

## MINUTES

### UTAH VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELOR MEETING

March 10, 2010

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

CONVENED: 9:10 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:16 A.M.

Bureau Manager:  
Board Secretary:

Richard J. Oborn  
Lee Avery

Board Members Present:

Russell Thelin, Chairperson  
Julie Smart  
Joel Jolley  
Kimberly Nortz  
Douglas Roberts

#### TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

#### DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:  
MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes from the December 1, 2009 Board meeting. Mr. Jolley motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Nortz. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Possible modification to Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Licensing Act Rule
  - a. *adding to list of “related fields” acceptable even after January 2, 2011*
  - b. *accepting LVRC as acronym*

**a. adding to the list of ‘related fields’ acceptable even after January 2, 2011:**

The Board noted that if a licensee allows their license to expire, then applies for reinstatement of the expired license two years beyond the date that it expired, they will need to meet all requirements in place on the date of their application. The current education requirement established in R156-78-102, paragraph (3) defines the following as related fields: psychology, clinical psychology, counseling psychology, professional guidance and counseling, social work, and educational counseling. However, applicants with degrees in the following related fields may become licensed only before January 1, 2011: educational psychology, rehabilitation studies, special education with rehabilitation studies emphasis, and marriage and

family therapy. The Board discussed how the content of the course work in degrees titled “special education with rehabilitation studies emphasis” and “educational psychology with rehabilitation counseling emphasis” is the same as content included in a current rehabilitation counseling degree. Ms. Nortz motioned to include degrees titled “special education with rehabilitation studies emphasis” and “educational psychology with rehabilitation counseling emphasis” in the list of degrees that is acceptable even after January 1, 2011, seconded by Dr. Smart. The motion carried unanimously.

**b. accepting LVRC as an acronym:**

The Board discussed the advantages of adopting an acronym, LVRC, for references to “licensed vocational rehabilitation counselor” in the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Licensing Act Rule (R156-78). Mr. Oborn stated that use of the acronym LVRC in rule would provide for further protection of scope of practice and license title. After further discussion, Mr. Roberts motioned to change the Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling Practice Act Rule to include LVRC as an acceptable acronym, seconded by Dr. Smart. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board briefly discussed the need to contact the Utah Rehabilitation Association about making the following modifications to the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Licensing Act Rule: (1) formally identifying LRVC as an acronym for licensed vocational rehabilitation counselor; and (2) modifying the license renewal cycle from once a year to once every two years.

2. Revisions to license application

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that the Division is reviewing all of the professional applications to shorten and simplify them. Mr. Oborn noted that, in the future, the Division is hoping to post these on the Division website to allow applicants to apply for licensure, directly on line. The Board reviewed the vocational rehabilitation counselor application and noted that there are questions under the qualifying questionnaire that do not apply to the vocational rehabilitation profession and recommended that the following questions be removed from the application:

numbers 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11. The Board discussed several questions that could be combined. The Board requested that the words 'or liability' be added to question numbers 12, 13 and 14. Mr. Oborn made notes of the suggested changes and will e-mail a draft to the Board for review.

3. License statistics

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that currently there are one hundred and forty seven (147) LVRC, with six (6) applications pending. During February DOPL licensed fifteen (15) new applicants.

**Not on the agenda.**

Mr. Oborn discussed upcoming changes under SB90: Mental Health Professional Practice Act Amendments.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

June 9, 2010

2010 Board meetings have been scheduled:

June 9, September 8 and December 8

**ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn at 10:16 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.*

December 8, 2010  
Date Approved

(ss) Russell Thelin  
Chairperson, Utah Vocational Rehabilitation  
Counselor Board

December 8, 2010  
Date Approved

(ss) Richard J. Oborn  
Richard Oborn, Bureau Manager, Division of  
Occupational & Professional Licensing