

# **APPROVED**

## **BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2005 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Dr. Michael Ridenhour, Chair, called the quarterly meeting of the Board of Audiology and Speech Pathology to order at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2005 in Board Room #1, at 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

### **Present:**

Michael Ridenhour, Au.D.  
Susan Chadwick, Au.D.  
Andrew M. Klein, M.D.  
Alfred J. Wolfe, Citizen Member

### **Members Absent:**

Angela W. Moss, M.A., CCC-SLP  
Robin R. Holley Duke, Citizen Member  
Katrina Eid, Ph.D., SLP

### **Staff Present:**

Elizabeth Young, Executive Director  
Jack Kotvas, Assistant Attorney General  
Annie B. Artis, Operations Manager

### **Guests Present:**

Bonney Atwood, David Bailey and Associates, Inc.

### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with amendments. Ms. Young stated that Ms. Yeatts was at the General Assembly and may not be able to attend the meeting; therefore, the legislative items were moved to the end of the agenda. Dr. Ridenhour stated that Dr. Brenda Ryals with James Madison University asked that the Board defer her discussion to the May, 2005 Board meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Ms. Atwood from David Bailey Associates (SHAV) introduced herself to the Board. Ms. Young informed Ms. Atwood that she did not receive any information regarding the upcoming SHAV conference. Ms. Young stated that the entire Board has attended the SHAV conference in the past years and has always been a big supporter of its efforts. Ms. Atwood apologized to Ms. Young for the oversight. Ms. Atwood suggested that Ms. Young write a letter to SHAV expressing her concerns.

### **Acceptance of Minutes**

With a properly seconded motion by Dr. Chadwick, the board approved the minutes of its November 4, 2004 meeting.

With a properly seconded motion by Dr. Klein, the board approved the minutes of the public hearing meeting of January 12, 2005.

### **New Business**

#### **Board of Health Professions – Meeting of January 12, 2004**

Dr. Ridenhour stated that at the Board of Health Professions meeting on January 12, 2004, they discussed the review of enforcement's approach to case resolution. There was discussion regarding delegating informal conferences to subordinates such as former board members and staff. The study reviewed the percentage of performance standards and how quickly cases are being adjudicated.

The Board completed studies in reference to licensing and certifying mid-wives, dieticians and nutritionists. As a result of the study, mid-wives will be certified under the Board of Nursing and Dieticians and Nutritionists will be certified by the Board of Medicine.

#### **2005 Virginia General Assembly Update**

Legislative issues were not discussed due to Ms. Yeatts' absence. A fact sheet was distributed.

#### **Board of Hearing Aid Specialists**

Dr. Chadwick stated that the Board of Hearing Aid Specialists needs to examine its current regulations which appear to be conflicting in many sections.

### **Master's Degree or its Equivalency**

Dr. Ridenhour stated that Dr. Ryals at James Madison University had concerns regarding determination of "equivalency." Dr. Ridenhour stated that it is the responsibility of the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology to make this determination. Dr. Ridenhour stated that he will write a letter giving the board's position regarding the equivalency issue. He stated that the board is designated to make the laws and regulations for the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology.

### **Professional News**

#### **ASHA**

In the Government Relations and Public Policy Update addressing direct access to audiologists, Dr. Klein stated that he did not agree with the issue of direct access for audiologists. He believes that many conditions, such as vertigo, should be first examined by an ENT. He stated that most hearing problems are not resolved with surgery. Dr. Ridenhour agreed that surgery should not be performed for vertigo either. Interpretation must rest with the physician because there are too many factors that impact vertigo. Mr. Wolfe stated that he is being treated for vertigo. He stated he can normally sit, stand and walk with no complications. He was referred to an audiologist; however, his vertigo is not just an ear problem.

Dr. Klein referred to a study from Stafford regarding inner ear hair cells.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Legislative/Regulatory Committee**

The adoption of the delegation of subordinate regulation will be addressed at the May 2005 meeting.

#### **Continuing Competency Committee**

Ms. Young stated that ASLP renewals were mailed in November with the PIN numbers; however, licensees were given the option of receiving a paper renewal. All renewals were mailed to the last address of record. Dr. Klein stated he received complaints from licensees stating they never received renewal notices. Dr. Chadwick stated that it is the responsibility of the licensees to take the necessary steps to ensure that their licenses are renewed in a timely fashion. Ms. Young informed the Board that she consulted Mr.

Nebiker to discuss an extension of the renewal deadline thru the end of January. It was decided that an extension was not necessary due to the fact that at least 75% of the licensees had renewed online.

Ms. Young stated that 3% of ASLP licensees were audited. She stated that a second letter will be sent if licensees do not respond and they will be forwarded to the special conference committee. The majority of licensees have met the continuing competency requirement.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Ridenhour asked if the number of licensees had decreased. Ms. Young stated she would prepare a comparison from the last couple of years to examine the number of licensees and will provide it at the next Board meeting in May.

Ms. Young stated that the Special Conference Committee has only one case to adjudicate within the next two months.

Ms. Young informed the board that her salary comes from the budget of all three boards; FDE - 60%, ASLP - 20% and PT - 20%.

Ms. Young informed the board that she would be attending the open forum at the SHAV conference. She stated that approximately eight years ago, the ASLP Board had a retreat which included having a strategic planning session to address any issues that were concerning the board. Ms. Young stated that she wanted the board to be pro-active and plan strategies for the next five years. Dr. Ridenhour stated that the board is in place to protect the consumer and to do what is best for the Commonwealth.

### **Adjournment**

With a properly seconded motion by Dr. Chadwick, the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

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Michael Ridenhour, Au.D., Chair

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Elizabeth Young, Executive Director

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