

BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2013

- TIME AND PLACE:** The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (Board) meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2013, 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
Ronald Spencer, R.N.
Laura Purcell Verdun, MA, CCC-SLP
Wanda L. Pritekel, MA, CCC-SLP
- MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** George T. Hashisaki, M.D.
Harold Sayles, Ph.D.
- QUORUM:** With five members of the Board present, a quorum was established.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, M.D., Director
Arne W. Owens, Chief Deputy Director
Elaine Yeatts, Sr. Policy Analyst
Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager
Tamara Farmer, Administrative Assistant
Anne Joseph, Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Marie Ireland, Virginia Department of Education
Ralston King, Virginia Society of Otolaryngology
David Bailey, Speech Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV)
Scott Rankins, SHAV
- ORDERING OF AGENDA:** Ms. Beahm moved to approve the agenda with an amendment to change the first discussion item to "Probable Cause Review." The motion was seconded and carried.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was presented.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Spencer moved to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2012, full board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Dr. Reynolds-Cane thanked the Board Members and board staff for their hard work and provided the following updates:
- Three agency bills were passed by the General Assembly this year.

- The Governor is leading a statewide initiative to reduce prescription drug abuse. Mr. Owens is heading up various workgroups to develop a final plan for submission to the Governor by September 2013.

**LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY
REPORTS AND ACTIONS:**

Legislative

- Ms. Yeatts informed the Board that the General Assembly passed an amendment to Virginia Code §§ 54.1-2602 and 54.1-2604 that become effective July 1, 2013.
- Ms. Yeatts explained that the amendment to Virginia Code § 54.1-2604 provides authority for the Board to issue a provisional license in speech-language pathology. She further explained that regulations to address this amendment cannot be initiated until after the law becomes effective on July 1, 2013. She presented proposed regulations that stipulated “Draft Only Not for Adoption at April Meeting” for the Board to contemplate in preparation for the July meeting. The matter will be placed on the Board’s July meeting agenda for consideration.

Regulatory

- Ms. Yeatts informed the Board that the draft regulations adopted following periodic review were returned to the Board for reconsideration of several fee increases. Ms. Verdun moved to repeal Chapter 20 and re-adopt Chapter 21 with the amended fees. The motion was seconded and carried.
- Ms. Yeatts provided a projection analysis of the Board’s revenue and expenditures reflecting a need for a onetime fee reduction. Ms. Verdun moved to adopt the proposed draft regulations reflecting the onetime fee reduction as presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Probable Cause Presentation

Ms. Joseph provided training on the probable cause review process.

Follow-up Report

The Board requested at its last meeting that board staff conduct research and report on the following topics:

- **Cerumen Management**

Ms. Knachel provided updated information obtained from the American Speech-Hearing Association (ASHA) regarding cerumen management. The information revealed that ASHA considers cerumen management as part of the scope of practice of an audiologist; however, it is not included in the Code of Virginia. Ms. Pritekel moved to submit a legislative proposal to amend the definition of the practice of audiology to include cerumen

management. The motion was seconded and carried.

- **Proof of Self-Employment**

Ms. Knachel reported that proof of self-employment would be addressed under the agenda item “Guidance Document 30-6”.

Continuing Education (CE) Audit Update

Ms. Knachel presented the results of the 2011-2012 CE audit and noted a significant increase in compliance.

Guidance Document 30-9 Revision

Ms. Knachel presented amended language to Guidance Document 30-9. Ms. Verdun moved to adopt the amended guidance document as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

Guidance Document 30-6 Revision

Ms. Knachel presented amended language to Guidance Document 30-6 to include “proof of self-employment.” Mr. Spencer moved to adopt the amended guidance document as presented contingent upon research by board counsel related to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) confidentiality laws. The motion was seconded and carried.

Audiology Assistants

Dr. Gleason reported that she had received an inquiry regarding the use of audiology assistants in Virginia that had been forwarded to the board office. The Board discussed issues related to licensing audiology and speech-language assistants. Board staff pointed out that 18VAC30-20-240(A) and (B) of the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology* addresses the use of unlicensed assistants.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Dr. Gleason reiterated her thanks and gratitude to board staff for their support of the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Presentation Report

Ms. Knachel reported that she had attended SHAV’s annual conference and presented an overview of the Board’s use of Sanctioning Reference Points. Additionally, Ms. Knachel reported that she is currently working on a training regarding the Board’s licensure and disciplinary processes that can be presented to audiology and speech-language pathology students attending Virginia colleges and universities. The training can be offered via videoconferencing.

Statistics

Ms. Knachel provided an overview of the licensure and disciplinary case statistics.

Budget

Ms. Knachel reported that budget information specific to the Board had already been discussed during the fee reduction topic.

Newsletter

Ms. Knachel reported that shorter news updates appear to be well received by recipients. The Board requested that a news blast regarding the onetime fee decrease be disseminated when finalized.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

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

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

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