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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Speech Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers (Committee Meeting)
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	03/19/2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Meredith Sullivan, Professional Member, Presiding
Roberta Burtch, Professional Member
Valerie Cloutier, Public Member
Lisa Marencin, Professional Member (10:46 p.m. – 12:32 p.m.)

DIVISION STAFF

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBER ABSENT

Tonya Coats, Professional Member

ALSO PRESENT

Doreen Brown, Easter Seals
Christine Virion, DSHA

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the January 15, 2013 SLPA Committee meeting. Ms. Cloutier moved, seconded by Ms. Burtch to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Revisions to the Proposed Draft of Statute and Regulations Regarding the Use of SLPAs

Ms. Burtch advised the Committee that she had a document from California that outlined the supervisor's responsibilities if anyone was interested in reviewing it.

The Committee summarized the changes made during the January 15, 2013 meeting.

Ms. Burtch advised the Committee that she found ASHA's verification of technical proficiency form, which appears to be very comprehensive. Ms. Virion informed the Board that Maryland also has a verification of technical proficiency form.

The Committee continued to make revisions to the proposal. It was decided that the ASHA statement defining the 36 week period of supervised professional experience will be included in the regulations. The Committee discussed the proposed percentages for direct and indirect supervision for individuals who have obtained temporary licensure. It was determined that 30% must be direct supervision, while 20% can be indirect supervision. In addition the SLPA must have at least 80% proficiency on the verification of technical proficiency form at the end of the 36 weeks.

The Committee drafted the proposed language to ensure that clients receive direct contact with the SLP at least once every two weeks:

Supervision days and the time of day (mornings/afternoons) shall be alternated to ensure that all patients/clients receive direct contact with the SLP at least once every two weeks.

The Committee decided that SLPA's cannot:

- Screen, assess or diagnose feeding problems
- Make referrals
- Provide patient treatment when supervisor is not available

The temporary SLPA must have treatment plans and access to supervision at all times. The Committee decided that once permanent licensure is obtained, the SLPA must have a minimum of 10% direct supervision on a weekly basis.

Other Business before the Committee (for discussion only)

There was no other business before the Committee.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The Committee will meet on March 19, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. in Conference Room B of the Cannon Building.

Adjournment

Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Marencin, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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