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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF

Administrative Action

SUSAN PLOTNIK
LICENSE NO: 41YS00720200

FINAL DECISION AFTER UPL

PRACTICING SPEECH LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY

This matter was opened before the New Jersey State Audiology And Speech Language Pathology Advisory Committee ("the Advisory Committee ("the Committee") upon the issuance of a Uniform Penalty Letter ("UPL") to Susan Plotnik (hereinafter referred to as "the Respondent"), for the violation of the following:
N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.2 and 6.6 as licensees are required to obtain 20 continuing professional education (CPE) hours per biennial renewal and the CPE hours must be accredited by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, or accredited or sponsored by a local, state or national audiology and speech-language pathology professional organization, local, state, or Federal education or health agency, or a local, state or national, medical, psychological, dental or similar professional organization. Courses accepted for credit by the National Registry on Continuing Education or by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association will be given credit by the Committee.

A UPL was served upon Respondent on April 2, 2015 by regular mail and certified mail with return receipt requested to Respondent's address of record at 107 Ashley Avenue, Lakewood, New Jersey 08701. Respondent was accorded 20 business days to acknowledge the charge: (1) settle the matter and desist from further violations and pay a penalty; (2) waive a hearing and submit a written explanation of the charge, or (3) request a formal administrative hearing.

Correspondence was received on April 29, 2015, which expressed Respondent's desire to waive a hearing and submit mitigation information and accept the Committee's determination. Respondent provided to the Committee proof of satisfactory completion of 10 CPE hours for the November 1, 2013 to October 31, 2015 renewal period. A review of the submitted CPE proofs demonstrated that you completed 10 CPE hours after the October 31, 2013 deadline. Upon review the Committee has accepted the 20 CE hours although untimely received and reduced the penalty imposed by the previous UPL from \$500.00 to \$250.00.

Accordingly, IT IS on this 9 day of December, 2015

ORDERED as follows:

1. The Committee accepts 10 hours submitted after the applicable renewal date to qualify for completion of your outstanding 2013- 2015 CE credits

2. The 10 continuing professional education credits submitted to satisfy this order cannot be used towards the next biennial renewal.

3. Respondent's license to practice as a speech language pathologist remains active.

4. Respondent shall be assessed a civil penalty of \$250.00 for violation of N.J.A.C 13:44C-6.2. Payments shall be made in full within 15 days from the filing date of this Order.

Payment shall be made by certified check, bank cashier check, or money order payable to "State of New Jersey or by wire transfer, direct deposit or credit card payment. Any other form of payment shall be rejected and will be returned to the party making the payment.

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By: Hilda Pressman
Hilda Pressman, Chair