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AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES MARCH 21, 2013

ROLL CALL

PRESENT Anne Eckert, Gerard Caracciolo, Nancy Schneider, Louis Conte and Chetan S. Shah.

ABSENT Sharon Shinkle Gardner and Hilda Pressman (excused absence)

ALSO PRESENT Renee P. Clark, Executive Director
Carmen A. Rodriguez, DAG
Sonia Claudino, Administrative Staff

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 sent to the Courier-Post and the Record.

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 17, 2013 MEETING

A motion was made by Gerard Caracciolo, seconded by Chetan S. Shah to approve the public session minutes with minor changes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

II OLD BUSINESS

- a. Anne Eckert to submit draft of information in regards to hearing testing to add to FAQ's.
- b. Committee member Gerard Caracciolo discussed new ASHA terms for CFY so it can be changed on the Committee's website.

III WEBSITE REVIEW

Committee President stated that the changes recommended previously were not implemented on the website. Executive Director to follow up.

IV CORRESPONDENCE

- a. The Committee reviewed correspondence from David Cooper in regards to Newborn Hearing Re-Screening.

After review a motion was made by Anne Eckert, seconded by Gerard Caracciolo to send Mr. Cooper a letter stating that he is permitted by regulation to practice audiological services within a home providing the care offered meets professional standards and follows all applicable regulations. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- b. The Committee reviewed correspondence from Joan Bruno in regards to telepractice concerns.

After review a motion was made by Gerard Caracciolo, seconded by Chetan Shah to send Ms. Bruno a letter thanking her for her correspondence and **inform** her that the Committee agrees with her determination and to forward any inquiries regarding the appropriateness of telepractice in New Jersey to the Committee. In addition Ms. Bruno may want to approach her legislative representative to effect a change in the regulation. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

V FYI

- a. N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.2, 3.4, and 4.1 were published in the NJ Register on February 19, 2013. Comment period ends April 20, 2013.
- b. N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.1 and 6.4, N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.6 and N.J.A.C. 13:44C 6.2, 6.3 and 6.5 were published in the NJ Register on February 19, 2013.

Comment period ends on April 20, 2013.

- c. Sue Clampitt completed the continuing education requirements for the 2011-2013 renewal period. This Committee reviewed this for informational purposes.

Gerard Caracciolo made a motion to proceed to Executive Session, seconded by Anne Eckert, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Anne Eckert, seconded by Gerard Caracciolo to adjourn the meeting at 2:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted
AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
COMMITTEE

Renee Clark, Executive Director