

# **APPROVED**

## **AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2008 LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Dr. Susan Chadwick, Chair, called the quarterly meeting of the Board of Audiology and Speech Pathology to order at 9:06a.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2008, in Board Room #1, at the Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Richmond, VA 23233-1463

### **Members Present:**

Susan Chadwick, Au.D.  
Angela W. Moss, MA CCC-SLP  
Ronald Spencer, R.N., Citizen Member  
Sally Jones-McNamara, MCS, CCC-SLP, CCP  
Kenneth Cox, Au.D.

### **Members Absent:**

Mary Kay Wakefield

### **Staff Present:**

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst  
Annie B. Artis, Licensure Operations Manager

### **Counsel Present:**

Amy Marschean, Assistant Attorney General

### **Guests Present:**

William H. Ferguson, II, Executive Director – DPOR, Board of Hearing Aid Specialists

## **DISCUSSION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

### **Provisional Licensure**

There was discussion regarding provisional licensure of audiologists, as well as the possibility of offering provisional licensure for speech-language pathologists. The regulations in regards to provisional licensure went into effect on February 28, 2008.

Dr. Chadwick had concerns regarding the regulations because of the requirement for audiologists to hold either ASHA or AAA certification. She stated she did not believe licensees should be forced to join either of these organizations if it was not their desire to do so. She further stated that membership into these organizations was very costly to the licensees. She further stated that the regulations do not require speech-language pathologists to hold a certification from ASHA or any other organization.

Ms. Jones-McNamara contacted the American Speech-Hearing Association (ASHA) during the board meeting to ascertain what the membership fees were. The initial membership fee to join ASHA is \$336; recent graduates are required to join within twelve months of receiving their degree for a fee of \$436 and all others are required to pay a fee of \$468 to join.

Ms. Yeatts stated several professions require credentialing bodies such as physician assistants and athletic trainers under the Board of Medicine; and nurse practitioners under the Board of Nursing. She further suggested that the board have members from the organizations, and chairs and clinical directors from various colleges and universities to come and voice their concerns and/or desires to have a provisional license for speech-language pathologists as well as discuss the impact a provisional license will have on students and their programs.

Ms. Hahn suggested that the board members give some thought to the approach they would like to take in regard to this matter and contact her with the information.

### **HEARING AID DISPENSING LICENSES**

There was discussion regarding if audiologists who work in the public schools and conduct hearing tests need to have a hearing aid dispensing license. It appears from the review of the Code of Virginia that a license would be required. Licensure of this profession is not regulated by the Department of Health Professions but by the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulations (DPOR). Dr. Chadwick agreed to discuss this further with DPOR.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, Dr. Chadwick adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

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Susan Chadwick, Au.D., Chair

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Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director

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