

**APPROVED**

**BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY  
MINUTES OF TASK FORCE ON TEMPORARY LICENSURE**

**Monday, October 25, 2004**

**Department of Health Professions  
6603 W. Broad Street, 5th Floor Room 1  
Richmond, Virginia, 23230**

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- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of the Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, Task Force on Temporary Licensure was called to order at 9:45 a.m.
- PRESIDING:** Susan Chadwick, Au.D., Chair
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Angela Moss, SLP  
Andrew Klein, M.D.  
Alfred Wolfe, Citizen
- COUNSEL:** Jack Kotvas, Assistant Attorney General
- STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth Young, Executive Director  
Jeanette Meade, Administrative Assistant
- ORDER OF AGENDA** On a properly seconded motion by Ms. Moss, the Committee moved to accept the agenda.
- INTRODUCTION OF BOARD AND STAFF** Members of the Board for the Task Force Committee and DHP staff introduced themselves
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- TRAINING AND THE FOURTH YEAR STUDENT**
- The Task Force discussed the current licensure requirements of the Board: An applicant must hold a masters degree in audiology or an equivalent as determined by the Board or a doctoral degree from a college or university whose program is accredited by American Speech-Language Hearing Association or an equivalent accrediting body in order to apply to the Board. The literature provided indicates that by 2007, a doctoral degree will be the entry level degree for audiology.

The colleges that now offer a Masters degree in Audiology are the University of Virginia, James Madison University and Radford University. Longwood College may be in the process of transitioning into a doctorate in audiology degree.

Mr. Kotvas suggested that the Task Force examine how the Board licenses foreign educated students. The process may provide some insight to the issue of equivalency.

The Task Force decided to recommend to the Board to change its interpretation of equivalent. With a motion seconded by Dr. Klein, the Task Force voted to provide the following recommendations:

- It is a master's or higher degree confirmed by a college or university
- It is a degree conferred by a foreign university deemed by the Board to be equivalent to a master's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution.

The Task Force stated that the profession has vastly changed within the last 20 years. Dr. Chadwick stated that students have not been trained properly and clearly, the fourth year of the Au.D. is a training period for the student. Also, based on the information provided by AAA, ADA and various Au.D. residential training programs, the Task Force recommends against licensing the fourth year Au.D. student.

On a properly seconded motion by Dr. Klein, the Task Force voted to recommend to the Board to submit a Notice of Intent for Regulatory Action to clarify the issue of equivalency. Also, the Task Force voted not to recommend any code amendments at this time.

The Task Force also reviewed the request for comment from the Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education. The Task Force Agreed with all standards and requested Ms. Young to respond on the Board's behalf.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

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**Susan Chadwick, Au.D., Chair**

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**Elizabeth Young, Executive Director**

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