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AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MARCH 17, 2011 PUBLIC MINUTES

ROLL CALL

PRESENT Anne Eckert, Nancy Schneider, Hilda Pressman, Gerard Caracciolo and Louis Conte

ABSENT Sharon Shinkle Gardner

ALSO PRESENT Renee P. Clark, Executive Director
Sonia Claudino, Administrative Staff
Nancy Miller, DAG
Sasha Rashid, Division of Law Intern

CALL TO ORDER The regular bimonthly meeting of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee was called to order at 124 Halsey Street at 9:00 a.m., all members having been notified of the time, date and place, and materials pertinent hereto having been provided.

SUNSHINE LAW In compliance with Chapter 231 the Public Law of 1975, notice of this meeting was given to the Trenton Times, the Star Ledger, the Courier-Post and the Record.

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 20, 2011

A motion was made by Gerard Caracciolo, seconded by Louis Conte to approve the public session minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

II REGULATORY ANALYST

- a. Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst discussed draft to rules on Ethics and Jurisprudence. A motion was made by Anne Eckert, seconded by Gerard Caracciolo to approve the discussed changes. Regulatory analyst to make changes and discuss at the next scheduled Committee meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- b. Assembly No. 3851
After review the Committee determined that they would expect the legislature to consider the regulation and interest of public employees prior to discussing it with the public. A motion was made by Louis Conti, seconded by Hilda Pressman to have Renee Clark, Executive Director notify the Committee's response to the assembly.

III WEBSITE UPDATES

- a. Updates to FAQ-After discussion Chair directed that the old FAQ's be posted on the website as well as the updated ones. Chair requested that FAQ's be moved to licensee information, change CEU to CE units and on questions 4, 5, 6 and 8 add Yes to the beginning of the answer.
- b. Top 5 Consumer Questions-Chair to submit draft of answers for the next scheduled meeting. Committee member Anne Eckert to submit draft of answer to question number 2.
- c. Website list for Consumers-Chair directed for website list to be posted on the Committee's website under consumer information.
- d. Committee member Gerard Caracciolo to publish FAQ's on Voices newsletter.

IV NEW BUSINESS

- a. Suggestions for modification to regulation to be submitted by Committee Member, Hilda Pressman for review at the next scheduled Committee meeting.

V CORRESPONDENCE

- a. After review of correspondence from Robert M. DiSogra from New Jersey Academy of Audiology a motion was made by Hilda Pressman, seconded by Anne Eckert to send Dr. DiSogra correspondence stating a response to the following questions:

1. What form(s) of documentation is (are) acceptable to show that a seminar or workshop qualified for ASHA, AAA or ADA continuing education credit?

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.3 the licensee shall verify attendance at approved continuing education programs by a certificate of attendance or by a statement from the instructor of the offering. The verification shall include the name of the licensee, the name of the sponsor, the title, location and date of the offering, the signature of a program official and the number of continuing education hours.

2. A New Jersey licensed Audiologist being supervised in New Jersey would have to be supervised either by a physician or an audiologist licensed in New Jersey who has already met the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:44-7.1 A(e)?

Yes, a New Jersey licensed Audiologist being supervised in New Jersey would have to be supervised either by a physician or an audiologist licensed in New Jersey who has already met the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:44-7.1A(e) 1-2.

V CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

2. Continued

Can an audiologist return to New Jersey and perform cerumen management with their documentation of having taken a course and observation/practicum given in Chicago by an audiologist who is a nationally known expert and author on cerumen management who is licensed in the State of Georgia?

No. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44(c)7.1(e) in addition to the education requirements, a licensed audiologist shall complete the following prior to performing cerumen management:

1. Observe a minimum of 2 cerumen management procedures using a cerumen loop, 2 cerumen management procedures using gentle water irrigation and 2 cerumen management procedures using suction performed by either a licensed audiologist who has met the requirements of this section, an audiologist authorized to perform cerumen management in another state or a physician; and
2. Successfully perform, under the supervision of a licensed audiologist who has met the requirements of this section, an audiologist authorized to perform cerumen management in another state or physician, a minimum of 2 cerumen management procedures using a cerumen loop, 2 cerumen management procedures using gentle water irrigation and 2 cerumen management procedures using suction.
3. What form of documentation would be needed if the observation and supervision of the three removal procedures occurred in New Jersey (supervised by a licensed New Jersey audiologist who has met the requirements to perform cerumen management in New Jersey or a physician) by not part of a workshop?

A daily signed log should be maintained which should include, names, dates and procedures.

VI FYI

- a. National Practitioner Data Bank-Chair directed for staff to find out if other Boards or Committee's are using the National Practitioner Data Bank.
- b. Updated Stakeholder List-The Committee reviewed the list for informational purposes.
- c. The Committee reviewed the American Academy of Audiology's Annual Convention notice for informational purposes.
- d. Chandrani B. Ray fully complied with Consent Order. The Committee reviewed it for informational purposes.
- e. Erica B. Piche complied with Settlement Letter. The Committee reviewed it for information purposes.
- f. Esther Grossman complied with Consent Order. The Committee reviewed for informational purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Gerard Caracciolo made a motion to proceed to Executive Session, seconded by Hilda Pressman, to consider and review, applications, consumer complaints and other information received 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 made known when, and if, the Committee determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement actions. If the Committee chooses to issue a Uniform Penalty Letter, the action will be taken in Public Session immediately after the Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted
AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY COMMITTEE

Renee P. Clark, Executive Director