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<b>PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:</b>	<b>Board of Speech Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers</b>
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME:</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>PLACE:</b>	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room B</b> second floor of the Cannon Building
<b>MINUTES APPROVED</b>	November 12, 2008

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General  
Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Regina Bilton, Professional Member  
Maisha Britt, Public Member

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Michelli called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the September 10, 2008 meeting. Mr. Christensen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion unanimously carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Review Strategic Plan

There was nothing added or changed at this time.

## **Sunset Review Update and Discussion**

### **Discussion Regarding the Use of SLP Aides/Assistants**

A discussion took place regarding the use of SLP Aides or Assistants. The reasons provided for opposing the use of support staff, specifically SLPAs, are as follows: there are no programs in Delaware to train them, too much time would be spent supervising the SLPA, they would have no clinical training, and the quality of service would be compromised. The SLP members of the Board do not feel that Delaware Speech Language Pathologists are in favor of using SLPAs or assistants.

### **Discussion Regarding Telepractice**

A discussion took place regarding telepractice. Virginia currently uses telepractice. The Board agrees that if telepractice were allowed the quality would need to match the quality of face to face service. The statute would need to be specific regarding the requirements, and a Delaware license should be required to treat Delaware clients. The Board will look into what other states are doing in regard to telepractice. They feel that they should be proactive in regards to implementing telepractice in an effective manner.

Additional discussion took place regarding the need to change the continuing education requirements for licensees. The Board also briefly discussed the possibility of issuing a combined license for audiologists who also dispense hearing aids. These are changes that the Board may want to make when the statute is open during Sunset Review.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Review Permanent Speech Pathologist Applications**

The Board reviewed Kelly Diamond'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 Marielle Schank'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 Kandace MacKeen's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Courtright, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review Permanent Hearing Aid Dispenser Application**

The Board reviewed Rebecca Huzzy's application for a permanent hearing aid dispenser license. Dr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review Temporary Hearing Aid Dispenser Application**

The Board reviewed Susanne Abate's application for a temporary hearing aid dispenser license. Dr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

### Review of Continuing Education Activities

Ms. Courtright made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve the following continuing education as noted below:

Licensee: Licensee: Marie Oettel  
Sponsor: Medical Education Services, Inc. – Professional Development Network  
Activity: Reading & Literacy: Multi-Sensory Strategies & Interventions  
Contact Hours: 6  
Category: CS

Sponsor: Christiana Care Health System  
Activity: Causes of Birth Defects  
Contact Hours: 1.5  
Category: PG

Sponsor: Healthcare Information Network, Inc.  
Activity: SNF PPS Update 2008  
Contact Hours: 6  
Category: PG

Motion unanimously carried.

### Review Consent Agreement – Complaint #30-04-07

The Board reviewed a Consent Agreement for complaint #30-04-07. Ms. Courtright recused herself from the discussion and vote. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Dr. Parker, to accept the Consent Agreement. Motion unanimously carried.

### Schedule 2009 Meeting Dates

Ms. Slaughter advised the Board that the November meeting in 2009 will fall on Veteran's Day, and will need to be scheduled on a different day. The Board suggested November 4, 2009. Ms. Slaughter will check to see if a conference room is available. The Board will discuss this further at the next meeting. All other meeting dates for 2009 will be scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month, except for April and December when there are no meetings scheduled.

### **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.

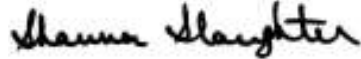
### **Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., 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 2:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shauna Slaughter".

Shauna Slaughter

Administrative Specialist II