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AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MAY 19, 2011 PUBLIC MINUTES

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ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT Nancy Schneider and 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 9:30 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

March 17, 2011

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

II REGULATORY ANALYST

- a. Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst discussed the jurisprudence examination.

For Committee review, Charles Manning to have MIS present online Board of Medical Examiners Ethics Course, already approved by Governor's Committee, at the next scheduled Committee meeting.

III OLD BUSINESS

- a. Committee member Hilda Pressman discussed suggestions for modification to regulations on current standards. After review the Committee determined that the standards of practice does not have to be put in regulations.

Committee member Gerard Caracciolo to report to the Committee at its next scheduled meeting how many States have a Code of Ethics.

Committee member, Anne Eckert to provide a copy of the American Academy of Audiology's Code of Ethics for the next scheduled Committee meeting.

Committee member Hilda Pressman to provide a copy of the American Speech and Hearing Association's standards of practice for the next scheduled Committee meeting.

Committee member Anne Eckert to report at the next scheduled Committee meeting whether or not changes need to be made to the statutes in regards to Audiology standards.

- b. Committee member Hilda Pressman discussed Support Personnel. She informed the Committee that ASHA is not advocating and will be removing Assistant support personnel.

Committee member, Gerard Caracciolo to inform the Committee at its next scheduled meeting why ASHA does not support Assistant support personnel.

IV NEW BUSINESS

- a. ASHA policy change
- b. The Committee reviewed correspondence from Sue A. Goldman from the New Jersey Speech-Language-Hearing Association. After review Chair directed that a letter be sent to Ms. Goldman stating that if a private agency employs a person to work in a public or private school a license would be required because the employee is paid by the private entity and is not an employee of the school.

IV NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

- c. Committee discussed a way to inform new licensees how many continuing education hours are needed according to the initial date of licensure.

V FYI

- a. Ilana H. Penna complied with the Uniform Penalty Letter. The committee reviewed it for informational purposes.
- b. Joan A. Fink voluntarily surrendered her license as per one of the choices on the Uniform Penalty Letter. The Committee reviewed if for informational purposes.
- c. Geraldine Rallo complied with Consent Order. The committee reviewed it for informational purposes.
- d. Jodie Lewis-Guitman has complied with the Uniform Penalty Letter. The committee reviewed it for informational purposes.
- e. Melissa Abraham voluntarily surrendered her license as per one of the choices on the Uniform Penalty Letter. The Committee reviewed if for informational purposes.
- f. Deborah Taylor's Uniform Penalty Letter issued March 16, 2011 was withdrawn on April 1, 2011. The Committee reviewed it 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