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I OPENING STATEMENT AND ROLL CALL

A Sub-Committee meeting of the New Jersey Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark on the 6th floor on Thursday, May 19, 2016. Hilda Pressman, Chair of the Committee announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board and mailed out to the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Star Ledger, the Record, the Press of Atlantic City, the Asbury Park Press, and the Trenton Times. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. A roll call was taken, the following attendance was recorded and a quorum was not present:

PRESENT Hilda Pressman, M.A., CCC-SLP, BCS-S
Anne Eckert, Au.D., MBA, CCC-A, FAAA
Nancy G. Schneider, M.A., CCC-A, FAAA

EXCUSED Gerard Caracciolo, Ed. D., CCC-SLP
Louis Conte, D.O.

ABSENT Sharon Shinkle Gardner
Chetan Shah, MD

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

II ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Due to lack of quorum this matter was tabled.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. After review, a recommendation was made by Dr. Eckert, seconded by Ms. Schneider to approve the January 28, 2016 Public Session minutes as written. This matter will be brought back for ratification by the full Committee.

IV OLD BUSINESS

- a. Committee reviewed the FAQ's on the Committee's website. Chair directed that the old FAQ's be added to the next agenda for review to compare with the FAQ's currently up.
- b. Ms. Schneider and Dr. Eckert to submitted the current requirements and regulation changes to the continuing education tracker.

After review, Chair directed to table this matter for the next scheduled meeting.

- c. Maris Standig Appelhaum submitted an inquiry in regards to Medicare's requirement that its audiology providers report on six Physician Quality Reporting System measures. One of the measures being #134: screening for clinical depression and follow up plan. At the January 28, 2016 Committee meeting Chair directed that Ms. Applebaum provide the Committee with the instructions provided by Medicare.

The Committee reviewed the information submitted by Ms. Appelhaum. Dr. Eckert discussed the Reporting System Measures required by Medicare, Academy of Audiology Measure #134 which is specifically for assessment of tinnitus patients. Chair directed for a letter to be sent to the National Council of State Boards of Examiners Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology stating that the Committee has received requests regarding information on screening for depression as part of revision to the Medicare requirements for Physician Quality Reporting System measures. One of the measures requires training and competency to perform a depression screening using a standardized tool and create a patient plan of care based on the results of the screening. Current information found on the ASHA website refers to Audiologist only and to advise the Committee what other states are doing about the requirement. Due to lack of quorum Chair directed that this matter be tabled to the next scheduled Committee meeting for further discussion.

IV OLD BUSINESS(cont.)

- d. Follow-up to previous Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology discussion to Head Start Hearing Screening Personnel in the State of New Jersey.

Ms. Schneider discussed the Audiologists role in advancing periodic hearing screening in early childhood education settings. Ms. Schneider expressed her concern with parents performing OAE screening at home and informed that Head Start personnel is doing it. After discussion, Chair stated that since Head Start is a Federal program which makes it an exempt setting and the Committee has no jurisdiction.

V NEW BUSINESS

- a. Jacob Leitman submitted an inquiry in regards to videostroboscopies and the scope of practice of Speech-Language Pathologists.

Due to lack of quorum this matter was tabled for the next scheduled meeting.

- b. Susan Adams submitted an inquiry as to whether depression screening is outside the scope of practice of an Audiologist in the State of New Jersey.

Chair directed that this matter be tabled for the next scheduled meeting.

VI WEBSITE REVIEW

Ms. Schneider reported that under "Useful Links" some of the websites listed are duplicated.

VII FYI

Marvin A. Kleinman was issued a Provisional Order of Discipline. The Committee reviewed this for informational purposes.

VIII HANDOUT(S)

No handouts were provided.

IX ADJOURNMENT

A recommendation was made by Dr. Eckert seconded by Ms. Schneider to proceed to Executive Session, to hold an investigative inquiry, to consider and review advertisements, consumer complaints and other information received pursuant to the Committee's investigative authority in order to determine whether violations of law, including Committee's 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.

A recommendation was made by Ms. Schneider, seconded by Dr. Eckert to adjourn the meeting at 11:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee

Renee P. Clark
Executive Director