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AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE JULY 21, 2011 PUBLIC MINUTES

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT Louis Conte and Sharon Shinkle Gardner

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

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

March 17, 2011

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. Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst presented the online Board of Medical Examiners Ethics Course, already approved by Governor's Committee.

After review Chair directed that Committee members be ready to discuss at the next scheduled meeting whether or not it would be beneficial for the Committee to have applicants take an online Ethics Course before or after they become licensed. Committee president Nancy Schneider to send last draft of law examination questions to be discussed at the next scheduled Committee meeting.

- b. Assembly No. 4185

After review a motion was made by Hilda Pressman, seconded by Anne Eckert to support Assembly No. 4185 if the following changes are made; all levels of providing services are identified and Hearing Aid Dispensers should be included. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

III COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Anne Eckert

1. Anne Eckert to report as to whether or not changes need to be made to the statutes in regards to Audiology standards. After discussion, a motion was made by Gerard Caracciolo, seconded by Hilda Pressman to create a subcommittee to discuss possible changes to statutes in regards to Audiology standards. The sub-Committee, Anne Eckert and Nancy Schneider to meet with Regulatory Analyst, Charles Manning before the next scheduled Committee meeting to discuss possible updates to Audiology regulation.

FAQ's to be added to the next scheduled Committee meeting.

2. Anne Eckert provided for Committee review a copy of the American Academy of Audiology Code of Ethics. After discussion Ms. Eckert requested that this matter be tabled to the next scheduled Committee meeting to give Committee members time to review it.

- b. Gerard Caracciolo

1. Report on how many states have a code of ethics was reviewed by the Committee for informational purposes.
2. Committee member Caracciolo reported that ASHA is not distancing themselves from Assistant Support Personnel and that they are mostly utilized in schools.

IV CORRESPONDENCE

- a. The Committee reviewed correspondence from Dr. Robert M. Disogra indicating the following questions:
1. Does the term “12 hour course” mean a university based course (classroom or on-line) the content of which covers the recommended topics as listed in the Regulation?
 2. Does the term “12 hour course” mean a university sponsored course offered at a national meeting of any of the professional Audiology association the content of which covers the recommended topics as listed in the Regulation?
 3. Does the term “12 hour course” mean a course offered by an individual or individuals recognized as experts in the field of cerumen management the content of which covers the recommended topics as listed in the Regulation?
 4. Does the term “workshop” mean a university based program (not online) the content of which covers the recommended topics as listed in the Regulation?
 5. Does the term “workshop” mean a university sponsored program offered at a national meeting of AAA, ADA, ASHA or any other professional Audiology association the content of which covers the recommended topics as listed in the Regulation?
 6. Does the term “workshop” mean a program offered by an individual or individuals recognized as experts in the field of cerumen management that is given at a national meeting such as AAA, ADA or ASHA the content of which covers the recommended topics as listed in the Regulation?

After review Chair directed for staff to send Dr. DiSogra a letter advising him that N.J.A.C. 13:44C-7.1A does not state that university based but must be approved by either ASHA or AAA; if the course is not sponsored by either of these associations it is not acceptable to the Committee.

V FYI

- a. Kristin Pennypacker voluntarily surrendered her Speech-Language Pathology License as per Interim Order.

ADJOURNMENT

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.

Respectfully submitted
AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY COMMITTEE

Renee P. Clark, Executive Director