



APPROVED

Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2010 - 12:00 p.m.

Conference Room C, Third Floor; 2829 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Board members present: Marlae Cox-Kolek, Doug Frisk, Judi Gordon, Kristen Piper, Duane Reynolds, Nicholas Ruiz, Bob Schmillen, Judy Sherwood, and Nona Wilson

Board members absent: Barb Carlson, Freddie Davis-English, Walter Roberts

Staff members present: Kari Rechtzigel, Executive Director; Samantha Strehlo, LADC Licensing Coordinator

Others present: Nathan Hart, Assistant Attorney General; Margaret Hastings, MA, LPC; Richard Kotasek, Century College; Martha A. Pottle, Argosy University, Twin Cities; Debra S. Wamsley, MARRCH; Jonathan Lofgren, LADC; Mary Kay Riendeau, Mesabi Range College; Kathleen Bell, Century College

2. Approval of February 19, 2010, Board Meeting Minutes

Duane Reynolds moved to approve the minutes. Marlae Cox-Kolek seconded. Chair Ruiz called for a vote on the motion. All board members present voted "aye," there were no nays, and the motion to approve the minutes carried.

3. Staff Member Reports

A. Executive Director's Report (Kari Rechtzigel)

Ms. Rechtzigel provided board members with a spreadsheet detailing BBHT's budget status through April 30, 2010.

B. LADC Program Update (Samantha Strehlo)

1. Licenses Issued Since Last Board Meeting. Ms. Strehlo provided board members with a list of persons licensed since the last board meeting on February 19, 2010. See Attachment 1 to these minutes.

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2. Report on Licensure Activity. Ms. Strehlo noted that there are now more than 2100 active and inactive LADC licenses. She reported that she is meeting twice weekly with the Lynmark database developer. Mark Stensgard is very experienced and has worked with other licensing boards. The LADC portion of the new database will “go live” in July. Online renewals and online license verifications will be options on the new database. The LPC portion of the database will be the focus in the fall.

C. LPC/LPCC Program Update (Kari Rechtzigel)

1. Licenses Issued Since Last Board Meeting. Ms. Rechtzigel provided board members with a list of LPC and LPCC licenses issued since the last board meeting on February 19, 2010. Approximately 100 new licenses were issued during that time period. See Attachment 2 to these minutes.

4. Application and Licensure Committee

The committee requested that the full board delegate to the committee the authority to administratively deny license applications. The committee provided the board with a proposed application denial policy. Doug Frisk moved to adopt the policy and delegate to the committee the ability to administratively deny license applications. Duane Reynolds seconded. All board members present voted “aye,” there were no nays and the policy was adopted. See Attachment 3 to these minutes.

5. Legislative Committee Report (Nathan Hart, Nick Ruiz, Judi Gordon)

Board members received a copy of the April 29, 2010, Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes. See Attachment 4 to these minutes. Chair Ruiz noted that “the goal is not to have a Legislative Committee Meeting today at this board meeting.” He stated that more meetings regarding legislation will be scheduled. [Kristen Piper arrived at 12:17 p.m.] Discussion followed related to the recommended changes to the temporary permit to phase in a bachelor’s degree requirement. It was noted that the rewrite of the LADC regulations began more than two years ago. In the form of a minority report, Legislative Committee member Judi Gordon stated she is against the proposal and feels strongly that at least a bachelor’s degree is needed now for all persons who practice alcohol and drug counseling.

Nathan Hart explained that the proposal was drafted to appease the dissent received related to the bachelor’s degree requirement. Duane Reynolds noted that the degree requirement has been postponed numerous times.

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Dick Kotasek from Century College stated he is still in favor of only a two-year degree for the temporary permit. He stated another option would be to develop a tiered license structure with two-year, four-year, and master's degree levels. If the number of current temporary permit holders is so small, why not leave it the way it is?

Nathan Hart stated that the temporary permit credential costs more to regulate than the board collects in permit application and renewal fees.

