

September 2019

- Called into Monthly Board meeting with Legislative Update
- Participated in the Department of Health Advisory Meeting
 - Stayed informed as to the implementation of HB 1768 concerning Substance Abuse Treatment and the possible implementation of the Bachelor's Level Credential
- B&O taxes-informed us of the increase and called the Department of Revenue
 - The Washington State Legislature passed a 20% increase in all B&O taxes during the 2019 Legislative Session. Washington's B&O tax is calculated on the gross income from activities. This means there are no deductions from the B&O tax for labor, materials, taxes, or other costs of doing business. As a mental health counselor, you can determine what you will be required to pay by clicking here: <https://dor.wa.gov/doing-business/my-account/request-tax-status-letter> and filling out the online request for a tax status letter.
 - The Department of Revenue is planning on filing an agency request for [HB 2158](#) to alter the bill in 2020 as it is looking to be detrimental to many occupations that are required to pay the B&O tax.
 - There is an exemption for anyone who is a part of a health and social workforce association as per [RCW 82.04.4277](#). This exemption is set to expire January 1, 2020 and it is likely to be reviewed and reinstated during the 2020 Legislative Session.
- Sent L&I notes and attended L&I meeting
- Reached out to the Behavioral Health Coalition

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