

**Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
Advisory Committee**

**Public Session Minutes
July 10, 2003 - 1:00 p.m.**

Roll Call

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

Absent

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

Also Present

Renee Pearson Clark, Executive Director Marianne Greenwald, Deputy Attorney General

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 1:00 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.

II Approval of May 8, 2003 Public Session Minutes

Motion made by Anne M. Eckert to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Sheila Kotler. PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

III CORRESPONDENCE

Letter and documentation received from Barbara L. Nichols, MS, DHL, RN, FAAN, Chief Executive Officer, International Commission on Healthcare Professions (ICHP), requesting assistance in the review of the proposed Audiology Standards that the ICHP will use to evaluate Audiology applicants to its VisaScreen program.

Committee office directed to send letter along with statute booklet indicating section devoted to minimal standards for licensure in New Jersey.

IV NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of content for upcoming newsletter.

Committee members discussed delegating different topics for the newsletter to different members. All members are to bring their various sections to the September 11th meeting, for preparation and submission to newsletter coordinator of Consumer Affairs.

V OLD BUSINESS

Proposed changes to the ASHA Model Licensure Bill

Subcommittee members, Anne M. Eckert and Theresa E. Bartolotta, to update the Committee on their findings.

Subcommittee members tabled this until the September meeting, and request attendance of regulatory analyst Charles Manning.

VI FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. The upcoming renewal of licenses will be issued with the wallet ID card.

B. Memorandum and two letters received from the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (NCSB).

VII LEGISLATION

Anne M. Eckert brought in Senate Bill 2556/Assembly Bill 3662 The bills provide that only physicians may perform needle electromyography or interpret nerve condition studies and evoked potentials.

Audiologists perform evoked potential therapies because it is in their scope of practice (see 13:44c-7.1 number 3.)

The Committee would strike "only Physicians may perform evoked potentials"; it is presently within the scope of audiologists and they do interpret and perform evoked potentials regularly. Motion made by Sheila Kotler, seconded by Theresa E. Bartolotta. PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Sheila Kotler moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Theresa E. Bartolotta at 2:00 P.M., to approve the minutes of May 8, 2003, and review one matter and one Investigative Inquiry. 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

Renee Pearson Clark, Executive Director