

**BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 18, 2013**

TIME AND PLACE: The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (Board) meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2013, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 4, 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
Harold Sayles, Ph.D.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: George T. Hashisaki, M.D.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, M.D., 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

OTHERS PRESENT: Marie Ireland, Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)
Scott Rankins, Speech Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV)
Kristen Bailey-Hardy, David Bailey Associates/SHAV
Darlene Robke, SHAV

ORDERING OF AGENDA: The ordering of the agenda was accepted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Verdun moved to amend the April 11, 2013, draft minutes by adding "in speech-language pathology" to the end of the first sentence found under the Legislative/Regulatory Reports and Actions, legislative section, second bullet. The motion was seconded and carried.

Ms. Pritekel moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2013, full board meeting as amended. The motion was seconded and carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Reynolds-Cane informed the Board that the project on the national reduction of prescription drug abuse has completed its initiative. The plan is scheduled to be presented to the Governor in August 2013.

LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY REPORTS AND ACTIONS:

Regulatory Draft Regulations for Provisional License

Ms. Yeatts informed the Board that the amendment to Virginia Code § 54.1- 54.1-2604 became effective July 1, 2013. It provides authority to the Board to issue provisional licenses to speech-language pathologists and to draft regulations. Ms. Yeatts provided an overview of the proposed draft regulations for review and adoption.

Ms. Verdun moved to adopt the proposed draft regulations as presented as a fast track action item. The motion was seconded and carried.

Regulatory Draft Regulations for Periodic Review

Ms. Yeatts informed the Board that due to the change in the Virginia Code providing the authority for the Board to issue a provisional license to a speech-language pathologist and several other licensing and fee issues, the proposed draft regulations for periodic review needed to be amended. Ms. Yeatts reviewed the changes and asked that the Board consider re-adopting the proposed draft regulations as presented.

Dr. Sayles moved to re-adopt the proposed draft regulations as presented with the following amendments:

- 18VAC30-21-10, in definition of “Contact Hour” delete “50” and replace with “60”;
- 18VAC30-21-70(C), after “...an additional six months by...” insert “submission of renewal application and...”; and
- 18VAC30-21-110(D), after “...that no disciplinary action is pending” insert “or unresolved.”

The motion was seconded and carried.

Licensure of School Speech-Language Pathologists

Ms. Knachel reported to the Board that the VDOE is undergoing a review of their current teacher licensing regulations and indicated their desire to eliminate the speech-language pathology teacher endorsement. She stated that the Board received a letter from Dr. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction, which supports transferring the licensure responsibility to the Board. This action is consistent with actions taken by a number of other states. Ms. Knachel reported that both agencies met to discuss the logistics required to complete the transfer. The Board and VDOE are collaboratively working on a draft of the proposed legislation.

Ms. Verdun moved that the Board approve the intent to transfer the licensure of VDOE endorsed speech-language pathologists to the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. The motion was seconded and carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Update on Guidance Document 30-6

Ms. Knachel reported that the Board had approved the addition of “self-employment” to Guidance Document 30-6 contingent upon research by board counsel as to whether this might violate the Health Insurance Portability Act (HIPPA) laws. After review and consultation with board counsel, it was determined that the submission of appointment books/records could be a violation of HIPPA and should be excluded as an option for proof of self-employment. Ms. Knachel reported that Guidance Document 30-6 was revised accordingly prior to posting to the Board’s website.

2014 Calendar

The Board requested that the March and July 2014 calendar meeting dates be adjusted.

Ms. Verdun moved to approve the 2014 calendar with adjustments. The motion was seconded and carried.

Officer Election

Mr. Spencer moved to retain Dr. Gleason as Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dr. Beahm moved to retain Ms. Verdun as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

Annual National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (NCSB)

Ms. Knachel noted that the NCSB flyer announcing the annual meeting was included in the agenda packet. NCSB does not provide travel reimbursement.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Dr. Gleason reiterated her thanks and gratitude to board staff and board counsel for their hard work in the processing and tracking of draft regulations and their continued support of the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Ms. Knachel thanked the board members and staff for their quick processing of disciplinary cases and assistance in drafting regulations.

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 been included in the packet.

Newsletter

Ms. Knachel reported that a news update regarding the one-time fee reduction and guidance document revision had been requested to be disseminated to all licensees who hold an email address. She stated that any other news updates will be disseminated as

received.

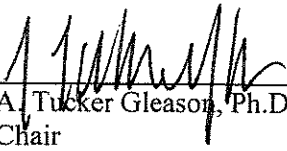
Ms. Knachel reported that the Association of Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) had surveyed the various states regarding audiology assistants.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented.

ADJOURNMENT:


The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.



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

3/13/2014

Date



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

3/13/2014

Date