Jonathan Lofgren noted that members of the Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health (MARRCH) met with members of the American Indian Advisory Council (AIAC) on May 20, 2010. A resolution was adopted to address how to increase the number of American Indians who are Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors and how to increase access to professional care for members of the American Indian community needing chemical dependency treatment. BBHT was invited to participate in the process. Copies of the resolution were provided to Chair Ruiz.

Mr. Lofgren stated he would like to explore a tiered license for LADCs with changes in the scope of practice. Discussion followed related to what that would mean. [Margaret Hastings arrived at 12:31 p.m.] Doug Frisk asked what is occurring in other parts of the country. Judi Gordon replied that "it runs the gamut." Samantha Strehlo informed the board that most states only require certification. She added that Wisconsin has a tiered system. Nathan Hart advised that BBHT regulates the practice of alcohol and drug counseling in Minnesota. If a tiered system is developed, then each tier will require a separate scope of practice.

Mary Kay Riendeau addressed the board. She stated she comes from a rural area and access to resources is a challenge. She stated that the closest four-year college is 70 miles away. There are three treatment centers in her area, and they have a resource problem because they can't staff the facilities. She noted it is beneficial for students in rural areas to have income from being able to work in the field while earning a bachelor's degree.

Kathy Bell from Century College addressed the board. She stated that approximately half the students there already have a degree and half do not. She indicated Century has a high percentage of multicultural students. Chemical dependency treatment is an area of growth with a shortage of practitioners. She concluded her remarks by stating there is no research that supports the notion that a four-year degree makes a better counselor. [Debra Wamsley arrived at 12:50 p.m.]

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Nathan Hart advised that is has never made sense that a degree is not required to practice. He also noted that the current temporary permit law has no supervision requirements.

Duane Reynolds observed that there is already a tiered system in place: alcohol and drug counselor technicians, temporary permit holders, and licensed alcohol and drug counselors.

The Legislative Committee moved approval of the following proposal: The temporary permit requirements will remain the same for the next four years: associate's degree or equivalent, 270 clock hours of alcohol and drug counseling coursework in specified areas, and an 880 hour practicum. The permit may be renewed 3 times. There will be a four-year phase in for the bachelor's degree requirement.

The following board members voted aye: Judy Sherwood, Kristen Piper, Nona Wilson, Duane Reynolds, Doug Frisk, and Marlae Cox-Kolek. Judi Gordon voted nay. Bob Schmillen abstained. The motion carried, and the four-year phase in of a bachelor's degree requirement for temporary permit holders will be made part of the draft legislation related to rewriting the LADC statutes.

The Board next created an ad hoc committee to explore tiered alcohol and drug counselor licensure. Judi Gordon will chair the committee. Bob Schmillen and Marlae Cox-Kolek will also serve on the ad hoc committee.

6. Variance Requests

A. Michele Andrews, LPC Applicant

Ms. Andrews requested a variance to Minn. R. 2150.5010, subpart 4, asking that the board approve her supervised practice hours with a non-approved supervisor. Doug Frisk moved to approve the request. Duane Reynolds seconded. All board members present voted "aye," there were no nays and the request was granted.

B. Kristin Lillie-Kroeker, LPC Applicant

Ms. Kroeker requested a variance to Minn. R. 2150.5010, subpart 4, asking that the board approve her supervised practice hours completed in Oklahoma with a non-approved supervisor and at a rate of less than 2 hours of supervision per 40 hours worked. Judi Gordon moved to approve the request. Duane Reynolds seconded. All board members present voted "aye," there were no nays, and the request was granted.

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C. Amy Pfau, LPC; LPCC Applicant

Ms. Pfau requested a variance to Minn. R. 2150.5050, subpart 4, asking that the board approve her supervised practice hours with a non-approved supervisor. Duane Reynolds moved to approve the request. Doug Frisk seconded. Bob Schmillen, Marlae Cox-Kolek, Doug Frisk, Duane Reynolds and Judy Sherwood voted "aye." Kristen Piper, Nona Wilson and Judi Gordon voted nay. The motion carried on a 5 to 3 vote and the request was granted.

