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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Speech Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	01/17/2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member, President, Presiding
Lisa Marencin, Professional Member, Secretary (2:14 p.m. – 4:03 p.m.)
Roberta Burtch, Professional Member
Tonya Coats, Professional Member (2:04 p.m. – 4:02 p.m.)
Valerie Cloutier, Public Member
Illene Courtright, Professional Member (2:04 p.m. – 4:02 p.m.)
Wilbert Miller, Public Member
Anne Pikolas, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General
Kay Warren, Deputy Director
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBER ABSENT

Dr. Jennifer Xenakes, Professional Member

ALSO PRESENT

Susan Loraine
Amanda Strain
Tom Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October 18, 2011 meeting. Ms. Courtright made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review Draft of Proposed Legislation for the Treatment of Minors

This item was tabled until the January meeting for the Board to review the correspondence prepared by Ms. Heeney, advising Mr. Collins that the Board does not feel as though legislation is necessary for the professions regulated by the Board.

Discussion Regarding ASHA Approved Tele-Practice

Dr. Marencin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Burtch, to table this item until the January meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Continuing Education Audit Review

Ms. Burtch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Marencin, to table this item until the January meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Proposed Draft of the Statute for SLPA's

Ms. Courtright informed the Board that the Subcommittee finished revising the statute during the Subcommittee meeting which was held prior to the meeting. The Subcommittee is currently working on the proposed rules and regulations which will include supervisory requirements. The Subcommittee is prepared to circulate the proposed statute and proposed rules and regulations to the Board for review during the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Temporary Speech Pathologist Application – Stephanie deMello

The Board reviewed Stephanie deMello's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Temporary Speech Pathologist Application – Thomas Sullivan

The Board reviewed Thomas Sullivan's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application contingent upon receipt of the original licensure verification from New Jersey. Motion carried with Ms. Courtright abstaining.

Review of Temporary Speech Pathologist Application – Kimberly Tetro

The Board reviewed Kimberly Tetro's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Permanent Speech Pathologist Application – Emily Brooks

The Board reviewed Emily Brooks' application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Permanent Speech Pathologist Application – Barbara Coaxum

The Board reviewed Barbara Coaxum's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Permanent Speech Pathologist Application – Denise Sabo

The Board reviewed Denise Sabo's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Permanent Audiologist Application – Barbara Prestano

The Board reviewed Barbara Prestano's application for a permanent audiologist license. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Temporary Hearing Aid Dispenser Application – Laura Ironside

The Board reviewed Laura Ironside's application for a temporary hearing aid dispenser license. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Temporary Hearing Aid Dispenser Application – Zachary Ironside

The Board reviewed Zachary Ironside's application for a temporary hearing aid dispenser license. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application contingent upon receipt of documentation from Sussex Tech High School showing he received his degree. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Loraine addressed the Board and informed them that she believed that her application was on the agenda. Ms. Strain informed the Board that she called prior to the Board meeting and was informed that all required documents were received by the Board office and that Ms. Loraine would be placed on the agenda. Ms. Williams reviewed the recent inquiries, and the results showed that Ms. Loraine did call and only requested that she receive her registration code in order to check the application status. Ms. Williams asked

Ms. Loraine if she was able to access the information to determine if the Board office received the necessary documentation. Ms. Loraine advised Ms. Williams that she did not check the status of her application. Ms. Williams determined that the application was not complete, which was the reason her application was not on the agenda for Board review. The Board office had not received verification from Kansas or Florida. Ms. Williams advised the Board that the staff member who provides the credentialing for the Board was not in the office, but if the Board would like to take a brief recess, she can look for the information.

The Board observed a brief recess from 2:42 p.m. until 2:53 p.m.

Ms. Williams advised the Board that she located Ms. Loraine's file as well as some supplemental documentation, but the Board office has not received all of the documentation required. Ms. Williams informed the Board that the office had received Kansas' verification as well as Ms. Loraine's transcripts. The Board office has not yet received licensure verification from Florida. Ms. Loraine advised the Board that she previously requested that Florida send the verification, but she will contact Florida again.

Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pikolas, to amend the agenda to include reviewing Ms. Loraine's application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Permanent Speech Pathologist Application – Susan Loraine

The Board reviewed Susan Loraine's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cloutier, to approve the application contingent upon receipt of an original license verification from Florida. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Williams advised the Board that they previously determined that applications would not be "fast-tracked" or reviewed if they were not complete prior to the Board meeting. She advised the Board that an employer by the name of EBS, was made aware of the decision as well as the time limit to guarantee that if the application and all required supporting documents are in order, that the application will be put on the agenda for review. Dr. Marencin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to delegate Dr. Connolly-Gaskin to write a letter to EBS to inform them that if an application is not on the agenda for the regularly scheduled meeting, that the agenda will not be amended to review the applications, nor will applications be reviewed outside of the regularly scheduled meetings. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Continuing Education Activities

Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve, deny or table the following continuing education as noted. Motion unanimously carried.

Sponsor: DE Developmental Disabilities Council **Approved**
Activity: Life Conference XIV
Contact Hours: 4.5 PG

Sponsor: Delaware Association for Home and Community Care **Denied**
(not directly related)

Activity: Transitions Across the Continuum of Care
Contact Hours: 6 PG

Sponsor: Starkey Laboratories **Approved**
Activity: Student Focus Workshop
Contact Hours: 10 CS

Sponsor: Starkey Laboratories **Approved**
Activity: Hearing Innovation Expo
Contact Hours: 18 CS & 3 PG

Sponsor: MicroTech Hearing **Approved**
Activity: Hearing Innovation Expo
Contact Hours: 18 CS & 3 PG

Sponsor: Starkey Laboratories **Approved**
Activity: Psychology of the Hearing Impaired – Online Course
Contact Hours: 1 CS

Sponsor: Starkey Laboratories **Approved**
Activity: Psychology of the Hearing Impaired – Live Course
Contact Hours: 1 CS

Sponsor: Starkey Laboratories **Approved**
Activity: Troubleshooting Noise Management Algorithms – Online Course
Contact Hours: 1 CS

Sponsor: Starkey Laboratories **Approved**
Activity: Troubleshooting Noise Management Algorithms – Live Course
Contact Hours: 1 CS

Sponsor: Starkey Laboratories **Approved**
Activity: Advanced Digital Algorithms – Online Course
Contact Hours: 1 CS

Sponsor: Starkey Laboratories **Approved**
Activity: Advanced Digital Algorithms – Live Course
Contact Hours: 1 CS

Licensee: Elizabeth Polidoro Lucas **Approved for 2.5 CS**
Sponsor: Linguisystems
Activity: Applying Ethical Decision Making in Speech-Language Pathology
Contact Hours: 2.5 CS

Licensee: Illene Courtright **Approved**
Sponsor: Cristina School District
Activity: Selective Mutism
Contact Hours: 1 CS

Licensee: Cindy Collins **Approved**
Sponsor: Cindy Collins/Mary Christine Rinaldi
Activity: Training for Use of Augmentative Communication Tools in the Classroom

Contact Hours: 2 CS

Licensee: Jaime L. Toner **Denied Course was Taken During Previous
Licensure Period**

Sponsor: MedStar Health

Activity: If You Can't Breathe, You Can't Function

Contact Hours: 20 CS

Assign Complaint

Complaint # 30-02-11 was assigned to Ms. Coats

Review Request to Return to Active Status – Donna Fenton

Ms. Williams informed the Board that Ms. Fenton is requesting to return to active status. She advised the Board that Ms. Fenton was previously disciplined, which included being selected for two audit cycles, and subsequently requested that her license be placed on inactive status. Ms. Williams suggested that if the Board wishes to allow Ms. Fenton to return to active status, that CE certificates for the previous licensure period be produced and that a Board member review prior to being reactivated to active status. Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to delegate that Dr. Connolly-Gaskin be the individual who will review the CE certificates and ASHA card. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Williams also reminded the Board that they are not meeting during the month of December. She inquired as to what the Board would like the protocol to be with applications that are being submitted during the time period that the Board will not be meeting. Ms. Heeney informed the Board that they have the authority to delegate issuing licenses to the Division, if they chose to do so. Ms. Williams also informed the Board that applications can be sent electronically to members, with personal information being redacted. Ms. Courtright made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to delegate that Dr. Connolly-Gaskin be the Board member who will review applications electronically and allow licensure for applicants who meet all of the requirements until the month of January. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence

Ms. Williams informed the Board that she received a letter addressed to Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, from ASHA, thanking the Board for their efforts to ensure that the statute as well as the rules and regulations are being interpreted properly.

Other Business before the Board

Ms. Williams reminded the Board members of the New Board/Commission Member Training that is scheduled for November 18, 2011 at the Duncan Center in Dover.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

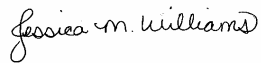
Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pikolas, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Williams
Administrative Specialist II