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ROLL CALL

PRESENT Anne Eckert, Gerard Caracciolo, Nancy Schneider, Chetan S. Shah
(left 12:30pm) and Hilda Pressman.

EXCUSED Louis Conte

ABSENT Sharon Shinkle Gardner

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

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 2014 MEETING DATES

A motion was made by Gerard Caracciolo, seconded by Anne Eckert to approve the following 2014 meeting dates:

January 16, 2014
March 20, 2014
May 15, 2014
July 17, 2014
September 18, 2014
November 20, 2014

III REGULATORY ANALYST

- a. Charles Manning to discussed adoptions and comments for:
1. N.J.A.C. 13:44C-3.2, 3.4, 4.1 and 5.2 requirements for licensure without examination due to licensure in another state; renewal of license; requirements for temporary licensure
 2. N.J.A.C. 13:44C6.1 and 6.4 license renewal; allocation of credit; documentation of continuing education credits; excess hours credited to subsequent renewal period; waiver of requirements; additional continuing education requirements; subjects; sponsors.

After review a motion was made by Anne Eckert, seconded by Dr. Shah to approve responses to comments. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- b. The Committee reviewed Assembly No. 2882 which requires professional boards to provide credits toward requirements for licensure for veterans with substantially equivalent training. This is for informational purposes.

IV OLD BUSINESS

- a. Anne Eckert discussed draft for FAQ's in regards to hearing testing. Chair directed to add this matter to the Committee's website under consumer information.
- b. Committee member Gerard Caracciolo discussed the new ASHA term for CFY to be changed on the Committee's website. Chair directed Hilda Pressman to review the Committee's website. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

V NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gerard Caracciolo recommended that the Committee only accept proof of ASHA CCC with an official ASHA verification letter not a downloaded copy from their website.

After review, Chair directed that only an official ASHA verification letter will be accepted.

- b. Acting Executive Director, Dorcas O'Neal, informed the Committee in regard to the Go Forward scanning project for fiscal year 2014 which involves all applications being scanned once a license is issued.
- c. National Council of State Boards of Examiners (NCSB) Elections 2013. A motion was made by Hilda Pressman, seconded by Gerard Caracciolo to vote for Gregg Givens for President-Elect and Dorren Oyadomari and Vicke Pullins for Board of Directors.

VI WEBSITE REVIEW

After review Chair directed that the following changes be made to the Committee's website:

1. Add asterisks to the following websites on our Useful Links webpage (which will indicate that the sites are available in Spanish):

American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery*

Stuttering Foundation of America*

New Jersey Statewide Parent to Parent*

2. Edit the following websites currently under Useful Links:

Change

American Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Association
www.acpa.cpf.org and 800-242-5338

To

American Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Association - Cleft Palate
Foundation* (there needs to be an asterisk for this website)
www.cleftline.org
800-242-5338

VI WEBSITE REVIEW (cont.)

3. John Tracy Clinic
www.jtc.org
Add their phone number: 213-748-5481

4. New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh

Please remove: 609-984-7281
replace with the following:
609-588-2648 (Voice and TTY)
800-792-8339 (toll free Voice and TTY line in NJ only)
609-503-4862 (VP)

5. Add the following to the: Grace's Law website
Don't remove original posting for the Grace's Law information. This additional information is a supplement so that Spanish speaking consumers can view the same information as in the English link.

For a copy of this brochure ("Ley de Grace") in Spanish, go to:
www.spannj.org/familywrap/Grace%20law-pressSpanishv2.pdf

6. Behavioral Health Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing
www.stjosephshealth.org

Change ACCESS
(click on the "Health services Search" box to find ACCESS)

To:
(click on "Quicklink" and then click on the "Behavioral Health Services" box to find ACCESS)

7. Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
www.agbell.org
202-337-5220

Change to:
The Listening and Spoken Language Knowledge Center -
Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
www.listeningandspokenlanguage.org
202-337-5220

8. Members link
Include Dr. Shah's full name , Chetan S. Shah, MD.

VII CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Pamela Randolph submitted an inquiry as to whether an SLP can act on verbal orders from a physician to change a diet.

After review a motion was made by Gerard Caracciolo, seconded by Anne Eckert to send Ms. Randolph a letter advising her that she must consult her employer in regards to its policies and procedures. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- b. Maureen Hagan submitted an inquiry in regards to the limited number of graduate schools offering a Master Degree in NJ offering Speech-Language Pathology.

After review, a motion was made by Hilda Pressman, seconded by Gerard Caracciolo to advise Ms. Hagan to contact the Department of Higher Education or ASHA as the Committee does not have any jurisdiction in regards to New Jersey graduate schools. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- c. Lara Alfone from Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Tinton Falls submitted correspondence in regards to Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of the Swallow (FEES).

After review a motion was made by Hilda Pressman, seconded by Gerard Caracciolo to advise Ms. Alfone to seek independent counsel. In addition a copy of the Committee's regulation on FEES. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- d. Desiree Cappuccio inquired as to whether a Speech Language Pathologist should be able to change patients diets when consulted.

After review a motion was made by Gerard Caracciolo, seconded by Dr. Shah to send Ms. Cappuccio a letter recommending that she contact ASHA and refer to hospital policies. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- e. Richard Wesler, Tinton Falls School District submitted correspondence requesting clarification regarding the recently adopted amendments as indicated in correspondence from Robert R. Higgins, Ph.D., Director Office of Certification and Induction and Peggy McDonald, Director Office of Special Education Programs of the Department of Education in regards to the elimination of the Emergency Speech Certificate; amendments to requirements for Speech-Language Specialists.

After review, Chair directed that this matter be tabled for the September 18, 2013 Committee meeting.

VII CORRESPONDENCE

- f. Yehudis Brown submitted an inquiry as to whether some of her continuing education hours would meet the Committee's requirements for continuing education.

After review a motion was made by Anne Ecker, seconded by Hilda Pressman to refer Ms. Brown to N.J.A.C.13:44C-6.6 which states that acceptable continuing professional education shall be related to the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology, accredited by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education or accredited or sponsored by a local, state or national audiology and speech-language pathology professional organization, local, state, or Federal education or health agency or a local, state or national medical, psychological, dental or similar professional organization. Courses accepted for credit by the National Registry on Continuing Education or by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association will be given credit by the Committee as set forth N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.2. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VIII FYI

- a. The Committee reviewed Nancy Schneider's response in regards to Senate Bill No. 2727 which establishes "Study Commission on E-Licensing" 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 1:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted
AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY COMMITTEE

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Acting Executive Director