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DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Speech Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	10/16/2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lisa Marencin, Professional Member, President, Presiding
Valerie Cloutier, Public Member, Secretary
Roberta Burtch, Professional Member
Tonya Coats, Professional Member
Dr. Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member
Wilbert Miller, Public Member (2:12 p.m. – 3:38 p.m.)
Meredith Sullivan, Professional Member
Dr. Jennifer Xenakes, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF

Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anne Pikolas, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT

Jacqueline Truluck, EBS Healthcare & DSHA
Kathleen White

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Marencin called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 21, 2012 meeting. Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding License Issuance Authority

Ms. Williams addressed the Board regarding the current license issuance process. Ms. Williams suggested that the Board appoint two members to review the applications when they are complete and then allow the Division to issue the license upon satisfactory review. Then the Board would ratify the decisions at the next meeting. This process would improve the time it takes for applicants to be licensed and would also allow the Board to focus more of their meeting time toward reviewing their statute and regulations to make necessary changes. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to delegate authority to the Division to allow licenses to be issued after the applications are reviewed by the board members that are assigned by the Board. Motion unanimously carried. Ms. Sullivan and Dr. Xenakes will review the applications following the meeting, until the Board assigns new members to review the applications.

Amendment to Agenda

Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Marencin, to amend the agenda to add Deborah Reis' temporary speech pathologist application as agenda item 3.2.6. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Temporary Speech Language Pathologist Application– Kelsey McHugh

The Board reviewed Kelsey McHugh's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Temporary Speech Language Pathologist Application– Kasey McManus

The Board reviewed Kasey McManus' application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Temporary Speech Language Pathologist Application– Kristina Migliore

The Board reviewed Kristina Migliore's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion carried with Ms. Burtch abstaining.

Review of Temporary Speech Language Pathologist Application– Jacklyn Morrison

The Board reviewed Jacklyn Morrison's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Temporary Speech Language Pathologist Application– Deborah Reis

The Board reviewed Deborah Reis' application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Temporary Speech Language Pathologist Application– Daniel Drew

The Board reviewed Daniel Drew's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cloutier, to approve the application contingent upon receipt of a corrected Clinical Fellowship Plan. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Permanent Speech Language Pathologist Application – Amy Dingman

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

Review of Permanent Speech Language Pathologist Application – Sherne-Marie McMillan

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

Review of Permanent Speech Language Pathologist Application – Jenna Berge

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

Review of Permanent Speech Language Pathologist Application – Stephanie DeMello

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

Review of Permanent Hearing Aid Dispenser Application – June Tyler

The Board reviewed June Tyler's application for a permanent hearing aid dispenser license. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Recommendations from Hearing Officer on Show Cause Hearings for Post-Renewal Compliance Audits – Kathleen White

This item was tabled until the October 16, 2012 meeting.

Review of Continuing Education Activities

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cloutier, to approve the following continuing education as noted. Motion unanimously carried.

Sponsor: Easter Seals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore
Activity: Introduction to the Early Start Denver Model
Contact Hours: 12.0 CS

Dr. Xenakes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to approve the following continuing education as noted. Motion unanimously carried.

Sponsor: Bayada Home Health Care
Activity: Current Concepts in Home Health Rehabilitation Fall 2012
Contact Hours: 6.0 CS

Sponsor: Bayada Home Health Care
Activity: Special Children, Special Needs: A Team Approach to Meeting the Challenge
Contact Hours: 6.0 PG

Review Request for Extension of Temporary Speech Pathology License – Meka Battle

The Board reviewed Meka Battle's request for an extension of her temporary speech pathology license. Ms. Burtch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve the request and grant a 90 day extension. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Extension of Temporary Speech Pathology License – Lindsay Howard

The Board reviewed Lindsay Howard's request for an extension of her temporary speech pathology license. Ms. Burtch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve the request and grant a 90 day extension. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Extension of Temporary Speech Pathology License – Katie McDavid

The Board reviewed Katie McDavid's request for an extension of her temporary speech pathology license. Ms. Burtch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve the request and grant a 90 day extension. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Extension of Temporary Speech Pathology License – Glenna Pusey

The Board reviewed Glenna Pusey's request for an extension of her temporary speech pathology license. Ms. Burtch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve the request and grant a 90 day extension. Motion unanimously carried.

Consider Consent Agreement for Case 30-01-11 Against Sherman Fong

This item was tabled until the October 16, 2012 meeting.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Other Business before the Board

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin circulated a group e-mail which she received, from an individual who complained that Delaware requires Audiologists to hold CCC/A for licensure. The President of AAA, advised the individual that Delaware requires that an applicant meet the requirements for CCC/A or hold Board Certification from the American Board of Audiology. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin advised the Board that this is for informational use only and questioned the Board members if they believed the website needed to be updated. It was decided that at this time, the website does not need to be updated.

Public Comment

Ms. Truluck addressed the Board expressing her support of the Board granting the Division of Professional Regulation to issue licenses after they have been reviewed by assigned Board members. Ms. Truluck stated that she was under the impression that the Board will not amend the agenda the day of the meeting to review additional applications. She voiced her concerns regarding the shortages of SLP's in Delaware. The Board advised Ms. Truluck, that the Board cannot create incentives for SLP's to apply for licensure in Delaware, which would decrease the shortages, due to Delaware not having an SLP Program.

Ms. Williams advised Ms. Truluck, that the Board decides on a case by case basis, if they will amend the agenda to review a completed application. Although, the application states that all documents must be submitted at least ten working days before the scheduled Board meeting, it is up to the discretion of the Board.

Ms. Truluck stated that applicants are coming to her, requesting her help in the licensure process. The Board advised Ms. Truluck, that it is the responsibility of the applicants to make sure all documents are received by the Board and to check the status of their pending applications. The Board also advised Ms. Truluck, that any applicant that has questions regarding their pending application should contact the Division of Professional Regulation directly. There needs to be a clear delineation between Delaware Speech and Hearing Association (DSHA) and the Board.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at 2:00 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. Coats, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica M. Williams

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