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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Speech Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	October 8, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Michael Michelli, Professional Member, President
Carol Guilbert, Public Member, Secretary
Regina Bilton, Professional Member
Illene Courtright, Professional Member
Dr. Cynthia Parker, Professional Member
Dr. Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member
George Christensen, Public Member
Maisha Britt, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II
Kay Warren, Deputy Director
James Collins, Director

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Michelli called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 13, 2008 meeting. Mr. Christensen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Parker, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review Strategic Plan

Mr. Christensen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Michelli, to leave this item as a standing agenda item. There is nothing to add at this time. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Letter from Kathleen Gallion Requesting Approval to Take the HAD Exam

The Board reviewed a letter from Kathleen Gallion, in which she requested to be allowed to sit for the HAD exam without obtaining a temporary HAD license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to approve Ms. Gallion to sit for the exam without obtaining a temporary HAD license. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Additional Documentation for the Previously PTD Application for Temporary Audiologist Paula Moore

The Board reviewed the additional documentation submitted by Ms. Moore and found that her AuD degree has now been conferred. The board still had questions regarding the reason she submitted a CFY plan after she had already started her CFY, and why her application indicated that she obtained her master's degree in August 2007, but the transcript indicated that the degree was conferred in May 2008. Ms. Moore was present at the meeting and answered questions posed by the Board. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to rescind the decision made in September to PTD Ms. Moore's application. Motion unanimously carried. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Dr. Parker, to approve Ms. Moore's application for temporary audiologist. Motion unanimously carried.

Sunset Review Update

Ms. Slaughter advised the Board that the Joint Sunset Committee questionnaire was completed and forwarded to the Joint Sunset Committee prior to the deadline.

At the request of Ms. Warren, Ms. Slaughter provided the Board with a document from ASHA's website which shows state licensure trends. This document shows which states currently regulate support staff, such as assistants or aides, and the requirements for registration or licensure. Ms. Warren requested that the Board review this document and have some discussion regarding the use of support staff and why there is opposition. This topic will likely come up during the Joint Sunset Review hearing since there was a task force assigned by the governor to determine why there is a shortage of SLPs in Delaware. Some of the reasons provided for opposing the use of support staff, specifically SLPAs, are as follows: too much time would be spent supervising the SLPA, there are no programs in Delaware to train them, they would have no clinical training, and the quality of service would be compromised. It was mentioned that there are some groups that may possibly support the use of SLPAs such as: public schools, nursing home administrators, and parents. This topic will be discussed further at the October meeting.

Ms. Slaughter provided the board members with a copy of the final report submitted by the Governor's Task Force on Licensed Speech-Language Pathologists.

A brief discussion took place regarding telepractice. At the request of Ms. Courtright, Ms. Slaughter provided the Board with a copy of a PowerPoint presentation from ASHA's website regarding telepractice. This topic will be discussed further at the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Permanent Speech Pathologist Applications

The Board reviewed Marisa Wengryn's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to approve the application contingent upon receipt of an official transcript, which provides the date her degree was conferred. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Andrea Hedrick Cavaioli's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Courtright, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Dorothy Huss' application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Courtright, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Atousa Parsarad-Nagas' application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Courtright, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Continuing Education Activities

Ms. Courtright made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bilton, to approve the following continuing education as noted below:

Licensee: Kim Schulenburg
Sponsor: Christiana Care
Activity: PEG Tubes in Adults
Contact Hours: 2
Category: CS

Sponsor: Bayada Nurses
Activity: Special Children, Special Needs: A Team Approach to Meeting Challenges
Contact Hours: 6
Category: CS

Sponsor: Health ED
Activity: 52 Practical Strategies for Asperger's Syndrome, Non-verbal Learning Disorder & High Functioning Autism
Contact Hours: 6
Category: CS

Sponsor: Delaware Association for Home and Community Care
Activity: Home Care Tract
Contact Hours: 6
Category: PG

Sponsor: Delaware Association for Home and Community Care
Activity: Private Duty Tract
Contact Hours: 6
Category: PG

Sponsor: Delaware Association for Home and Community Care
Activity: Hospice Tract
Contact Hours: 6
Category: PG

Licensee: Kathleen Gallion
Sponsor: Cochlear Americas
Activity: Implant Options: Freedom and the BAHA Systems
Contact Hours: 3
Category: CS

Motion unanimously carried.

Assign Complaint Contact

The following complaint was assigned a board contact as noted below:

Complaint #30-06-08 – Assigned to Dr. Connolly-Gaskin

Other Business before the Board

There was no other business before the Board at this time.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence at this time.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

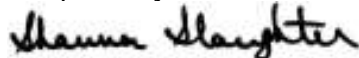
Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2008, at 2:00, in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shauna Slaughter
Administrative Specialist II