

**MINUTES**

**UTAH  
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELOR  
MEETING**

**December 8, 2010**

**Room 474 – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.  
Heber Wells Building  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

**CONVENED:** 9:02 A.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 9:40 A.M.

**Bureau Manager:**

Richard J. Oborn

**Board Secretary:**

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 March 10, 2010 Board meeting. Mr. Roberts motioned to approve the minutes with changes, seconded by Ms. Nortz. The motion carried unanimously.

Additional professions assigned to DOPL  
Bureau 3

Mr. Oborn reviewed the changes taken place in the  
Division.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Education requirements defined in Vocational  
Rehabilitation Counselor Licensing Act Rule

Mr. Oborn proposed that changes be made to the education requirement. Specifically, the definition of “related field” in the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Licensing Act Rule needs to be modified. Mr. Oborn proposed that current Section R156-78-102, paragraph (4)(b) be deleted and replaced with the phrase “any other field deemed substantially equivalent by the Board and Division.” The Board and Mr. Oborn pointed out how if the CRCC approves an individual to take the CRC examination, it means that an individual has course work that reflects an emphasis in vocational rehabilitation counseling. The Board and Division will deem such individuals as

having a degree in a field found to be “substantially equivalent.” Dr. Smart motioned to make the changes in the Vocational Rehabilitation Act Rule, seconded by Mr. Roberts. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Smart stated that there are only a few universities that are developing post-graduate advanced certificate or degree programs to support CRCC’s “Category R” eligibility requirements.

Transition to new license requirements to take effect on January 1, 2011

Mr. Oborn reviewed the new license requirements scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2011. All applicants must meet the examination requirement. Mr. Oborn advised the Board the Division is moving to have the licenses expire bi-annual instead of annually. Mr. Oborn noted that if this proposal passed by the legislature, the Board will need to modify the Vocational Rehabilitation Act Rule continuing education requirements. Mr. Oborn advised the Board that there are currently 189 licensed vocational rehabilitation counselors and 2 applications pending.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for:  
March 23, 2011

**2011 Board meetings have been tentatively scheduled:**  
March 23, June 29, September 14, December 21

**ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn a 9:40 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.*

April 5, 2011  
Date Approved

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

December 15, 2010  
Date Approved

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