D. Reagan Quinn, LPCC Applicant

Ms. Quinn requested a variance to Minn. R. 2150.5050, subpart 4, asking that the board approve her supervised practice hours with a non-approved supervisor. Judi Gordon moved to deny the request. Kristen Piper seconded. Kristen Piper, Judi Gordon, Nona Wilson, and Marlae Cox-Kolek voted in favor of denial. Judy Sherwood, Bob Schmillen, Doug Frisk, Duane Reynolds, and Nick Ruiz voted against a denial of the request. The motion failed. Duane Reynolds then moved to approve the request. Bob Schmillen seconded. Judy Sherwood, Bob Schmillen, Doug Frisk, Duane Reynolds, and Nick Ruiz voted "aye"; Kristen Piper, Judi Gordon, Nona Wilson, and Marlae Cox-Kolek voted nay. The motion carried on a 5 to 4 vote and the request was granted.

E. Kimberly Schloesser, MA, LPC

Ms. Schloesser requested a variance to Minn. R. 2150.5010, subpart 4.D., asking that the board extend her supervision period beyond the 36 month limit. Duane Reynolds moved to approve the request. Marlae Cox-Kolek seconded. Nona Wilson and Kristen Piper voted nay, all other board members present voted "aye" and the request was granted.

F. Angela Dannenbring, MS, LPC; LPCC Applicant

Ms. Dannenbring requested a variance to Minn. R. 2150.5010, subpart 4, asking that the board approve her supervised practice hours completed in South Dakota with a non-approved supervisor. Kristen Piper moved to deny the request. Judi Gordon seconded. All board members present voted against denying the request. They were no votes in favor of denying the request. The motion failed. Duane Reynolds moved to approve the request. Bob Schmillen seconded. All board members present voted "aye," there were no nays, and the request was granted.

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7. Public Comment Period

None. Guests addressed the board during specific agenda item discussions. Judi Gordon reported on her activities related to being the board's representative to the Health Professionals Services Program (HPSP). Judi will be making a presentation on diagnostic interviews at the next HPSP meeting.

8. Adjournment

Chair Ruiz adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

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LADC Licenses Issued in February 2010

<u>Name</u>	<u>License Number</u>
Ashley Borell	302806
Jason Cintorino	302807
Karen Eischens	302808
Kim Enos	302809
Daniel Gustafson	302810
Douglas Jones	302811
Jerry Junkman	302812
Marie Ludwig	302813
Kathy McKenzie	302814
Gudrun Schletz	302815
Margaret Wieland	302816

LADC Licenses Issued in March 2010

<u>Name</u>	<u>License Number</u>
Twyla Bublitz	302820
Samantha Dietz	302821
Stephanie Goode	302822
Kelly Hudson	302823
Tiffany Josephson	302824
Rasha Kowalewski	302825
Kelsey Lawrence	302826
John McNaught	302827
Linda Moore	302828
Jennifer Mosley	302829
Sara Pudelek	302830
Jason Starkson	302831
Kathryn King Scrubbins	302832
Karen Kupfer Johnson	302833
Jessica Laird	302834
Mary Matzen	302835
Mary McCarty-English	302836
Paul Nascene	302837
Kalin Riesgraf	302838
Michelle Sanko	302839

LADC Licenses Issued in April 2010

<u>Name</u>	<u>License Number</u>
Jessica Ball	302840
Christine Davis	302841
Charles DeJarnette	302842
Sharon Geisler	302843
Eric Myers	302844
Angela Neil	302845
Colleen Nietz	302846
Marisha Ritt	302847
Paul Rockswold	302848
Eileen Whelan	302849
Timothy Young	302850
Kathi Ackerman	302851
Davis Shryer III	302852
Rehka Banerjee	302853
David Bohl	302854
Sadie Broekemeier	302855
Lori Cargen	302856
Melissa Evers	302857
Karen Pawloski	302858
Phillip Valdez	302859

