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### **AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES NOVEMBER 29, 2012 MINUTES**

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT** Sharon Shinkle Gardner

**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**

September 20, 2012

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

## II REGULATORY ANALYSIS

- a. Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst discussed changes to the Identification tags regulation. After discussion a motion was made by Hilda Pressman, seconded by Louis Conte to accept the new regulation N.J.A.C. 13:44-C-8.8 which states that a licensed Audiologist or Speech-Language Pathologist shall wear an identification tag when engaging in the practice for which he or she is licensed. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- b. The Committee discussed the adoption notice for amendments to the education rules. After discussion, a motion was made by Anne Eckert, seconded by Hilda Pressman to adopt the regulation as proposed but delete 13:44C-3.5(a). The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- c. The Committee discussed Assembly No. 3328 in regards to New Jersey Death with Dignity Act which permits a qualified patient to self-administer medication to end life in a humane and dignified manner. The Committee has no position on the matter.

## III OLD BUSINESS

- a. Hilda Pressman discussed information in regards to Continuing Education FAQ's. After review a motion was made by Anne Eckert, seconded by Louis Conti to have Hilda Pressman submit previous FAQs to NJSHA for posting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- b. Anne Eckert discussed Hearing Testing, First Step in Successful Hearing Aid Fitting. After discussion, Chair directed Anne Eckert to obtain comments from ASHA in regards to the matter and submit for discussion at the next Committee meeting. This matter has been tabled.

## IV WEBSITE REVIEW

Corrections/additions/deletions:

- 1) Add Dr. Shah as a member under category: "Diplomate of the American Board of Otolaryngology.
- 2) Post July 19, 2012 Public Session Minutes.
- 3) Under Consumer Information, Top Consumer Questions, question 3 (Where can I get a list of audiologists or speech language pathologists in my areas?), paragraph 1, should be changed to :  
NJ Department of Health and Senior Services to NJ Department of Health.
- 4) Under Consumer Information, remove "Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Frequently Asked Questions FAQs"

#### IV WEBSITE REVIEW (cont.)

Corrections/additions/deletions (cont.)

- 5) Under Useful links, add an asterisk to each of the following organizations ( which indicates that the information is also available in Spanish:

American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery  
Stuttering Foundation of American  
New Jersey Statewide Parent to Parent

- 6) Under Online Services, in the Licensee Directory, add "Speech-Language Pathology" in the Profession drop down menu (it only lists "Audiology" currently.

#### V FYI

- a. The Committee reviewed Marc Rosenblatt's email in regards to how many hours of webinars can be used per renewal period and response from Renee Clark, Executive Director which advised Mr. Rosenblatt's that the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee regulation limits online CE to 10 hours and he should refer to the regulations regarding acceptable continuing education which can be obtained at the Committee's website [www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/aud](http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/aud) under N.J.A.C. 13:44-6.2.
- b. NCSB Election 2012 Ballot.  
A motion was made by Hilda Pressman, seconded by Anne Eckert to elect Sherri Sancibrian (Texas) for President and Nahale Freeland Kalfas (North Carolina) and Alison Lemke (Iowa) for Board of Directors. Administrative staff to mail in ballot. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- c. Nancy Schneider submitted for information purposes an article from the ASHA Leader in regards to 9 Upsetting Dilemmas in regards to many health care organizations.

## ADJOURNMENT

Anne Eckert made a motion to proceed to Executive Session, seconded by Louis Conti, 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