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AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2006 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 9:31 a.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2006, in Board Room #3, at 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

Present:

Susan Chadwick, Au.D.
Angela W. Moss, M.A., CCC-SLP
Ronald Spencer, R.N., Citizen Member
Andrew Mark Klein, M.D.

Members Absent:

Sally Jones-McNamara, M.C.S., CCC-SLP

Staff Present:

Elizabeth Young, Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Annie B. Artis, Operations Manager

Counsel Present:

Jack Edward Kotvas, Assistant Attorney General

Guests Present:

Bonnie Atwood, David Bailey and Associates, Inc.
Tonya Horton, SLP

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Young stated that the new Executive Director for the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology will be recruited around April 1, 2006; however, the position may possibly begin in July 2006. She stated that in all probability, she will continue with the Board until December, 2006.

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There was discussion of the possibility of licensing speech-language pathology assistants in the state of Virginia. Mr. Kotvas stated that the Board does not have the authority to go beyond what the regulations and law currently states. Dr. Klein stated that he thought James Madison University was licensing audiology assistants. Ms. Young stated that she was unaware of that; however, she would contact Ms. Brenda Ryals at James Madison for clarification. Mr. Kotvas stated that sometimes colleges and universities are ahead of state agencies in creating courses for new occupations.

REVIEW OF REGULATIONS

§18VAC30-20-10 Definitions

Dr. Chadwick suggested that the definition for "Type 2" be better defined. She also stated that she felt Type 2 courses should be examined more closely. Dr. Chadwick further stated that internet courses were acceptable as Type 1 courses if they were offered by an organization approved by the Board as listed in the regulations. Ms. Young stated that she is going to recommend that the Board discontinue approving sponsors. She stated that there are 2 additional sponsors approved by the Board. Dr. Klein suggested changing the requirements for Type 1 to 20 hours and Type 2 to 10 hours.

§18VAC30-20-80 Fees

Ms. Young stated that the returned check fee will increase to \$35.00. This is a change that is applicable to all Boards. Ms. Young suggested that there be a fee added for the renewal of a continuing education sponsor at the cost of \$200.00.

Part II. Renewal and Reinstatement

Ms. Young informed the board that the reinstatement process has been working very well; reinstating licensees are given the same license number; new numbers are not created.

Ms. Young suggested; however, that the category of licenses is changed, i.e. to include licensure by endorsement, by certification and by education, as well as ensuring if they are licensed in other states with an unencumbered license.

Dr. Chadwick asked Ms. Moss if she knew approximately how many speech-language pathologists have been issued a Department of Education ^{endorsement} and hold a bachelor's degree. Ms. Moss said she was unsure; therefore, Ms. Young stated she would contact ASHA to inquire.

Ms. Young asked the Board members if there was a preferred credentialing agency used for foreign-educated applicants. Mr. Spencer stated he would inquire and contact Ms. Young with the information. Ms. Young stated she would also contact ASHA to verify what credentialing agency they use.

§18VAC 30-20-230. Prohibited Conduct

Ms. Young stated that section A should remain the same however; section B would be changed as recommended by Dr. Chadwick.

- B. No person solely licensed as a school speech-language pathologist shall conduct the practice of speech-language pathology outside the scope of the public school setting.

§18VAC30-20-240 Supervisory responsibilities; supervision of unlicensed assistants

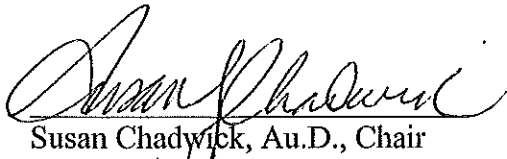
Dr. Chadwick suggested that the language be changed to perhaps add "licensed audiologist must provide documentation of supervision to the audiologist assistant and the speech-language pathologist must provide documentation of supervision to an unlicensed speech-language pathologist." Ms. Young stated she would review previous regulations to determine if there is stronger and more definitive language. She does not advise creating a laundry list of approved duties.

§18VAC30-20-280 Unprofessional conduct

Ms. Young stated she will review previous regulations to obtain other areas of unprofessional conduct.

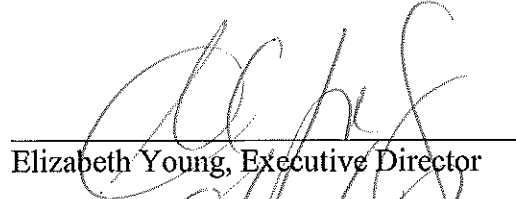
Adjournment

With no further business, Dr. Chadwick adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.



Susan Chadwick, Au.D., Chair

8/13/07
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Elizabeth Young, Executive Director

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