LADC Licenses Issued in May 2010

<u>Name</u>	<u>License Number</u>
Christopher Ackerman	302860
Lee Cunningham	302861
Nicollette Erickson	302862
Tonya Klug	302863
Nicole Gundacker	302864
Priscilla Kruse	302865
Jami Mach	302866
Quinn McBreen	302867
Ann Olson	302868
Annette Pullen	302869
Joelle Sangren	302870
Kelly Wyttenhove	302871
Susan Patton	302872

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LPC and LPCC Licenses Issued Since Previous Board Meeting

	License Number	Status	Type	First Issued	First Name	Last Name
	LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS:					
1	LPC00875*	Active	LPC	03/01/2010	Loretta	Collins
2	LPC00876	Active	LPC	03/01/2010	Vanessa	Eames
3	LPC00877	Active	LPC	03/01/2010	Tatyana	Karpyak
4	LPC00878	Active	LPC	03/01/2010	Zayed	Lamu
5	LPC00879	Active	LPC	03/01/2010	Leslie	Lemon
6	LPC00880	Active	LPC	03/01/2010	Kathleen	Lowry
7	LPC00881	Active	LPC	03/01/2010	Rebecca	Mesman
8	LPC00882	Active	LPC	03/01/2010	Jessica	Ostermick
9	LPC00883	Active	LPC	03/01/2010	Mary	Petrulo
10	LPC00884	Active	LPC	03/01/2010	Jolene	Pundsack
11	LPC00885	Active	LPC	03/01/2010	Melissa	Richer
12	LPC00886	Active	LPC	03/01/2010	Sheila	Rojas
13	LPC00887*	Active	LPC	03/01/2010	Tracy	Schmidt
14	LPC00888	Active	LPC	03/01/2010	Galina	Storchak
15	LPC00889	Active	LPC	03/01/2010	Mary	Teachout
16	LPC00890*	Active	LPC	03/01/2010	Anna	Thompson
17	LPC00891	Active	LPC	03/01/2010	Mari	Uutala
18	LPC00892	Active	LPC	03/01/2010	Stacy	Vancura
19	LPC00894*	Active	LPC	04/01/2010	Naomi	Mandsager
20	LPC00895	Active	LPC	04/01/2010	Lynda	Innes
21	LPC00896	Active	LPC	04/01/2010	Dustin	Weeks
22	LPC00897	Active	LPC	04/01/2010	Heather	Cogger
23	LPC00898	Active	LPC	04/01/2010	Elle	Sachs
24	LPC00899	Active	LPC	04/01/2010	Sarah	Adams
25	LPC00900*	Active	LPC	04/01/2010	Ana	Spence-Baker
26	LPC00902	Active	LPC	04/01/2010	Amanda	Finley
27	LPC00903	Active	LPC	04/01/2010	Victoria	Frye
28	LPC00904	Active	LPC	04/01/2010	Joan	Ward
29	LPC00905	Active	LPC	04/01/2010	Lori	Morris
30	LPC00906	Active	LPC	04/01/2010	Angel	Bauman
31	LPC00907	Active	LPC	04/01/2010	Cassandra	Gomez
32	LPC00908	Active	LPC	04/01/2010	Thomas	O'Neill
33	LPC00909	Active	LPC	04/01/2010	Laura	Davis
34	LPC00910	Active	LPC	04/01/2010	Diane	Ferreira
35	LPC00911	Active	LPC	04/01/2010	Stephanie	Hanson
36	LPC00912	Active	LPC	05/01/2010	Sarah	Collins
37	LPC00913	Active	LPC	05/01/2010	Jane	Farber
38	LPC00914	Active	LPC	05/01/2010	Angela	Dannenbring
39	LPC00915	Active	LPC	05/01/2010	Mary	Del Vecchio
40	LPC00916	Active	LPC	05/01/2010	Maureen	Neuville
41	LPC00917	Active	LPC	05/01/2010	Tresa	Davis
42	LPC00918	Active	LPC	05/01/2010	Demetra	Reckas-Jackson

