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For Immediate Release:

Today the Massage Therapy Body of Knowledge (MTBOK) task force released the second and final draft of the MTBOK, and opened a period for public comment on the document.

“The new draft of the MTBOK has greatly improved as a result of the many comments and suggestions the task force received from the public,” said Chip Hines, the MTBOK Project Manager, “and we are hoping that our demonstrated commitment to listen and react to prior comments will encourage more constructive participation from our full range of stakeholders.”

Key elements of the MTBOK, which is built by and for the full massage therapy community, include a Description of the Field, a Scope of Practice Statement, a section specifying the competencies expected of an entry level Massage Therapist in terms of Knowledge, Skills and Abilities, and a Terminology section.

The task force will deliver the final MTBOK product in early May, 2010 after reviewing and making changes to the document based on public input received and additional task force work. The document will then be available online as a living resource to the massage therapy profession.

Copies of the Second Draft MTBOK may be downloaded from the MTBOK website at <http://www.mtbok.org>. A link to the MTBOK online comment submission form is available at the website and is included in the MTBOK document itself.

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