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For Immediate Release:

The first draft of the Massage Therapy Body of Knowledge was released for public comment today. Although the final product will reside on the MTBOK website (www.mtbok.org) the draft is designed to be widely circulated and made to facilitate getting suggestions and comments from interested parties. The fifty-plus page document addresses all of the criteria specified for Phase 1 of the project: 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 MTBOK Task Force has done a fantastic job pulling together this draft in such a short amount of time” said Chip Hines, Project Manager for the MTBOK. “The members, extraordinary individuals who represent the breadth of the Massage Therapy profession, wanted to put a solid document out quickly so that the community at large can start to participate through feedback on the document.”

Release of the document is in time for a “Stakeholder Input Session” to be held on September 24th in Orlando, FL. The session, which is focused on stakeholder interaction with the Task Force members is being hosted at the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) National Convention, and is open to the public.

The MTBOK project grew out of a unique multi-organizational process aimed at determining the best way to build a non-partisan Massage Therapy Body of Knowledge. Six of those original organizations now act as joint Stewards for the independent MTBOK Task Force. The final Phase 1 MTBOK will be completed in May, 2010.

Copies of the First Draft MTBOK may be downloaded from the MTBOK website at <http://www.mtbok.org>.

