

**BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT (SLPA) AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2016**

- TIME AND PLACE:** The Speech-Language Pathology Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Hearing Room 3, Henrico, Virginia.
- PRESIDING OFFICER:** Laura Verdun, MA, CCC-SLP, Board Member
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Angela Moss, MA, CCC-SLP, Board Member
Marie Ireland, SLP, Department of Education (DOE)
Karen Lindberg, SLP, DOE
Scott Rankins, SLP, Speech-Language-Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV)
Darlene Robke, SLP, SHAV
- MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** All members were present.
- QUORUM:** With six members of the Committee present, a quorum was established.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager
Joy Malonza, DHP Intern
- OTHERS PRESENT:** LaVae Hoffman, SLP, University of Virginia
- ORDERING OF AGENDA:** No changes were made to the agenda.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** David Bailey, SHAV, presented comment indicating that the *Code of Virginia*, § 54.1-2510, directs the Board Health Professions to consider public interest in its evaluation process to determine if a health care profession should be regulated.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. Ireland moved to approve the May 2, 2016, meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.
- DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
- Report on status of current SLPA regulatory action**
Ms. Yeatts reported that the final proposed regulations had been approved by the Governor and are awaiting final publication. The anticipated effective date is July 27, 2016.
- Review of additional state laws and regulations**
The Committee reviewed, discussed and commented on additional laws and regulations governing SLPAs in Minnesota, Utah and Oregon and the preliminary Sunrise Review Assessment in Vermont.
- Report on American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) credential development**
Ms. Knachel and Ms. Ireland reported that ASHA's report on SLPA credentialing may be out by the end of the year; however, it may take multiple years to develop a credential if that is the chosen direction of ASHA.

Review of committee member survey responses

The Committee reviewed and discussed the members' survey responses.

Review of information on discipline of registered professionals

Ms. Yeatts referred the Committee to the agenda packet that contained disciplinary statistics for professional certified/registered by a board within the agency. She stated that the Board's statute and/or regulations would require amending to include authority to sanction a certified or registered professional.

Review of work plan and next steps

Ms. Yeatts provided input on the options for the next steps to be taken by the Committee. The options presented included the following:

- Continue the study by gathering additional information to prepare a more thorough report for the Board to present to the General Assembly.
- Consider recommending registration to include 1) tasks for which registration is required; 2) statutory authorization to adopt regulations setting out causes for disciplinary action; and 3) a continuing education requirement.

The Committee discussed the options presented and directed Ms. Yeatts to proceed with preparing a report that requests and extension of the study until 2017 to gather additional information.

The Committee requested that Ms. Knachel research whether sanctions against registered professionals required reporting to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB).

The Committee requested that Mr. Rankins research whether SLPAs could bill Medicaid if registered.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Committee discussed the need to include Dr. Carter on the agenda for the next meeting to aid in the development of questions for the workforce survey related to the use of SLPAs in the workplace.

It was noted that the next committee meeting date is scheduled for August 17, 2016. The start time for the meeting will change from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

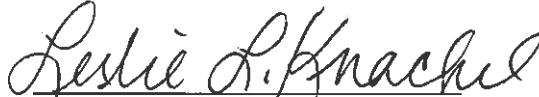
The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:



Laura P. Verdun, MA, CCC-SLP
Chair

8/17/2016
Date



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

August 17, 2016
Date