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SUBJECT: Annual Report on Obsolete, Unnecessary, or Duplicative Rules as Required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 14.05, Subdivision 5

At this time, the Board of Psychology is conducting a major overhaul of all of its rules, as needed. The Board has appointed a Rules Committee and a Public Advisory Committee.

The Rules Committee began at the first agency rule, Minnesota Rule 7200.0100, and plans to study each rule ending with 7200.6170. The Committee is making recommendations for changes, where necessary, and the advisory committee then scrutinizes the recommendations. Finally, the full Board is given the opportunity to review the proposed rule changes for final approval before they continue through the rulemaking process.

As rule writing continues, the Rules Committee has found it necessary to revisit some of the rules it had determined to need no adjustment, and make proposed changes, for example, in the definitions section. Some rules the Committee once thought to be obsolete or unnecessary have been reevaluated and will remain as a part of the proposed rules. Thus far, the Committee has found no duplicative rules. Because of the changing nature of the draft, it is not possible to report obsolete or unnecessary rules at this time, although we are certain that some will emerge.

The Committee now meets twice per month for three hours each time, doubling the time spent previously. It also meets once every six weeks with the Public Advisory Committee. The Board's timetable for completion has been extended because of the monumental nature of the undertaking and the complexity of writing a set of cohesive, clearly understandable rules that reflect the standard of practice in the psychological community. We believe that a complete draft will be finished and adopted during fiscal year 2001.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me at the Board office.

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Sincerely.

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