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Dear Mr. Ayers:

Your letter of September 16, 1975, requests the opinion of this office on whether you may pay for the expenses incurred in providing meals for attendees at a meeting for registered social workers.

Section 56-1607 of the Code of Laws for South Carolina was amended by an act approved June 22, 1971 (71 Acts 900) so as to provide as follows:

Section 56-1600.7. All monies received by the Board shall be retained in a special fund for payment of expenses of the Board and to carry out the provisions of this chapter, including the promotion of social work education and training. All disbursements from the fund shall require Board approval.

As the meeting is for the purpose of 'continuing education for social workers' it would appear to come within the authorized expenditure for the promotion of social work education and training as referred to in the above-quoted statute. In my opinion therefore, the Board is authorized to use the funds collected by it to cover expenses of attendance of registered social workers at a meeting which has as its purpose social work education and training.

For the same reason, it is appropriate to utilize these funds for the payment of an honorarium and travel expenses for a lecturer at such a meeting.

Section 1-751 of the Code of Laws requires that all departments, boards, etc., remit their collection to the State Treasurer. This statute was last amended in 1930 whereas the statute above quoted was enacted in 1971 and being a subsequent statute is, therefore, considered controlling.

Very truly yours,

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