Attachment 2

* LPC has been converted to LPCC

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43	LPC00919	Active	LPC	05/01/2010	Kelly	Wilkinson
44	LPC00920	Active	LPC	05/01/2010	Robin	Fate
45	LPC00921	Active	LPC	05/01/2010	Beth	Jordan-O'donnell
46	LPC00922	Active	LPC	05/01/2010	Brian	Morrissey
47	LPC00923	Active	LPC	05/01/2010	Carolyn	Law
48	LPC00924	Active	LPC	05/01/2010	Amy	Ratzlaff

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL COUNSELORS:

1	cc00110	Active	LPCC	3/1/2010	Mirta	Piroso
2	cc00111	Active	LPCC	3/1/2010	Lee	Erickson
3	cc00112	Active	LPCC	3/1/2010	Rachelle	Felch
4	cc00113	Active	LPCC	3/1/2010	Scott	Kronebusch
5	cc00114	Active	LPCC	3/1/2010	Elizabeth	Kuettner
6	cc00115	Active	LPCC	3/1/2010	Linda	Miland
7	cc00116	Active	LPCC	3/1/2010	Erika	Palmquist Smith
8	cc00117	Active	LPCC	3/1/2010	Robin	Scholl
9	cc00118	Active	LPCC	3/1/2010	Joan	Kelley
10	cc00119	Active	LPCC	3/1/2010	Elaine	Ovaldson
11	cc00120	Active	LPCC	3/1/2010	Jane	Kuseske
12	cc00121	Active	LPCC	3/1/2010	Westley	Erwin
13	cc00122	Active	LPCC	3/1/2010	Alison	Aubrecht
14	cc00123	Active	LPCC	3/1/2010	David	Kuntz
15	cc00124	Active	LPCC	3/1/2010	Gregory	Miner
16	cc00125	Active	LPCC	3/1/2010	Robert	Lodin
17	cc00126	Active	LPCC	4/1/2010	Lisa	Polo
18	cc00127	Active	LPCC	4/1/2010	Laura	Gertz
19	cc00128	Active	LPCC	4/1/2010	Willa	Lavamaki
20	cc00129	Active	LPCC	4/1/2010	Denise	Gardner
21	cc00130	Active	LPCC	4/1/2010	Karen	Brinkman
22	cc00131	Active	LPCC	4/1/2010	Margaret	Hastings
23	cc00132	Active	LPCC	4/1/2010	Denise	Dworakoski
24	cc00133	Active	LPCC	4/1/2010	Jillian	Decker
25	cc00134	Active	LPCC	4/1/2010	Chistina	Downing
26	cc00135	Active	LPCC	4/1/2010	Chistin	Seirup
27	cc00136	Active	LPCC	4/1/2010	Randy	Barker
28	cc00137	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Loretta	Collins
29	cc00138	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Alicia	Holley
30	cc00139	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Jennifer	Peters
31	cc00140	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Anne	Hewitt
32	cc00141	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Blanca	de Svedberg
33	cc00142	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Sarah	Adams
34	cc00143	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Amanda	Richards
35	cc00144	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Rebecca	Quade

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36	cc00145	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Janelle	Gray
37	cc00146	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Cassie	Anderson
38	cc00147	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Rebecca	Lothe
39	cc00148	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Naomi	Mandsager
40	cc00149	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	John	Simensen
41	cc00150	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Isabelle	Duguay
42	cc00151	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Tracy	Schmidt
43	cc00152	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Karen	MountainJohnson
44	cc00153	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Sandra	Woolsey
45	cc00154	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Patricia	MacDonald
46	cc00155	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Anna	Thompson
47	cc00156	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Renee	Tucker
48	cc00157	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Nicole	Herlofsky
49	cc00158	Active	LPCC	5/1/2010	Jennifer	Lanners

