

**BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY  
REGULATORY ADVISORY PANEL - TELEPRACTICE  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 3, 2019**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Regulatory Advisory Panel (RAP) meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2019, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hearing Room 3, Henrico, Virginia.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Angela W. Moss, MA, CCC-SLP, Chair

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Melissa A. McNichol, Au.D., CCC-A, Board Member  
Marie Ireland, M.Ed, CCC-SLP, BCS-CL  
Specialist, Virginia Department of Education  
Catherine Hancock, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services  
Diane Shepard, SLP, Speech-Language-Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV)

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Tammy Davis, SLP, Loudon County Public Schools

**QUORUM:** With five members of the RAP present, a quorum was established.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director  
Elaine Yeatts - Senior Policy Analyst  
Anthony Morales, Licensing Operations Manager  
Lena Moore – Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** No others were present.

**ORDERING OF AGENDA:** Ms. Hancock moved to adopt the agenda as provided.  
  
The motion was seconded and carried.

**INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Ms. Moss facilitated the introduction of attendees and staff members.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was presented.

**COMMITTEE PURPOSE:** Ms. Moss and Ms. Yeatts reported that the purpose of the RAP is to determine if the regulations are sufficient for the practice of audiology and speech-language pathology via telepractice.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** **Use of Telepractice in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Practice**  
  
The RAP members discussed the use of telepractice and reviewed the materials provided for Virginia and other states. Ms. Knachel commented that telepractice is a method of delivery. She indicated that current regulations must be followed regardless of method of delivery. In addition, Ms. Yeatts commented that if the regulations inhibit telepractice then changes might need to be considered.


The RAP agreed that a guidance document regarding telepractice would be the best starting point and directed Ms. Knachel and Ms. Yeatts to draft a guidance document for presentation to the full Board. The RAP recommended the questions that require guidance.

**NEW BUSINESS:**


No New Business was presented.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

  
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Angela W. Moss, MA, CCC-SLP  
Chair

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Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H.  
Executive Director

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July 30, 2019  
Date