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Jana Johansen, DOPL Bureau Manager
Clinical Mental Health Counselor Board Members

RE: The Counseling Compact

Dear Jana & CMHC Board Members,

As president of the Utah Mental Health Counselors Association (UMHCA), I wanted to offer UMHCA's resources and collaboration as DOPL works with the Counseling Compact Commission. I also wanted to know if DOPL had selected a representative to the Compact Commission.

UMHCA worked closely with Senator Bramble in Utah and Daniel Logsdon, Director of the National Center for Interstate Compacts. This work was primarily conducted by Dr. Gray Otis, UMHCA's Presidential Advisor who spearheaded the implementation of the Counseling Compact in Utah. As a former board member of the American Mental Health Counselors Association, Dr. Otis is well informed about the origins and intent of the compact.

Since the Counseling Compact was signed into law, we have noticed an increase in misinformation and confusion about the Counseling Compact and its implementation from our members and other mental health professionals. UMHCA is available to assist DOPL and the Mental Health Counseling Board by answering any questions, providing updates to our membership, and working collaboratively to ensure accurate representation for Utah CMHC license holders.

If DOPL has not selected a representative to the Counseling Compact Commission, UMHCA recommends Dr. Gray Otis to fill or liaison with this position. We would welcome a chance to discuss this at a MHC Board meeting or a separate meeting with DOPL or the Board.

Sincerely,

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