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

TO: KARI RECHTZIGEL
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Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy

DATE: May 20, 2010

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SUBJECT: **Proposed Application Denial Policy**

At your request, I have prepared the following proposed policy for handling administrative denials of inactive applications:

1. If there is no activity on an application for a specified period of time (I recommend one year), a letter should be sent to the applicant, notifying the applicant that there has been no activity for one year, advising the applicant of the deficiencies (e.g., passing exam score, additional information, etc.), and giving the applicant the opportunity to:

- a. Withdraw the application;
- b. Remedy the deficiencies, or;
- c. Request additional time to remedy the deficiencies.

The letter should give the applicant 30 days to respond. The letter should also indicate that failure to respond will result in administrative denial of the application.

2. If there is no response to the letter, then the application should be denied. It is my recommendation that the authority to administratively deny applications be delegated to the Application and Licensure Committee, for two reasons. First, since it is an administrative (non-disciplinary) denial, there is no need for the board to become involved. Second, since there is always the possibility that the applicant will re-apply in the future, it eliminates the potential argument that board members are "tainted" by virtue of being involved in the administrative denial.

3. Once an application has been administratively denied, the applicant should be sent a letter notifying the applicant of the denial, and advising that if they wish to re-apply, the applicant will have to submit a new application, application fee, etc.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND THERAPY
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 29; 2010 - 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room A, 4th Floor, 2829 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN

BBHT Legislative Committee Members Present: Nick Ruiz, Judi Gordon, Walter Roberts

Staff Present: Kari Rehtzigel, Executive Director; Samantha Strehlo, LADC Licensing Coordinator; Nathan Hart, Assistant Attorney General

Members of the Public Present: Deborah Mosby (Metro State University), Debra Wamsley (MARRCH), Julie Rohovit (U of M Twin Cities), Richard Kotasek (Century College), Bayla McDougal (MCTC), Deborah Larson, LADC (Meridian/Avalon)

Meeting attendees introduced themselves after which Ms. Rehtzigel directed the group to the draft section related to education requirements for LADC licensure. One minor change was suggested related to the academic course work section: "multicultural aspects of chemical dependency to include awareness of learning outcomes and the ability to know when consultation is needed" was changed to "multicultural aspects of chemical dependency or substance use disorders."

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the education requirements to practice alcohol and drug counseling for both licensees and temporary permit holders. The Board's position is that the education requirements to practice should be the same for both licensees and permit holders. A majority of the attendees agreed, but there was still opposition to changing the education requirements for the temporary permit.

The following compromise was suggested:

The temporary permit requirements will remain the same for the next four years: associate's degree or equivalent, 270 clock hours of alcohol and drug counseling coursework in specified areas, and an 880 hour practicum. The permit may be renewed 3 times. There will be a four-year phase in for the bachelor's degree requirement.

The Committee considered a request for special licensing criteria for Native Americans (waiving the bachelor's degree requirement for practitioners who have the level three UMICAD certification). The Board's legal counsel reported that special licensing criteria such as that contained in the proposal have for many years been found to be unconstitutional and a form of reverse discrimination. Alcohol and drug counselors working under tribal jurisdiction are already exempt from licensure in Minnesota Statutes section 148C.11, subdivision 3: "Alcohol and drug counselors practicing alcohol and drug counseling according to standards established by federally recognized tribes, while practicing under tribal jurisdiction, are exempt from the requirements of this chapter." Reservation programs, where practitioners are exempt from licensure, may establish their own practice requirements.

BBHT staff will post the meeting minutes on the website at www.bbht.state.mn.us. Interested persons may obtain information about future meeting dates from the website by selecting "About the Board" and then selecting "Calendar of Meetings."

The Legislative Committee will report its activities to the full Board at the quarterly board meeting on May 21, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m.