

**Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
Advisory Committee
Minutes of May 9, 2002
Public Session Minutes**

Roll Call

Celeste A. Wood, Anne M. Eckert, Sandra M. Friedland, Sheila Kotler and Theresa E. Bartolotta..

Absent

Deborah F. Rosin, M.D., Louis J. Conte, D.O., and Freda Renz-Spagnola

Also Present

Pamela S. McClure, Executive Director
Marianne Greenwald, Deputy Attorney General
Linda Jones, Administrative Staff

Present (Guests)

Kevin Walsh, P.A., Board of Medical Examiners
Hilda Pressman
William Roche
Susan Hiss, M.D.
Trisha Russo
Anthony Miragliotta, Deputy Director

Call to Order

A quorum being present, the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:28 P.M., 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey, all members having been notified of time, date, place and materials pertinent thereto having been provided.

Sunshine Law

In compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Law of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of the notice filed with the Secretary of State, Trenton Times, the Star Ledger, the Courier-Post and the Record.

I NEW JERSEY SPEECH-LANGUAGE HEARING ASSOCIATION

The New Jersey Speech-Language Hearing Association made a presentation to the Committee on Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) and FEES with Sensory Testing (FEEST). The Association emphasized the importance of these tests as they relate to proper hydration and nourishment, by taking the guesswork out of what the least restrictive diet patients can tolerate would be.

Next Steps: The issues discussed, such as doing the procedure in extended care/nursing home facilities vs. medical facilities, will be raised with the Executive Committee of the Medical Board. An opinion on FEES becoming part of the scope of practice of speech-language pathologists will be forthcoming.

II Approval of March 14, 2002 Open Session Minutes.

Motion made by Sheila Kotler to accept the minutes, seconded by Anne M. Eckert. MOTION ACCEPTED

III LEGISLATION

The Committee unanimously supported S1224 which provides for fingerprinting of certain applicants or employees and exchange of criminal history records. Motion made by Theresa E. Bartolotta, seconded by Anne M. Eckert. MOTION ACCEPTED.

Anne M. Eckert moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Sheila Kotler at 3:06 P.M., to approve the minutes of March 14, 2002, and to review two (2) consumer complaints. Pursuant to the Committee's investigative authority in order to determine

whether violations of law, including Committee regulations, have occurred. The results of these deliberations will be known when and if the Committee determines to initiate disciplinary or other action. If the Committee determines to issue a Uniform Penalty Letter, that action will be taken in Public Session immediately after the Executive Session..

Respectfully Submitted,
AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Pamela S. McClure, Executive Director