

APPROVED

BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2003 MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Michael Ridenhour, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Audiology and Speech Pathology to order at 9:31 a.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2003 in Board Room #3, at 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

Present:

Michael Ridenhour, Au.D.
Charles M. Johnson, III, MD
Angela Moss, SLP
Katrina Eid, Ph.D., SLP
Susan Chadwick, Audiologist
Robin R. Holly Duke, Citizen Member

Absent:

Holly Meadow, Citizen Member

Staff Present:

Elizabeth Young, Executive Director, Board
Robert Nebiker, Director, Department of Health Professions
Gail Jaspén, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Health Professions
Roscoe Roberts, Assistant Attorney General
Aesha D. Hopson, Administrative Assistant
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst

Guests Present:

Jay Lagarde, Department of Planning and Budget
Ozluán Oxíden, Department of Planning and Budget
Judy Castleman, SHAV Lobbyist

Legislative/Regulatory Committee

Mr. Jay Lagarde and Mr. Ozluán Oxíden from the Department of Planning and Budget presented information regarding their review of the Board's proposed fee change. The major objection from DPB was the impact of changing the continuing competency requirement from two year renewal to a one year requirement. Therefore licensees would

be required to obtain 15 ceus within year instead of 30 within two years. DPB believed that the proposed would reduce flexibility of available CE to licenses.

After a lengthy discussion by the Board, it proposed the following changes to the proposed regulations:

With a properly seconded motion by Dr. Eid, the Board approved to change the CE requirement to 30 hours in two years.

With a properly seconded motion by Dr. Eid, the Board affirmed its requirement that dual licensees obtain 45 hours of CE within the two year renewal cycle.

With a properly seconded motion by Dr. Eid, the Board approved to have the licensee attest to meeting the CE renewal requirement during even years.

Approval of Agenda

The Board agreed to discuss old business before new business.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

With a properly seconded motion by Dr. Eid, the Board approved the minutes of the Continuing Competency Committee meeting of August 14, 2003.

With a properly seconded motion by Ms. Duke, the Board approved the minutes of its August 14, 2003 meeting.

New Business

Election of Officers

With a properly seconded motion by Ms. Chadwick, Dr. Charles Johnson was reelected Vice-Chair of the Board

With a properly seconded motion by Dr. Eid, Dr. Michael Ridenhour was reelected Chair of the Board.

It was noted that Dr. Ridenhour is currently the Vice-Chair of the Board of Health Professions.

Board of Health Professions

BHP Board representative, Dr. Michael Ridenhour provided a brief summary of the Board of Health Professions Meeting of October 22, 2003.

Confidential Consent Agreements

Ms. Jaspen, Chief Deputy Director, provided a general report on HB 1441 and confidential consent agreements. Beth informed the board that some type of guidance document needed to be approved on by the board.

With a properly seconded motion by Ms. Duke, Ms. Chadwick and Ms. Moss were directed draft a guidance document outline possible actions for CCAs for the Board and present it at the February 2004 meeting.

Audiology Foundation of America (AFA)

The Board reviewed a statement from AFA suggesting none licensure of AUD student prior to conferring the doctorate. The Board directed staff to respond that the Board appreciates the position of AFA and it is analyzing the position statement.

Hearing Aid Insurance Coverage for Children

The Board listened to information regarding the insurance coverage o children from Judy Castleman, SHAV lobbyist. She said the next meeting of the Committee will be Nov4mber 16, 2003 from

Request for Interpretation

The Board reviewed a request for interpretation from Elizabeth Young about licensure of applicant prior to the deferring of the degree by the academic institution. . On a properly seconded motion by Ms. Moss, the board agreed not to accept letters from applicants stating that master's degree requirements have been completed. Applicants must submit transcripts stating that the degree has been conferred. With a properly seconded motion by Dr. Eid, the interpretation does not apply to AUD candidates.

SLP Higher Education Group

The Board reviewed general information from the speech-language pathology higher education group of the Department of Education.

Educational Testing Service (Praxis)

The Board reviewed the new fees from the Education Testing Service. Ms. Young reported that it would be cost efficient to continue to receive paper scores from the service. The Board concurred.

NCSBE

Dr. Ridenhour reported that he is currently on the list server for National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

Professional News

The Board reviewed general information from ASHA and AAA.

Open Discussion Topics

The Board suggested the following topics for open discussion prior to the meetings: Reducing caseload, Medicaid Billing, No Child Left Behind Act, Early Intervention Service Programs, Communication of Second Language, Cochlear Implants, Implantable Hearing Aids.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative/Regulatory Committee

Ms. Young stated that the final regulation are pending in the Governor's office.

Continuing Competency Committee

No report.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Young presented licensee statistics, information on the budget, case statistics, and the Calendar for next year.

Ms. Young reported that she is scheduled to speak for the Lynchburg Public Schools on November 20, 2003.

Adjournment

With a properly seconded motion by Ms. Moss, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Michael Ridenhour, Chair

Elizabeth Young, Executive Director

Date

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