

**BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

TIME AND PLACE: The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (Board) meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2016, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 3, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING OFFICER: A. Tucker Gleason, Ph.D., CCC-A

MEMBERS PRESENT: George T. Hashisaki, M.D.
Angela W. Moss, MA, CCC-SLP
Laura Purcell Verdun, MA, CCC-SLP
Corliss V. Booker, Ph.D., APRN, FNP-BC

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Martin L. Lenhardt, Au.D, Ph.D.
Ronald Spencer, R.N.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Lisa R. Hahn, MPA, Chief Deputy Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Marie Ireland, Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)
Darlene Robke, Speech Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV)
Shannon Salley, SHAV

ORDERING OF AGENDA: It was noted that Ms. Yeatts was attending a concurrent meeting and the agenda would be adjusted to receive her report based upon her availability.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was presented.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER: Dr. Gleason introduced and welcomed the new board member, Corliss Booker, Ph.D., APRN.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Verdun moved to approve, as a block, the January 30, 2015, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Ad Hoc Committee, June 11, 2015, Full Board and the December 11, 2015, Public Hearing minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Brown was not available to provide a report.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: **Guidance Documents**

- Guidance Document 30-5: Meeting Continuing Competency Requirements – As requested at the Board's previous meeting, Ms. Knachel presented an amended

draft of Guidance Document 30-5 to reflect clarification of school continuing education.

Ms. Verdun moved to delete “Meetings during which discussion involves client performance and the selection of goals and services will be accepted as Type 2 continuing education credits.” The motion was seconded and carried.

Ms. Moss moved to amend the added language by inserting “non-clinical” after “documentation” and before “software usage” inside the parentheses. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. Booker moved to adopt Guidance Document 30-5 as presented with amendments. The motion was seconded and carried.

LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE:

2016 Legislation Update

Ms. Yeatts provided an overview of the 2016 legislation that affects the boards within the Department of Health Professions. She noted that HB252 had been revised and required the board to review the need for and impact of licensure or certification of speech-language pathology assistants and report its findings by November 1, 2016. Ms. Yeatts recommended that the Board reconvene its Ad Hoc Assistant Speech-Language Pathology Committee and discuss possible expansion of committee membership. It was the consensus of the Board that the Committee should be composed of the following members:

- Two board members;
- Two SHAV members to include a private practitioner; and
- Two VDOE members to include a representative from a public school division.

The Board directed Ms. Knachel to contact the stakeholders and arrange meetings at appropriate intervals to complete the review within the prescribed timeframe.

Regulatory Update – Actions Required

Ms. Yeatts reported on the following regulatory actions for the Board’s consideration:

- **Promulgation of Chapter 21 and repeal of Chapter 20** – Public comments were reviewed and discussed.

Ms. Verdun moved to repeal Chapter 20 and adopt as final regulations Chapter 21 as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

- **Performance of Cerumen Management by Audiologists**

Ms. Yeatts commented that the Board should request a six month extension for the cerumen management Emergency

regulations to ensure adequate time for the final regulations to complete the promulgation process and become effective.

Ms. Moss moved to authorize a six month extension for the cerumen management emergency regulations. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the public comment on the proposed cerumen management regulations.

Ms. Verdun moved to adopt the final regulations for cerumen management as presented with an amendment to 18VAC30-20-241(D)(1) to read "Obtain informed consent of the patient or legally responsible adult and document such consent and the procedure performed in the patient record." The motion was seconded and carried.

- **Practice by Assistant Speech-Language Pathologists**
Public comments were reviewed and discussed.

Ms. Verdun moved to adopt the final regulations for assistant speech-language pathology as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES)

Ms. Yeatts informed the Board that the FEES regulations became effective on October 7, 2015. She commented that Guidance Document 30-7 related to FEES was no longer needed.

Ms. Moss moved to repeal Guidance 30-7. The motion was seconded and carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUED:

Removal of Guidance Document 30-7 on FEES

Ms. Knachel informed the Board that Guidance Document 30-7 regarding FEES will be removed as voted on previously.

Discussion Need for Guidance Documents

- **Guidance Document for Performance of Cerumen Management**

Ms. Knachel informed the Board that when the cerumen management regulations become final a guidance document could be drafted if needed to clarify the training requirements as discussed during a previous meeting.

- **Telepractice – License Type Needed**

Ms. Knachel informed the board that she had received an inquiry as to which type of license was required to conduct telepractice in the school system. She indicated that Guidance Document 30-8: Requirements to Hold Licensure in Virginia to Practice Speech-Language Pathology did not address this issue. Ms. Mitchell, Board Counsel, advised that she would need to research the

matter before rendering guidance. It was noted that the guidance document could be amended pending receipt of advice from board counsel.

Dr. Booker moved to amend Guidance Document 30-8 based on board counsel's advice related to required licensure type to perform telepractice within the school system. The motion was seconded and carried.

Policy Question Regarding Telesupervision

Ms. Knachel provided documentation regarding an inquiry she received related to telesupervision. The Board discussed the issue and asked Ms. Knachel to conduct additional research.

Information on Academic Language Therapists

For informational purposes, Ms. Knachel informed the Board of a group known as Academic Language Therapists who are trained to work with students with dyslexia or reading disability. The therapists are currently practicing in school settings.

Report on 2015 National Council of State Boards Annual Meeting

Dr. Gleason reported that she and Ms. Knachel had attended the National Council of State Boards and the following topics were discussed:

- Inter-professional (collaborative) education and practice;
- Revisions for accredited graduate programs, requirements to maintain certification;
- Telemedicine;
- State reports and challenges;
- Universal licensure;
- Audiology assistants; and
- Patient abandonment.

Dr. Gleason requested that the subject of universal licensure be included on the next board meeting agenda.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Gleason expressed her continued gratitude to board staff.

OFFICER ELECTIONS:

Ms. Moss moved that Dr. Gleason remain as Chair and Ms. Verdun remain as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Statistics

Ms. Knachel provided an overview of the licensure and disciplinary statistics. She stated that the continuing education audit resulted in disciplinary cases involving 8 percent of the licensees audited.

Budget

Ms. Knachel provided a budget update.

INTRODUCTION OF LISA HAHN:

Ms. Hahn was introduced as the new Chief Deputy for the agency

upon return from attending the General Assembly.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Verdun inquired about the automated Sanction Reference Point worksheet. Staff will forward an automated SRP sheet to all the board members for use in disciplinary matters as required.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

A. Tucker Gleason, Ph.D., CCC-A
Chair

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

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