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AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

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10:00 AM

Consistent with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.1, electronic notice was provided that the New Jersey State Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee held a meeting on July 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was conducted electronically only. A copy of the agenda for the meeting, to the extent presently known, was accessible by clicking the “meetings” tab on the left side of the Committee’s homepage and then clicking “view agenda”. Formal action may be taken at the meeting. Any member of the public who wished to attend the public session of this meeting was invited to do so by clicking the link below:

Public comments were only accepted in writing. Any public comments were to be submitted by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 by emailing Renee Clark, Executive Director at ClarkR@dca.njoag.gov. The email had to contain the name of the submitter. The Committee made its best efforts to read any comments received into the record during the meeting.

I Present:

Nancy Schneider; Janet Koehnke; Martin Shulman;
Jeanine Gleba; Sara Lerner; Lauren Hegyi.

Also Present:

DAG Delia Delisi; Executive Director Renee Clark

Public in attendance:

Robynne Kratchman, SLP; Jacy Lance, lobbyist for NJSHA; Maryrose McInerney, audiologist; Michelle Needleman Kennedy, audiologist.

III Public Session Minutes

May 20, 2021 Public Session Minutes were accepted with amendments. The motion was made by Martin Shulman and seconded by Janet Koehnke. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV Regulatory Analysis (no attachment)

1. Regulatory Analyst Charles Manning held a meeting between Hearing Aid Dispensers Examining Committee and subcommittee of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee. Mr. Manning will discuss certain hearing aid rules which may be appropriate for the committee, due to dual licensure amendment.

Mr. Manning discussed the hearing aid regulation regarding the fitting of a deep ear canal device, the hearing aid advertising rule, the hearing aid rule regarding abandonment of patient.

After discussion, the Committee determined that there would be no need to address these concerns in our regulations at this time due to the fact that they are all routinely followed by audiologists and/or currently included in their training. If the Committee begins to see complaints on these matters, they can revisit these issues at a later date.

2. Mr. Manning discuss the Health Equity Subcommittee and established who will be on the sub-committee.

Mr. Manning discussed the fact that this subcommittee will deal with issues resulting from health equity discrepancies in healthcare between the races.

The Committee identified Nancy Schneider and Sara Lerner as members of the subcommittee.

The motion was made by Jeanine Gleba and seconded by Janet Koehnke. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

V CORRESPONDENCE (ADDENDUM TO AGENDA)

Email correspondence was received from Maryrose McInerney PhD asking whether there were any restrictions on audiologists doing cognitive screening on patients.

After discussion with the Regulatory Analyst and the Deputy Attorney, it was determined that as long as the cognitive issues are specifically related to hearing, it will be within the audiology and/or speech-language pathology scope of practice to perform cognitive screening. Anything related to evaluating the ability to communicate or to hearing disorders is a part of the audiology and/or speech-language pathology scope of practice with no restrictions.

The motion was made by Martin Shulman and seconded by Janet Koehnke. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI OLD BUSINESS (none)

Jeanine Gleba made mention of ongoing concerns with the broken links on the Committee website. Nancy Schneider will forward corrected links to administrative office for updating.

VII NEW BUSINESS (none)

VIII Public Comment