

**MINUTES**

**UTAH  
GENETIC COUNSELOR BOARD  
MEETING**

**April 30, 2009**

**Room 475 – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.  
Heber Wells Building  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

**CONVENED:** 9:07 A.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 10:40 A.M.

**Bureau Manager:**  
**Board Secretary:**  
**Board Members Present:**

Rich Oborn  
Lee Avery

Vickie Venne  
Lynn F. Price  
Jamie McDonald  
Janet Williams

**Board Members Absent:**

Cindy Solomon

**Guests:**

Christine Miller

**DOPL Staff Present:**

F. David Stanley, Division Director

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:  
INTRODUCTIONS:**

Swearing in New Board Member Jamie McDonald  
Swearing in New Board Member Janet Williams  
Elect a new Board Chairperson

The Board members introduced themselves.  
Ms. Venne reviewed the scope of practice of a genetic counselor.

Ms. McDonald was sworn in as a new Board Member.

Ms. Williams was sworn in as a new Board Member.

Ms. Venne nominated Ms. Solomon as the new Board Chairperson, pending her acceptance, with Ms. McDonald as the Vice Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:**

The Board reviewed the minutes for the June 22, 2006 meeting. Ms. Venne motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Price. The motion carried

Reporting of Licensing Statistics

unanimously.

Mr. Oborn reviewed the licensing statistics for Genetic Counselors. Currently there are 35 active licenses and 8 temporary licenses. There are no probationers and the Division has not received any complaints regarding Genetic Counselors.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

None at this time

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Discussion of possible rule change to shorten the 42 month term of a temporary license

Mr. Oborn invited Ms. Christine Miller to meet with the Board.

The Board discussed the following changes the National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC) is making in their certification process.

1. When applications are accepted to sit for the exam. The applications for examination will be accepted more frequently; and
2. How often the exam will be given. Beginning approximately May 2010, the exam will be offered once a year.

The Board reviewed the Utah Genetic Counselor Act and Rules. After a detailed discussion, Ms. Price motioned to change the Utah Genetic Counselor Rule to limit the maximum duration of a temporary license from 42 months to 15 months, seconded by Ms. McDonald. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of any additional rule changes

The Board discussed the NSGC certification continuing education requirement. After reviewing the Utah Genetic Counselor Laws and Rules, Ms. Venne motioned to change the rules to require completion of at least fifty (50) hours of continuing education to mirror the NSGC requirement, seconded by Ms. Price. There was no additional discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**Not on the Agenda:**

Mr. Oborn reviewed the Open and Public Meetings Act recently changed by Utah State Legislature. Mr. Oborn stated that once minutes are completed they would be forwarded to the Board members for review. Mr. Oborn asked the Board to contact Ms. Avery with changes. Once these changes are compiled, the

minutes would be emailed to the Board members once again and then posted on the website. The minutes would then be voted on at the next Board meeting.

**APPLICATIONS:**

None at this time

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

None scheduled at this time.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn at 10:40 A.M.

*Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.*

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Date Approved

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Cindy Solomon,  
Chairperson, Utah Genetic Counseling Licensing  
Board

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Date Approved

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Richard Oborn, Bureau Manager, Division of  
Occupational & Professional Licensing

