this given scenario, no professional was acting under the scope of a behavior analyst.

Sincerely,

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