

**BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2011**

TIME AND PLACE: The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (Board) meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. on Thursday, February 3, 2011, 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: Lillian Beasley Beahm, Au.D., CCC-A
George T. Hashisaki, M.D.
Wanda L. Pritekel, MA, CCC-SLP
Laura Purcell Verdun, MA, CCC-SLP
Ikeita Cantú Hinojosa, JD, MSW, LBSW

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Ronald Spencer, R.N.

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Amy Marschean, Sr. Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Elaine Yeatts, Sr. Policy Analyst
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager
Asia Williams, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: No other attendees were present.

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

ORDERING OF AGENDA: Dr. Gleason requested that the order of the agenda be revised to include “Going Green” as an item in the Executive Director’s Report. Ms. Verdun moved to accept the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was provided.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Verdun moved to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2010, meeting as amended. The motion was seconded and carried.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Dr. Reynolds-Cane and Mr. Owens were in attendance of the General Assembly and not available to provide a report.

DHP LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE: **Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) for Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES)**
Ms. Yeatts informed the Board that the public comment period for the NOIRA for FEES closed on February 2, 2011. She recommended that the Board create an Ad Hoc Committee, comprised of three board members and one representative from the Speech-Language-Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV) and the Virginia Society of Otolaryngologists (VSO) to convene and draft proposed regulations for the training, supervision and

practice of speech-language pathologists (SLP) in the performance of FEES. Ms. Marschean indicated that interested parties should be notified about the meeting. Ms. Verdun, Dr. Gleason and Dr. Hashisaki agreed to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee. Ms. Knachel will contact SHAV and VSO regarding their interest in providing a representative to be on the committee. It was noted that two meetings should be scheduled prior to the next full board meeting in May with the first meeting tentatively set for March 18th or 25th. Ms. Yeatts reported that all public comment received regarding the NOIRA would be provided in advance of the initial Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Legislative Update

Ms. Yeatts provided an update on proposed legislation applicable to speech-language pathology and audiology, as well as other regulatory boards within DHP. The Board provided no comments with regard to these bills.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Continuing Education (CE) Guidance Document

Ms. Knachel informed the Board that due to the number of inquiries and confusion regarding when licensees are to verify completion of CE she drafted a guidance document for the Board's consideration. She stated that the draft language in the guidance document clarified the CE requirement for existing licensees as well as newly licensed individuals and also provided an explanation of the exemption with examples. The draft guidance document is consistent with information in the 2008 newsletter. Upon review and discussion of the draft guidance document, Ms. Verdun moved to adopt the guidance document as amended. The motion was seconded and carried.

Revision to Bylaws

Ms. Knachel presented proposed draft of revisions to the bylaws, Guidance Document 30-2. She reported that the proposed revisions reflected a change in the meeting date for the election of board officers and changes to committee board member composition. Upon review and discussion of the suggested revisions, Ms. Pritekel moved to adopt the bylaws in Guidance Document 30-2 as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

National Council of State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (NCSB) National Conference Report

Ms. Pritekel reported that she and Ms. Knachel attended the Annual Conference of the NCSB held October 14-16, 2010, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Ms. Pritekel reported that state regulatory boards from across the nation convened to exchange information, attend presentations and participate in discussions related to the audiology and speech-language pathology professions. Highlights from the conference included presentations on practice acts and telepractice, and panel discussions on legal aspects of regulations. Ms. Pritekel was delighted to report that Virginia received

acknowledgment for its Sanctioning Reference Points Manual and Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program. She also noted that the next Annual Conference for the NCSB is scheduled to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative/Regulatory Review

Dr. Gleason reported that all current members were present at the Committee's meeting held prior to the Board meeting. She noted that an Ad Hoc Committee had been formed to further discuss the NOIRA concerning FEES and that the Ad Hoc Committee is tentatively scheduled to meet in March.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Gleason, on behalf of the Board, thanked board staff for easing the transition of the new members to the Board. Additionally, she expressed appreciation for the diligence and professionalism of board staff.

Spring 2011 Newsletter

Dr. Gleason reported that she received positive feedback from a number of licensees regarding the format and information provided in the Spring 2011 newsletter.

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization (JCAHO) – Fall Awareness

Dr. Gleason apprised the Board that JCAHO has undertaken a national education campaign devoted to fall prevention and designed to empower patients and help organizations to reduce falls.

Evidence-Based Practice

Dr. Gleason informed the Board that the American Speech-Language Hearing Association's (ASHA) National Center for Evidence Based Practice in Communications Disorders (N-CEP), was established to "facilitate the integration of scientific evidence into everyday 'clinical decision-making', with the ultimate goal of moving 'standard practice' to 'best practice.'" Dr. Gleason highlighted that N-CEP would be prioritizing and systematically reviewing nominated clinical questions and topics from ASHA members until March 31, 2011.

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) - Temporal Bone Registry

Dr. Gleason reported that NIDCD published brochures regarding temporal bone donation. She noted that researchers and educators in Communication Sciences have been able to use these anatomical donations "to promote new innovations for improving quality of life related to communications impairments."

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Budget

Ms. Knachel provided a summary of the cash balance, revenue and expenditures for the Board.

Statistics

Ms. Knachel provided statistical information on licensure renewals and disciplinary cases.

CE Audit Process

Ms. Knachel informed the Board of the procedures and process that will be used to conduct the upcoming CE audit. Further, she reported that upon completion of this year’s audit, a statistical report will be provided to the Board.

Newsletter

Ms. Knachel informed the Board that the next newsletter will include articles addressing telepractice, the difference between the Board’s licensure and endorsement from the Virginia Department of Education and the guidance document regarding CE verification. She encouraged the board members to continue providing ideas for articles that would be beneficial for licensees and the general public.

Probable Cause (PC) Form

Ms. Knachel reviewed the use of the new probable cause review form.

Going Green

Ms. Knachel reported on the success of the email renewal notification pilot program. She indicated that a significant number of licensees who received an email renewal notification renewed without having to be sent a paper notification.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board members requested that whenever possible board staff should electronically submit board meeting information and disciplinary materials.

Dr. Gleason noted that the meeting date scheduled for May 18, 2011, had been moved to May 26, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT:

With the conclusion of board business, Dr. Gleason adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

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

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

Date

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