

Guidelines for Vetting Providers of Reflective Supervision/Consultation (RS/C)

While RIAIMH is in the process of building RS/C capacity, applicants for RIAIMH IMH Endorsement® may have received or may be receiving RS/C from a provider who is qualified, but not yet endorsed. To determine if providers are qualified, RIAIMH will follow a process to vet/approve providers.

As part of this process, the applicant for RIAIMH IMH Endorsement® will:

- Submit the provider's resume or CV and contact information to the RIAIMH Endorsement® Coordinator (ldemerchant@ric.edu).
- Ensure that the provider has a copy of the Best Practice Guidelines for Reflective Supervision/Consultation (www.riaimh.org).
- Inform the provider that a call will be scheduled to learn more about the provider's qualifications, as they relate to RIAIMH Endorsement® requirements.

The RIAIMH Endorsement® Coordinator will:

- Arrange a phone interview to vet the provider.
- Provide feedback to the provider and applicant regarding decisions that are made.

Who can vet?

Ideally, the person(s) making the decision about a non-Endorsed® RS/C provider's qualifications will have earned endorsement as an IMH-E® Mentor – Clinical (IV-C). RIAIMH may request assistance from other licensed IMH associations or from the Alliance Quality Assurance Coordinator (feidson@mi-aimh.org), as needed. Further, RIAIMH's Endorsement® Coordinator (if not endorsed at IMH-E® Mentor IV-C) may conduct the interview, using a standard form to record notes from the interview, and then consult with an IMH- E® Mentor – Clinical (IV-C) professional to make a final determination.

Limitations for RS/C provided by professionals who are vetted/approved but not yet endorsed:

- Applicants for RIAIMH IMH Endorsement® may “count” RS/C hours received from vetted/approved (but not yet IMH Endorsed®) RS/C providers that were (or will be) offered anytime between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2017.
- Each vetted/approved (but not yet IMH Endorsed®) RS/C provider will be encouraged to seek IMH Endorsement® within one year of their vetted/approval date. In the interim (and/or if the provider chooses not to pursue IMH Endorsement®), RIAIMH will place a time limit on how long RS/C provided by the professional may be counted on an Endorsement® application. This will be determined on a case-by-case basis to support the applicant's engagement with an IMH Endorsed® RS/C provider.
- Starting January 1, 2019 (and going forward), applicants' RS/C hours will be “counted” for their endorsement only if offered by an IMH Endorsed® RS/C provider. (Any hours obtained before that time will be considered as described above).
- Vetted providers will be approved to provide RS/C only to those applicants for whom the provider's qualifications match the applicant's RS/C requirements (determined during the vetting interview).
- Vetted/approved RS/C providers will be listed on the RIAIMH website.

Please note that applicants for RIAIMH IMH Endorsement® may count RS/C hours received by any IMH Endorsed® RS/C provider (who is a match for the applicant's requirements).