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### **AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES MAY 17, 2012 MINUTES**

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#### **ROLL CALL**

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

**ALSO PRESENT** Renee P. Clark, Executive Director  
Carmen 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**

March 15, 2012

A motion was made by Hilda Pressman, seconded by Anne Eckert to approve the public session minutes with minor changes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### **II REGULATORY ANALYST**

- a. Discussion with Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst regarding regulatory language for continuing education rules. Chair Directed that this matter be reviewed by a sub Committee. Executive Director to arrange a meeting date.
- b. Discussion of draft regulation in regards to the identification of licensees as per the Physical Therapy Board. Chair Directed that this matter be reviewed by a sub Committee. Executive Director to arrange a meeting date.

## II REGULATORY ANALYST (cont.)

- c. Discussion of Continuing Education Audit Sponsorship (Institute for Brain Potential). Chair Directed that this matter be reviewed by a sub Committee. Executive Director to arrange a meeting date.

## III OLD BUSINESS

- a. Gerard Caracciolo to discuss comparison of ASHA's Academy of Code of Ethics to New Jersey Law for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. Chair directed for this matter to be tabled to the July 19, 2012 Committee meeting.
- b. Response from William P. Gordon, Ph.D., Institute for Brain Potential to the March 28, 2012 Committee letter requesting information as to how the course meets the requirements for continuing education credits pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:44C-6.6(b). After a motion was made by Hilda Pressman, seconded by Gerard Caracciolo to send Mr. Gordon a letter stating that after review the Committee determined that The Institute for Brain Potential qualifies as an approved sponsor pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:44C-6.6(b). However individual courses must be reviewed by the Committee to make sure that they are related to the practice of Speech Language Pathology or Audiology as required by N.J.S.A. 13;44C-6.6(a). The motion carried by unanimous vote.

## IV CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Correspondence received from Kelly I. Harner, Program Director at Dynamic Therapeutic Services in regards to questions on clinical internship requirements. After review a motion was made by Gerard Caracciolo, seconded by Louis Conti to send Ms. Harner a letter responding to Ms. Harner's questions:
- Q. Will a NY Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist fit under the description, as New York State has standards substantially equivalent to New Jersey State, and have the ability to supervise clinical fellow applicants in the State of New Jersey, as they perform work within the state?
- A. A licensed New York Speech-Language Pathologist will have to be licensed in the State of New Jersey to be allowed to supervise clinical interns.
- Q. Is there a list of states which fall under substantially equivalent?
- A. There is no list, the Committee reviews each State requirements on a case by case basis.
- Q. Clarification on the use of SKYPE, with appropriate parental consent, to be used as face-to-face observations and/or evaluations during some of the required face time between clinical fellow applicants and supervisors.
- A. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.5 (g) the supervisor shall provide a minimum of one hour of on-site direct supervision for each 20 hours of direct, face -to-face evaluation or therapeutic services rendered by the supervisee. Supervision shall take place not less than once a month. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### IV CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

- b. Department of Health & Human Services in regards to Hi HealthInnovations Online Hearing Test. The Committee reviewed correspondence for informational purposes.
- c. For Committee review, correspondence from Drew Franklin, MBA, FACMPE, Director of Business & Revenue Strategies at ENT and Allergy Associates in regards to Audiology Students. After review a motion was made by Anne Eckert, seconded by Hilda Pressman to send Mr. Franklin a letter advising him that it is not permitted for Audiology students to work upon graduation without first obtaining a license. However, to expedite the process, the Committee will allow students to submit their license application two months prior to graduation date and advise they can download applications and obtain license requirements and important information at the Committee's website at [www.njdivisionofconsumeraffairs.gov/aud](http://www.njdivisionofconsumeraffairs.gov/aud). The motion carried by unanimous vote.

#### V WEBSITE REVIEW

Nancy Schneider, Committee President inquired about the status of the following requested internet changes from the May 17, 2012 Committee meeting. Executive Director to follow up on the following changes:

1. The website link for the New Jersey Hearing Health Directory needs to be changed.  
From [www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/ehdi/documents/audiologist\\_directory.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/ehdi/documents/audiologist_directory.pdf)  
To New Jersey Pediatric Hearing Healthcare Directory (NJ EHDI Program-NJ Department of Health) [www.hearinghelp4kids.nj.gov](http://www.hearinghelp4kids.nj.gov).
2. Add an asterisk (indicating that the site is available in Spanish to the American Academy of Otolaryngology; Head and Neck Surgery, The Stuttering Foundation and New Jersey Parent to Parent.
3. Entirely remove NJ State NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Program  
[www.Njstbbc.org/deaf and hard of hearing awareness program](http://www.Njstbbc.org/deaf_and_hard_of_hearing_awareness_program)

Executive Director to find out how many hits does the Committee's website get.

## VI FYI

- a. The Committee reviewed correspondence from the National Council of State Boards of Examinations correspondence regarding Call for Nominations for Honors of the Council for informational purposes.
- b. The following Uniform Penalty Letters were withdrawn because the licensee is in Inactive status:
  1. Elizabeth Schulz
  2. Nicolina Melton
  3. Heather Lauren Jacobs
  4. Sharon L. Einbinder
  5. Annelee Dechter
  6. JoAnn Cliff
- c. The following licensees complied with the continuing education requirements, therefore the Uniform Penalty letter issued has been withdrawn:
  1. Lura D. Sullivan
  2. Carol A. Rivera-Kron
  3. Adina Gettinger
- d. Zissy Bash-Neuman agreed to make her license inactive and paid the assessed civil penalty as one of the choices indicated on the February 22, 2011 Uniform Penalty Letter.

## ADJOURNMENT

Hilda Pressman 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.

Respectfully submitted  
AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY  
COMMITTEE

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Renee P. Clark, Executive Director